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## 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel  
Tbilisi - Georgia  
Friday, 25 October 2013, at 09:00 hrs

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### ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE BSEC-URTA PRIORITIES IN 2013

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Since the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 30 May 2013, the International Secretariat participated in events of importance for the industry, contributed to international gatherings and worked for promotion of the BSEC-URTA and its objectives.

A summary of these activities according to the BSEC-URTA strategic objectives, Working Program for 2013 and short-term priorities set by the BSEC-URTA Management Council is given in the attached table.

The BSEC-URTA priorities for 2013 are as follows:-

1. Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit and extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport.
2. Introduction in the region of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN International Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982.
3. Promotion of Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes and Single Window on the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.
4. Support the implementation of transport, auxiliary and logistic infrastructure development according to the IRU Model Highway Initiative (MHI) along the Black Sea Ring Highway.

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**BSEC-URTA ACTIVITY REPORT ON SHORT TERM PRIORITIES 2013 BETWEEN MAY 2013 AND OKTOBER 2013**

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY	ACTIONS	RESULTS
<p><b>Facilitation</b></p>	<p>1. Further enlargement of the geographical coverage of the BSEC Permit and extension of its usage on a voluntary basis to the 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport.</p>	<p>- Maintained contacts with AsMAP-UA and Ukrainian authorities for a favourable decision of the Government to join the BSEC Permit Project.</p> <p>- Maintained contacts with AEBTRI for obtaining the consent of Bulgarian authorities to join the BSEC Permit Project.</p> <p>- Established contacts with the BSEC PERMIS and concerned countries in order to obtain their consent to extend the usage of the BSEC Permit on a voluntary basis to the 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport operations.</p>	<p>- In Yalta on 6 September 2013 on the occasion of the International Conference hosted by ASMAP-UA, the representative of BSEC-URTA met the First Deputy Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine and requested an appointment for a presentation of several on-going BSEC Projects. It was agreed that a joint AsMAP-UA and BSEC-URTA delegation will meet the top management of the Ministry of Infrastructure in Kiev on 12 September 2013</p> <p>- In Kiev on 12 September 2013 a joint BSEC-URTA / ASMAP-UA delegation met the First Deputy Minister of Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, presented the Project of the BSEC Permit with its benefits for the Ukrainian hauliers and proposed consideration by the Ukrainian authorities to join the Project in 2014. There is a positive approach of the Minister in this regard.</p> <p>- An informal meeting of BSEC-URTA President, Deputy Secretary General with the President of AEBTRI and its Secretary General took place in Vilnius on 16 September 2013. It was decided that AEBTRI leadership will arrange a meeting of a joint BSEC-URTA/AEBTRI delegation with the Minister of Transport of Bulgaria during November 2013 in order to present the Project of BSEC Permit and request participation of Bulgarian authorities to the Project.</p> <p>- Following the Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee for Facilitation of Road Transport in Istanbul on 12 March 2013 when Romania reiterated its readiness to expand the usage of the BSEC Permit to 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport operations, the International Secretariat continued its coordination with the Member Associations to obtain the same consent of other participating countries to the project. As of today the other participants to the Project consider that, for the time being only the transit and bilateral operations should be kept within the scope of the permit.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Future actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue bilateral contacts with the AsMAP-UA and the competent authorities in Ukraine to obtain Ukraine participation in the BSEC Permit Project in 2014;</li> <li>- Continue bilateral contacts with the National Associations and their competent authorities in Bulgaria to encourage their participation in the BSEC Permit Project;</li> </ul>			

	<p>2) Introduction in the region of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate under Annex 8 to the UN International Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintained contacts and undertook bilateral meetings with the UNDP Centre in Istanbul as well as the IRU and the BSEC Secretariats in order to develop the IVWC Pilot Project</li> <li>- Initiated a communications campaign with National Associations and lobbied national authorities to join the IVWC Pilot Project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNDP, IRU and BSEC-URTA in partnership with the BSEC PERMIS have agreed upon a joint road map to implement the Pilot Project for introduction of the IVWC in the BSEC region during 2013.</li> <li>- The BSEC PERMIS in cooperation with the International Secretariat drafted a questionnaire on issues to be address under the preparatory stage of the Pilot Project, which was distributed to the BSEC countries.</li> <li>- Due to the continuous advocacy for implementation of the IVWC in the BSEC region, 7 BSEC Member States namely Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine addressed the BSEC PERMIS official letters stating their willingness and readiness to start the IVWC Pilot Project, so the current Armenian Chairmanship of the BSEC Organization could address Member States under the fast track cooperation procedure for giving the Pilot Project a BSEC Project status.</li> <li>- During August-September 2013 an Expert on behalf of implementing partners(UNDP,IRU, BSEC-URTA) paid site visits in Albania, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, assessed the existing technical conditions for weighing, issuance and control of the IVWC and held consultations with national authorities in regard implementation of the Pilot Project. During October and November the Expert will pay side visits to Romania, Serbia and Ukraine and will prepare a report on fact findings in the 7 participating countries to the Pilot Project to be presented for consideration to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the BSEC Task Force for implementation of the IVWC to be held on 25 November 2013 in Istanbul.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Future actions:</b></p> <p><i>a) Continuation of the Preparatory stage:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assignment of a National Focal Point in each participating state;</li> <li>- Appointment of national issuing authority in each country;</li> <li>- Technical adjustments and capacity building activities;</li> </ul> <p><i>b) Implementation stage (3 months)</i></p> <p><i>c) First evaluation report (1 month)</i></p>			
	<p>3) Promotion of Implementation of the TIR-EPD Green Lanes and Single Window on</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In coordination with the IRU, established contacts and undertook bilateral meetings with the National Associations and national authorities in Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Green Lanes at the main border of Serbia with Bulgaria (Kalotina /Gradina) are operational on the Serbian side.</li> <li>-The Green Lanes at the main border of Turkey with Bulgaria (Kapikule /Captan Andreevo) are operational on the Turkish side.</li> </ul>

	the main road transport corridors in the BSEC region.		<p>-The Green Lanes at the main border of Romania with Moldova (Albita/Leuseni) are in development under a common project of the 2 Customs administrations and sister associations from Romania and Moldova.</p> <p>- There is a positive approach in consideration of the Ukrainian authorities to implement Green Lanes concept at borders with EU Member States and encouraging signs that Turkish Customs Administration will consider implementing Green Lanes at the Ipsala BCP with Greece.</p>
<p><b>Future actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue bilateral contacts with the National Associations and their competent authorities in Bulgaria, Greece, Ukraine and Turkey to encourage implementation of Green Lanes concept at their main border crossing points;</li> <li>- Continue bilateral contacts for implementation of the TIR EPD in Albania, Armenia, Georgia and Greece</li> </ul>			
	4) Support the implementation of transport, auxiliary and logistic infrastructure development according to the IRU Model Highway Initiative (MHI) along the Black Sea Ring Highway.	- In coordination with the IRU participated and promoted the Model Highway Initiative in all meetings of BSEC organs and other international organizations, with special emphasize on the newly launched project between Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey on implementation of the Model on Baku-Tbilisi-Batumi-Trabzon Motorway section.	<p>- In coordination with the IRU, the Model Highway concept was presented to the ECO High Level Group on establishment of the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Road Transport Corridor, Tehran on 4-5 February 2013. The meeting agreed to apply the Model on the mentioned corridor and requested further technical assistance in this regard.</p> <p>-the 2<sup>nd</sup> ECO High Level Group meeting on establishment of the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Road Transport Corridor on 23-24 September 2013 in Ankara discussed about founding the prefeasibility study for implementation of the MHI on the ITI corridor and about providing by the IRU of necessary technical documents as were provided to the BSEC and BSTDB for the prefeasibility study for the implementation of the MHI on the Baku-Tbilisi-Trabzon Motorway.</p>
<p><b>Future actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participate in the next meetings of the Working Group on the Model Highway Initiative established between Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, BSEC and IRU</li> <li>- Further promote the Model Highway for the North part of the Black Sea Ring Highway section between Moldova, Ukraine and Russian Federation</li> </ul>			

**BSEC PERMIT STATISTICS AS OF 16 OCTOBER 2013**

Country	Beginning Date of National Distribution	Fee (if applicable)	Amount of BSEC Permits used as of 16 October 2013	Remainder	Number of issued permits per country
<i>Albania</i>			67	183	250
<i>Armenia</i>			0	250	250
<i>Georgia</i>			200	50	250
<i>Moldova</i>	01.01.2013		201	49	250
<i>Romania</i>			88	162	250
<i>Serbia</i>	01.01.2013		192	58	250
<i>Turkey</i>	15.03.2013		250	0	250
<b>Total</b>			<b>998</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>1750</b>

**Participation of BSEC Member States to UNECE Road Transport Agreements/Conventions**  
Status as of 01 October 2013

	Nr.	UNECE Convent. / Road Transport	BSEC Member States											
			AL	AR	AZ	BG	GE	GR	MD	RO	RU	SRB	TR	UA
Infrastr	1	Construction Traffic Arteries 1950				X		X		X		X	X	
	2	E Road Network 1975	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	3	E Comb. Tr. Network, 1991	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Road traffic and road safety	4	Road Traffic, 1949	X			X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
	5	Road Traffic, 1968	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	6	Prot. Road Signs & Signals, 1949				X		X		X	X	X		
	7	Road Signs & Signals, 1968	X		X	X	X	X		X	X			X
	8	Suppl. 1968 Conv. Road Traffic, 1971	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	9	Suppl. 1968 Road Signs & Signals, 1971	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X
	10	Weights and Dimens,1950							X			X		
	11	Suppl.1949 Conv & Protocol, 1950							X			X		
	12	Road Markings, 1957	X			X				X		X	X	
	13	Protocol Road Markings1973	X		X	X	X	X			X	X		X
	14	Issue & Validity of Driving Permits				X						X		
Vehic	15	Vehicle Regulations, 1958	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X
	16	Tech. Inspect. Vehicles,1997	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			X
	17	Global Vehicles Reg., 1998			X				X	X	X		X	
Other legal instruments	18	Work of Crews Intl. Road Transport(AETR) 1970	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	19	Tax Priv Road Vehic, 1956	X						X	X		X		
	20	Taxation Road Passengers Vehicles, 1956	X							X		X		
	21	Tax Road Goods Vehic 1956								X		X		
	22	Contract Road Goods Transport(CMR) 1956	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	23	Protocol to CMR, 1978	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X
	24	Contract Passengers and Lugg. Road Trans(CVR)1973							X			X		X
	25	Protocol to CVR, 1978										X		
Border crossing facilitation	26	Econ. Reg. Road Trans1954						X						
	27	Touring Facilities, 1954				X		X		X	X	X	X	
	28	Protocol Touring Facilities,54				X		X		X	X	X	X	
	29	Temp. Imp. Priv. Road Vehicles, 1954	X			X				X	X	X	X	
	30	TIR Convention, 1959	X			X		X		X	X		X	
	31	TIR Convention, 1975	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	32	Temp. Imp. Commercial. Vehicles, 1956			X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
	33	Customs Cont Conv, 1956				X		X		X		X		
	34	Customs Cont Conv, 1972		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
	35	Customs Treatment Pallets, 1960	X			X				X		X	X	
Danger. Goods	36	Harmonization Frontier Controls of Goods, 1982	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	37	Customs Pool Cont, 1994												
Danger. Goods	38	Dang. Goods by Roads(ADR) 1957	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	39	Protocol to ADR, 1993	X			X		X	X	X	X			
	40	LLiab.Dang.Goods-CRTD1989												
	41	Perishab.Foodstuff-ATP,1970	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>BSEC Member State participation to UNECE Road Transport related Conventions</b>			<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>

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**BSEC-URTA Calendar of Events*****I – BSEC-URTA Events – 2014 First Half***

EVENT	PLACE	DATE
1. 33 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA Management Council	Kiev	May 2014
2. 25 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of BSEC-URTA General Assembly	Kiev	May 2014

***II – Events Organized By Other Parties- 2014 First Half***

EVENT	PLACE	DATE *
1. IRU Transport Council CTM	Geneva	3 April 2014
2. IRU General Assembly	Geneva	4 April 2014
3. BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport	Istanbul	
4. BSEC Task Force for introduction of IVWC	Istanbul	
5. BSEC Task Force for intermodal transport	Istanbul	
6. BSEC Steering Committee on Coordinated Development of Black Sea Ring Highway	TBC	
7. BSEC Steering Committee on Development of the Motorways of the Black Sea	TBC	
8. Meeting of BSEC Ministers of Transport	Sofia	
9. BSEC Working Group on Customs	Istanbul	
10. Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials	Sofia	
11. Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of BSEC Member States	Sofia	

\* The Calendar of the BSEC Meetings will be set and announced by the BSEC Chairmanship in office (Bulgaria) in January 2014.

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