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Geneva, 3 November 2010

EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Room B, Centre de Conférences Varembe (CCV)
Geneva - Switzerland
Wednesday, 03 November 2010, at 15:00 hrs

DECISIONS¹

At its 18th Meeting, held in Geneva on 3 November 2010, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked the BSEC Secretary General Ambassador H.E. Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos and the IRU Secretary General Mr. Martin Marmy for their participation and kindly addressing the General Assembly,
2. Adopted the Agenda (DOC/GA18/AG/10/Corrigendum2) and the Order of Business (DOC/GA17/OB/10) and approved the Minutes of its 17th Meeting (MIN/GA17/10),
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council,
4. Studied the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (DOC/GA18/OUTLOOK/10) and observed that the total number of trips by the BSEC transport operators fell by 6.71 % in 2009 but showed a very strong recovery in the first half of 2010. The statistics indicate that 69 % of all trips in 2009 were realised only in the first half of 2010. The data shows that the trips to the trade partners outside both the BSEC and the EU have particularly increased. This major increase in the number of trips is also confirmed by increasing foreign trade of the BSEC Member States in 2010. Unfortunately, the waiting times increased by 252,1 % at internal BSEC borders and by 58 % at the BSEC external borders in the first half of 2010 in comparison with 2009 data. Requested all Member Associations to monitor their border waiting times more closely and inform the International Secretariat about any major impediments or bottlenecks that could be avoided at the borders by a reinforced cooperation between the competent authorities and the road transport industry.
5. Evaluated the progress made since its last meeting with respect to the following BSEC-URTA Priorities for 2010:
 - (a) The BSEC Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Lorry Drivers Nationals of BSEC Member States: Since the last meeting, there are no new signatories to this Agreement. Out of existing four signatories, Armenia and Moldova still need to ratify the Agreement. Despite letter campaigns in coordination with the Member Associations, no progress could be made.
 - (b) The BSEC Permit: The seven Participating States held a special meeting in Istanbul on 26 October 2010 in order to review actual usage of the BSEC Permit in 2010 and decided to continue the BSEC Permit in 2011. During the meeting, some States recommended to include bilateral transport of goods under the coverage of the BSEC Permit. However, this idea was not adopted in the absence of support by Romania.
 - (c) The BSEC License: As the BSEC Permit has entered into force, recently, and the pace of its development is rather slow, there is not a progress achieved for the BSEC License, yet. However, it is still targeted that the BSEC Permit will be transformed into the BSEC License if there is a general agreement among the participating BSEC Member States to this end in the future.
 - (d) International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods: No concrete progress was achieved, yet.
6. Welcomed the AsMAP UA's proposal for a new initiative in order to call for introduction of a international certificate for x-ray controls of trucks to ensure single x-ray check during a journey within the framework of a new multilateral agreement. Expressed full support for adoption of an IRU Resolution in this connection at the next meeting of the IRU General Assembly in Geneva on 5 November 2010. Instructed the International Secretariat upon positive remarks of the BSEC Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, to make a written proposal on this issue to the BSEC PERMIS, which could be considered by the competent organs of the BSEC Organization, accordingly,
7. Was disappointed that the seven Participating BSEC Member States could not reach a consensus to develop the BSEC-Permit further in 2011 by allowing in addition to transit journeys, bilateral road transport of goods and empty entrance of trucks. Instructed the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to maintain contacts with the authorities of concerned Participating Member States to convince that further development of the BSEC Permit at least among the interested Participating Member States can be possible on a voluntary basis,
8. Noted the BSEC-URTA Activity Report (DOC/GA18/ACTIV/10) with appreciation,
9. Welcomed successful realisation of the ECO-IRU Silk Road Truck Caravan with the active support and participation of the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat between 30 September and 24 October 2010,

¹ Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.

10. Welcomed the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat proposal and mandated it to undertake special activities and organise events throughout 2011 in order to celebrate 10th Anniversary of the BSEC-URTA (DOC/GA18/ANNIV/10),
11. Decided to recommend to the IRU Presidential Executive, upon proposals by the BSEC-URTA President and ABADA, to consider granting an IRU award to Messrs. Cetin Nuhoglu (Turkey), Adrian Albu (BSEC-URTA Deputy Secretary General) as well as Haydar Ozkan (BSEC-URTA Secretary General) for their historic role and fundamental contributions to the creation of the BSEC-URTA, which will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in 2011,
12. Reviewed the vision, mission and strategic objectives of the BSEC-URTA and adopted the BSEC-URTA Working Programme for 2011 (DOC/GA18/WP/10),
13. Upon recommendation of the BSEC-URTA Management Council, granted Observer status to Rosgosstrakh Insurance Company (Russia) for four years (2011-2014) with an annual contribution fee of € 10.000,
14. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Budget for 2011 (DOC/GA18/BUDG/10),
15. Elected Mr. Vladimir Florea (AITA) as its President for 2011-2012 and Messrs Halim Mete (TOBB) and Herbert Hambarzumyan (AIRCA) as its Vice-Presidents for 2011,
16. Recalling from its last meeting the kind invitation of the ARTRI to hold the spring meeting of the General Assembly in Romania in 2011, decided to hold its next meeting in Bucharest on 16 May 2011,
17. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Calendar for first half of 2011 (DOC/GA18/CAL/10),
18. Welcomed with great pleasure that the IRU Presidential Executive accepted the BSEC-URTA proposal and decided to present at the meeting of the IRU General Assembly in Geneva on 5 November 2010 an IRU Award of Merit to the BSEC Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos for his strong leadership, dedication and continuous support to the road transport industry in the BSEC region, which ensured creation of the historic BSEC Permit,
19. Thanked the IRU for kindly providing the meeting room and necessary facilities for the 18th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly,
20. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 18th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Geneva on 3 November 2010.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
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