

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

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SIXTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Marriott Hotel, Tbilisi – GEORGIA Tuesday 26 October 2004, at 10:00 hrs

RESOLUTION on International Vehicle Weight Certificate

(Draft Text Prepared by the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat)

The General Assembly:

Referring to its previous Resolution (RES/GA05/IWC/04) calling on the UNECE to play a major role in bringing, with the coordination of the IRU, together the representatives of the CIS, SECI and BSEC cooperation processes with the intention of starting an active cooperation among all, with a view to creating a single international vehicle weight control certificate system throughout the UNECE region;

Stressing once more that introduction of such a system would eliminate repeated weight controls, which constitute a barrier and an important factor of time losses and extra costs for the road transport industry as regards international road transport of goods;

Welcoming that, upon initiatives of the BSEC-URTA representatives, the participants of the 23rd SECI PRO meeting (Istanbul, 16-17 September 2004), ISTANBUL 2004 International Road Transport Conference on Globalisation (Istanbul, 22-23 September 2004) and BSEC Working Group on Trade and Development (Istanbul, 6-7 October 2004) already considered the the idea of UNECE convening such a meeting in Geneva in 2005 in a favorable manner;

Trusting that, with good efforts of the IRU Delegation to the CIS Countries, a similar affirmative approach can be obtained on behalf of the CIS cooperation process, which, in fact, pioneered the international efforts on creation of an international vehicle weight certificate by concluding a governmental Agreement on Introduction of an International Weighing Certificate for Freight Vehicles on the Territories of CIS Member States on 16 April 2004;

- 1. <u>Calls on</u> the IRU to follow up this issue and ensure coordination and support of the CIS cooperation process and the UNECE about the idea of holding a special inter-regional coordinating meeting on this subject in Geneva in 2005,
- 2. <u>Expresses</u> its readiness to assist the IRU by contacting and cooperating with the competent organs of the BSEC and the SECI,
- 3. Reiterates its appeal to the UNECE to give utmost priority to its current endeavours for creation of an international vehicle weight certificate system under a new annex 8 to the 1982 International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods,
- 4. <u>Believes</u> that, if coordinated well, the competent organs of BSEC, SECI and CIS can contribute greatly to the above endeavours of the UNECE,
- 5. <u>Instructs</u> the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat to pursue its contacts with all related parties in order to have an active cooperation be started among all involved parties as soon as possible.

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