



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

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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING PARTY  
ON SYSTEMATIC FOLLOW-UP OF ISTANBUL 2004 INTERNATIONAL ROAD  
TRANSPORT CONFERENCE ON GLOBALISATION**

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1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Party on Systematic Follow-Up of ISTANBUL 2004 International Road Transport Conference on Globalisation (BSEC-URTA WP.1/06) was held in Istanbul on 03 February 2005.
2. The following representatives of BSEC-URTA Member Associations attended the Meeting:  
Mrs. Neli Salo (AEBTRI, Bulgaria)  
Mr. Teodor Agud (ARTRI, Romania)  
Mr. Mikhail Matsnev (ASMAP, Russia)
3. The representatives of the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat and UND also participated in the Meeting.
4. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Adrian Albu, Executive Manager, BSEC-URTA International Secretariat.
5. BSEC-URTA Secretary General Mr. Haydar Ozkan welcomed participants of the Meeting.
6. Mr. Adrian Albu presented the draft agenda of the Meeting. The agenda was adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Party.
7. Mr. Adrian Albu made a presentation regarding the ISTANBUL 2004 Conference, informing about main documents on this issue, discussed organization matters and conclusions of the conference. Ms. Melike Yuksel from UND informed participants of the Working Party about financial aspects of the organization of the conference.
8. The Ad Hoc Working Party evaluated all the information presented and decided to propose to the BSEC-URTA General Assembly at its Seventh Meeting to organize such conferences every two years in a partnership with Ministry of Transport of a host country.
9. Participants of such conferences are representatives of private sector from BSEC Member States and neighbouring countries, as well as representatives of Ministries of Transport of BSEC Member States.
10. The Ad Hoc Working party stressed that it is utmost importance to lobby Ministries of Transport for participation of their representatives in conferences.
11. The Ad Hoc Working Party also recommended that the conference of the private sector should be followed by a ministerial conference.
12. Conferences will be organized by BSEC-URTA Member Associations on a voluntary basis. Representatives of associations of AEBTRI, ARTRI, and ASMAP as the potential organizers of future conferences are agreed to inform their Boards about this issue and report about their opinion at the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.
13. Working Party agreed that there is a need to nominate a contact person in charge with matters regarding conferences in all BSEC-URTA Member Associations and to create a Steering Committee composed by representatives of IRU, BSEC-URTA International Secretariat, host



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association and future organizers, and decided to address the BSEC-URTA General Assembly with this proposal.

14. Duties of the Steering Committee of the conference were defined as follows:

- determine main subjects of the conference as priority areas to discuss
- draft an agenda of the conference and topics of workshops
- define guest speakers and moderators of workshops
- draft a conference declaration
- prepare a ministerial meeting
- draft a budget and other financial aspects.

15. The Ad Hoc Working Party proposed that Meetings of Experts are necessary to be organized between conferences in order to monitor the practical outcomes of conclusions of the conference.

16. Meeting of Experts should be held at least once between two consecutive conferences and should be organized on the eve of the Meetings of BSEC-URTA General Assembly.

17. Participants of the follow-up Meetings of Experts are representatives of BSEC-URTA Member Associations who are specialists in the area of discussions, of BSEC-URTA International Secretariat and IRU.

18. Meeting of Experts will draft proposals for the General Assembly on further steps to be followed in the area of discussions.

19. The Ad Hoc Working Party decided on the following issues to be followed:

Border Crossing problems:

- identify existing problems in the area of border crossing
- evaluate actions made in order to resolve existing problems (ex. Visit of Ministers to the border crossing points, media monitoring) and results
- elaborate new proposals for future actions
- quantify loses (time, money) for each procedure per year for every association.

Visa problems:

- prepare description of the existing procedures for each country

International Conventions:

- prepare international conventions chart,
- lobby ministries to join conventions,
- lobby to conclude or improve/revise bilateral agreements, if there is a need (ex. Relaxing of bilateral quotas).

International Transport Corridors:

- elaborate proposals of the sector to the ministries,
- identify problems on Ro-Ro, Ro-La lines.

ECMT Multilateral Quota System:

- consider the outcome of the Ministerial Meeting to be held in May 2005 at the forthcoming Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly.

Road user charges, fees etc.

- elimination of unofficial payments.

20. This Report was adopted by the said Ad Hoc Working Party on Systematic Follow-Up of ISTANBUL 2004 International Road Transport Conference on Globalisation.

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