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SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL LICENCE SYSTEM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE ECMT LICENCE

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On 9 September 2009 in Istanbul, during the 4th Meeting of the BSEC Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods, the Republic of Albania, the Republic of Armenia, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey stated that are ready to support the creation of a regional license system similar to the ECMT License.

These interested parties decided to create an Ad Hoc Project Group which will work under the coordination of the BSEC PERMIS and report about its activities and results of its work to the next meetings of the Steering Committee on a regular basis.

It was also decided that the BSEC PERMIS will organize the first meeting of this Ad Hoc Project Group in Istanbul during December 2009 or latest in January 2010.

During the meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport in Istanbul on 24 February 2010 some BSEC Member States, notably the Russian Federation stated that such Ad Hoc Groups can only be created by the Council of Ministers within the framework of the BSEC Organization.

As a result this Ad Hoc Group could not be convened by the BSEC PERMIS. However, it is still possible for the interested Member States to hold working meetings on an informal basis.

On the other hand it may be possible for the interested states to pursue their work towards a regional license, within the framework of their ongoing cooperation related with the further development of the BSEC Permit which step by step could enlarge its scope by admitting loading/ unloading on route operations firstly for the country of registration of the vehicle and later for third countries and extend its usage from one trip to multiple trips during one month or one calendar year.

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