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## 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

### BSEC-URTA WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2011

The BSEC-URTA Member Associations are kindly requested to review below the vision, mission, strategic objectives and 2011 working program of the BSEC-URTA, which will be approved by the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the 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 the BSEC organs and related bodies.
3. **Re-opening of the Silk Road.** Support international activities and projects aimed at promoting re-opening of the Silk Road to modern truck, and develop contacts and cooperation in this connection, with the IRU Member Associations and other interested stakeholders from the countries along the historic Silk Road Routes, which are not represented in the BSEC Organisation.
4. **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.
5. **Combined Transportation.** Support improvement of existing and development of new combined transportation services in the BSEC region.
6. **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.
7. **Good Examples.** Promote good examples and success stories among the Member Associations as well as their members and support roll out of best practices across the BSEC region.
8. **Information Sharing.** Make or contribute to regional researches and surveys about road transport industry in the BSEC region, and share available professional information with the BSEC fleet operators and Member Associations through the BSEC-URTA web portal.

## WORKING PROGRAMME FOR 2011

### Facilitation:

1. GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF BILATERAL AND TRANSIT ROAD TRANSPORT
  - a. Support the continuity and further development of the BSEC Permit in 2011 in cooperation with the BSEC-URTA Member Associations, the Permanent International Secretariat of the BSEC Organization (BSEC PERMIS), and the Chairmanship of the Steering Committee for Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (SC.F) as well as the IRU.
  - b. Take note of any bottlenecks in actual usage of the BSEC Permit in 2011 and assist the BSEC PERMIS to make a detailed statistical analysis for consideration of the SC.F in the end of 2011 as basis for potential further development of the BSEC Permit and its expansion in the future.
2. SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA PROCEDURES FOR PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS
  - a. Obtain support letters from the interested BSEC-URTA Member Associations notably in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Serbia and Ukraine in order to re-confirm the necessity to maintain contacts with their respectful authorities with the joint request of their signing the BSEC Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Lorry Drivers Nationals of the BSEC Member States, which was signed only by Albania, Armenia, Moldova and Turkey since 23 October 2008.
  - b. Work together with the BSEC-URTA Member Associations in Albania, Armenia and Moldova, which are current signatories to the abovementioned Agreement, in order to make sure that the internal ratification procedures in these countries of the said agreement are completed as soon as possible.
3. INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE (IVWC)
  - a. Encourage and support the BSEC, the IRU and the UNECE activities, which aim implementation of the new Annex 8 to the International Convention on Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982 in the BSEC region.
  - b. Work with the BSEC PERMIS and the SC.F Chairmanship in order to identify a short term Plan of Action to ensure progress in this connection.
4. SIMPLIFICATION OF CUSTOMS FORMALITIES
  - a. Participate in the work of the WG.C and promote during the meetings of the competent BSEC bodies, the UNECE conventions on road transport and the WCO international agreements on development of standards and technical support for the harmonization of procedures governing the movement of people and goods.
  - b. Assist the BSEC PERMIS to design and publish an electronic webpage on information about customs procedures and charges in the BSEC Member States with respect to international road transport of goods, and initiate cooperation between the IRU and the BSEC PERMIS in this connection.
5. BSEC-URTA FACILITATION PROGRAM
  - a. Support regional projects and activities involving three or more BSEC-URTA Member Associations or BSEC Member Countries, in principle, the BSEC, the IRU and interested leading international and regional organizations, which are aimed at promoting or supporting the abovementioned BSEC-URTA objectives as regards the facilitation of road transport in the BSEC region.
6. PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY IN THE BSEC REGION
  - a. Ensure that the BSEC attaches priority in its meetings and activities to promoting road safety in the BSEC region.
  - b. Print a special road safety leaflet and distribute at the transport related BSEC meetings.
  - c. Support and take active part in special BSEC meetings and activities on road safety in the region.

**IRU-BSEC Interaction:**

## 1. IRU-BSEC COOPERATION

- a. Contribute to implementation of the MoU between the BSEC Organization and the IRU if and when possible.
- b. Coordinate participation of the BSEC Secretary General or his delegates to take part in the events organised by the IRU and BSEC-URTA and vice versa.

## 2. IRU-BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL COOPERATION

- a. Request and develop mutual systematic interaction and cooperation with the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC) on transport and trade facilitation in the BSEC region.

**Re-opening of the Silk Road:**

## 1. BSEC-URTA SILK ROAD PROGRAM

- a. Support regional projects and activities involving three or more BSEC-URTA Member Associations or BSEC Member Countries, in principle, the BSEC, the IRU and interested leading international and regional organizations, which are aimed at promoting or supporting the re-opening of the historic Silk Road across the BSEC region.
- b. Support the IRU and the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC Organization to create an informal Inter-Parliamentary Silk Road Initiative.

**Professional Training:**

## 1. COOPERATION WITH THE IRU ACADEMY

- a. Support the IRU Academy to organise regional meetings and seminars with the participation of the BSEC officials and the BSEC-URTA Member Associations under accreditation of the IRU Academy.
- b. Assist interested Member Associations to develop or diversify professional training services according to experiences of other training institutes in the BSEC region, which are accredited by the IRU Academy.

## 2. COOPERATION AT THE BSEC LEVEL

- a. Encourage the BSEC Member States to revitalize any efforts for mutual recognition of diplomas and certificates issued for professional training of drivers and transport managers in the BSEC region, which meet international standards set for such training products and services particularly in terms of quality and content.

**Combined Transportation:**

## 1. IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

- a. Make a regional survey on existing Ro-Ro services in the Black Sea region in order to collect information about operator, service price, frequency and itinerary.
- b. Invite Ro-Ro operators in the Black Sea region to attend the BSEC-URTA meetings and develop new cooperation.
- c. Support implementation of the BSEC MoU on Motorways of the Sea.

### **Lobbying and Promotion:**

1. COOPERATION BETWEEN TRANSPORT RELATED BSEC NGOS
  - a. Invite the transport related BSEC NGOS to an annual coordination meeting in Istanbul in the first quarter of 2011.
2. COOPERATION WITH THE BSEC PERMIS AND THE BSEC BC
  - a. Organize mutual working visits whenever necessary and make annual debriefings on activities and policy priorities of the BSEC-URTA.
3. 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BSEC-URTA
  - a. Print a BSEC-URTA 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure.
  - b. Organise special celebration events with the participation of the BSEC and the IRU officials as well as representatives of the BSEC Member States.

### **Good Examples:**

1. REGIONAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT
  - a. Invite the Member Associations to announce their most successful members in order to acknowledge the best transport operators in the BSEC region.
  - b. Publish on the BSEC-URTA website interviews with and information about the most successful BSEC transport operators as nominated by the Member Associations.

### **Information Sharing:**

1. BSEC-URTA WEB PORTAL
  - a. Re-design the BSEC-URTA web portal on the occasion of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BSEC-URTA.
  - b. Publish the BSEC-URTA official documents on the portal and keep it updated with professional news and regional developments.
2. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STATISTICS
  - a. Update the BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report according to information provided by the Member Associations about industry performance and market developments as well as any other information obtained from various other sources particularly with respect to foreign trade and border crossing waiting times.