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TENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Marmara Antalya Hotel, Antalya - TURKEY
Friday, 24 November 2006, at 09:00 hrs

BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2007

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to review below the vision, mission, strategic objectives and 2007 working program of the BSEC-URTA, submitted to consideration and approval of the 10th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:-

VISION

Common solutions for common problems.

MISSION

Solidarity is our strength.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. **Facilitation**. Support major international transport corridors and work together with the BSEC Governments and IRU as well as other regional cooperation processes, for facilitation of road transport by eliminating barriers and difficulties, removing and opposing any discriminatory measures and harmonizing or simplifying procedures and practices.

2. **IRU-BSEC Interaction**. Inform the IRU on regional problems and priorities regarding the road goods transport, channel its expertise, know how and guidance to the work of BSEC organs and related bodies.

3. **Good Examples**. Promote good examples and success stories among the Member Associations as well as their members and support the expansion of best practices throughout the BSEC region.

4. **Project Development and Information**. Make or contribute to regional researches and surveys related with the road goods transport in the BSEC region, and trigger or support internationally financed research, training and consultancy projects for benefit of all or interested Member Associations.

5. **Lobbying and Promotion**. Organize with the Member Associations, IRU and BSEC Governments or contribute to the meetings, seminars, conferences, exhibitions and other types of events with a view to improving public image of road goods transport, protecting its common interests and creating new opportunities, particularly on the regional level.

6. **Combined Transportation**. Support improvement of existing and development of new combined transportation services in the BSEC region.

7. **Professional Training**. Support the Member Associations to give professional training to national industry on international standards and encourage cooperation between the Member Associations in the field of professional training.

UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION (BSEC-URTA)

WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2007

Facilitation:

1. BSEC VISA FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS (BVPD)

   a. Take part in the meetings and follow-up work of the competent BSEC organs and related bodies regarding finalization and opening to signature of the draft BSEC Agreement on facilitation of visas for professional drivers in the BSEC region.

   b. Work together with the IRU, BSEC PERMIS and Romanian Ministry of Transport as the BSEC Country Coordinator for Transport, and coordinate Member Associations in the above direction bearing in mind that facilitation of visas for professional drivers is part of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (BSEC Road Transport MoU), which entered into force on 20 July 2006.

2. INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)

   a. Follow up entry into force of the new Annex 8 to the UNECE 1982 International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods.

   b. Lobby for organization of a BSEC round table meeting with the participation of the respected national authorities and the road transport industry, to consider implementation of the IVWC in accordance with new Annex 8 of the UNECE 1982 Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods.

   c. Follow up with the related BSEC Working Groups, the implementation of the IVWC according to the Timetable for the Implementation of the Memorandum of Understandıng on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC region (BSEC Road Transport MoU).

3. SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

   a. Lobby for joining of all BSEC Member States to major UN conventions and international agreements on transport facilitation as well as to International World Customs Organization Conventions.

   b. Participate in the work of the BSEC Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Customs and contribute to their work by representing the interests of the road transport industry.

4. HARMONIZATION OF CHARGES

   a. Follow-up, together with the BSEC Working Group on Transport (BSEC WG-T), the measures foreseen by the Timetable for the Implementation of the BSEC Road Transport MoU.

   b. Follow up the specific work of the ECMT and the EC on this issue and bring them to the consideration of the BSEC WG-T in order to accelerate the Implementation of the BSEC Road Transport MoU.

5. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECMT QUOTA SYSTEM IN THE BSEC REGION

   a. Work for creation of a BSEC regional quota system using the ECMT quota model in cooperation with the BSEC WG-T as well as the ECMT and the IRU Secretariats.

b. Coordinate efforts of the BSEC-URTA Member Associations in order to ensure that their national authorities adopt a common supportive position regarding the future of the ECMT Quota System and its distribution criteria.

IRU-BSEC Interaction:

1. IRU-BSEC COOPERATION

   a. Contribute to implementation of the MoU between the BSEC Organization and the IRU, which was signed in Sochi on 27 September 2006.

   b. Coordinate a visit of the BSEC Secretary General to the IRU Headquarters in Geneva.

2. IRU-BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL COOPERATION

   a. Support direct visits and contacts between the BSEC BC and the IRU Secretariat General.

Good Examples:

1. ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT

   a. Encourage the host Associations to present about their organizational structure, operations, services and activities as well as their best practices on the occasion of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly meetings.

2. COMPANY PRACTICES

   a. Support the IRU's Best Industry Practices report and stimulate regional interest for it.

   b. Encourage the host Associations to allow representatives of its member companies having good examples to present themselves on the occasion of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly meetings.

Project Development and Information:

1. SYSTEMATIC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

   a. Search for available calls for proposals and calls for expression of interest under the European and international programs and funds, which relate to the road transport and may create benefits for the interested Member Associations or their members, if awarded.

2. BSEC-URTA WEB PORTAL

   a. Publish the BSEC-URTA official documents on the portal and keep it updated with professional news and regional developments.

   b. Publish an electronic transport and logistics guide, including a directory of transport operators and service providers in the BSEC region, by compiling the information made available by the Member Associations and the information obtained from various other sources.

3. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS

    a. Issue two updated versions of the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report according to the information provided by the Member Associations and the information obtained from various other sources.

Lobbying and Promotion:

1. COOPERATION BETWEEN TRANSPORT RELATED BSEC NGOs

    a. Implement the MoU signed in Antalya on the 24 November 2006 by the BSEC-URTA and the transport related BSEC NGOs: BINSA, BRASS and BASPA.

    b. Encourage establishment of new BSEC NGOs.

2. COOPERATION WITH BSEC PERMIS AND BSEC BC

    a. Organize mutual working visits and debriefings on activities and policy priorities of the BSEC-URTA.

Combined Transportation:

1. IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

    a. Prepare a joint project application under the BSEC Project Development Fund, together with the transport related BSEC NGOs and with the objective of improving the quality of ro-ro services in the BSEC region from user's perspective.

Professional Training:

1. BSEC-URTA SURVEY ON PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

    a. Organize a BSEC-URTA Survey about professional training services and educational infrastructure provided by the BSEC-URTA Member Associations to national industry.

2. MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF CPC CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

    a. Take part in the meetings and follow-up results of the meetings of the competent BSEC organs and its related bodies.

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