

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
REINFORCEMENT OF THE COOPERATION AMONG THE TRANSPORT
RELATED BSEC NGOs:
BLACK AND AZOV SEAS PORTS ASSOCIATION (BASPA),
BLACK SEA INTERNATIONAL SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (BINS),
BLACK SEA REGION ASSOCIATION OF SHIPBUILDERS AND
SHIPREPAIRERS (BRASS)
AND
UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION IN THE BSEC REGION
(BSEC-URTA)

I. General Provisions

The transport related BSEC NGOs: Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINS), Black Sea Region Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS) and Union of Road Transport Association in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), taking into consideration their statutory documents, have agreed to cooperate in order to strengthen the co-operation between the four organisations under the principles and procedures described below.

II. Consultations

1. BASPA, BINS, BRASS and BSEC-URTA will hold consultations on the issues of cooperation. It is desirable consultations on a level of:

- Executive bodies to be held once per year.
- Presidents of Associations to be held once per two years.

The official documents shall be signed by the heads of delegations who participated at the consultations.

2. In particular, they may carry out actions for reinforcement of their cooperation such as joint projects, as they deem appropriate, e.g. for pursuing researches, organizing conferences, seminars and workshops of common interest, to be organized in compliance with the financial and organizational rules of procedure established for each organization.

3. BASPA, BINS, BRASS and BSEC-URTA, separately, jointly or in coordination between them, could submit to the BSEC Organization, strategic documents related to development of maritime transport, shipbuilding, shiprepairing, ports and road transport.

4. BASPA, BINSAs, BRASS and BSEC-URTA will strive to give support each other before national authorities and institutions of BSEC Member States.

III. Exchange of Official Documents and Information

BASPA, BINSAs, BRASS and BSEC-URTA will exchange information on their activities. This exchange may take place during the consultations, to be held between organizations and may include exchange of official documents, not having confidential character, as well as press materials.

IV. Participation in Official Fora

BASPA, BINSAs, BRASS and BSEC-URTA, may participate in the respective fora of each counterpart organization on the basis of an invitation. This participation shall be arranged in compliance with the relevant rules of procedure of each organization.

V. Final Provisions

1. The present Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of BASPA, BINSAs, BRASS or BSEC-URTA.

2. Disagreements on the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably, through direct consultations.

3. The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force upon its signature by the duly authorised representatives of the four organizations.

4. BASPA, BINSAs, BRASS or BSEC-URTA may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving 6 months' written notice.

Signed in Antalya, Turkey, on 24 November 2006, in four original copies in English language, each being equally authentic.

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BLACK SEA INTERNATIONAL SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (BINSAs)	
BLACK SEA REGION ASSOCIATION OF SHIPBUILDERS AND SHIPREPAIRS (BRASS)	
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