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**REPORT  
OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING  
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON FACILITATION  
OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN THE BSEC REGION**

**BSEC Headquarters, 6 April 2015**

1. The Eleventh Meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 6 April 2015.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Gheorghe AMBROSI, Head of the Road Transport Department, Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova.
3. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States participated in the Meeting:

Republic of Albania  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

4. The representative of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partner.
5. The representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) attended the Meeting as Guests.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### **a. Priorities of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office in the BSEC Organization on Trade and Transport Facilitation**

7. The Steering Committee took note of the Priorities of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC (January-June 2015) on trade and transport facilitation and activities towards their implementation.

### **b. Nomination of representatives of the Member States to the Steering Committee**

8. The Steering Committee took note of information of the BSEC PERMIS regarding nomination by the Parties to the MoU of their representatives and alternate representatives in accordance with Article 8 of the MoU.

9. The delegations of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Moldova, Romania and the Republic of Serbia presented the updated information on their representatives. The List of Members of the Steering Committee, as updated, is attached as **Annex III**.

### **c. Election of a Chairman of the Steering Committee.**

10. The Steering Committee unanimously elected the Republic of Moldova for the post of Chairman of the Steering Committee for the period of April 2015 - April 2016.

## **STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS IN THE BSEC REGION**

### **a/ Progressive liberalization of international road transport of goods (Article 3),**

11. The delegations discussed the issue of gradual liberalization of road transport of goods in the BSEC Region foreseen by Article 3 of the MoU.

12. The representative of BSEC-URTA made an analysis on implementation of the provisions and objectives of the MoU and problems identified. The relevant presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

13. The Steering Committee

- took note of the developments related to the Pilot Project on issuing the BSEC Permit and invited the participating countries to undertake the further actions for its development,
- suggested the need for preparing a new research on the obstacles preventing the proper implementation of the MoU and kindly requested the IRU and BSEC-URTA to consider the possibility to undertake such research as it was done in 2009 in cooperation with the NEA Research Institute (Netherlands).

### **b/ Accession to international agreements – harmonization of maximum permissible weights and dimensions, transportation of dangerous goods and social regulations (Article 4),**

14. The Steering Committee considered the state of affairs with regard to accession by the BSEC Member States to the key UN Transport Conventions and Agreements and reiterated its call to the Member States who have not yet done it so, to take further steps for acceding and implementing these legal instruments. The said document is attached as **Annex V**.

15. The Steering Committee took note of

- the Report of the Third Meeting of the Task Force on Elaboration of a Road Map for the BSEC Pilot Project on the Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate, which was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 6 April 2015.
- movie prepared by the IRU and the BSEC –URTA promoting the introduction of the IVWC in the BSEC Region.

16. The Steering Committee decided to take further actions needed for the implementation of the IVWC Pilot Project.

#### **c/ Development of efficient and adequate transport services in the BSEC region**

17. The Steering Committee took note of the information of the BSEC PERMIS on the activities of the BSEC subsidiary organs aimed at achieving synergy among the different authorities involved in trade and transport facilitation.

#### **d/ Charging policies - information system on charges related to road transport (Article 5)**

18. The Steering Committee took note of the Background Paper of the BSEC PERMIS on the issue of charging policies and the analysis made by the BSEC-URTA on the issue.

19. Following the discussion on the issue of charging policies, the Steering Committee suggested to terminate its consideration in the future due to the fact that fiscal issues are beyond the competence of the Steering Committee and, correspondingly, to delete the Objective 7 "Rationalize and gradually harmonize the charging policies for the international road transport of goods in the BSEC region" from the Time-Table on the implementation of the MoU.

20. In this regard, the Member States were invited to present their views on the above proposals by the Steering Committee.

#### **e/ Facilitation of visa procedures for professional drivers (Article 6).**

21. The Steering Committee reiterated the importance of facilitating visa procedures for professional drivers and invited the interested BSEC Member States, who have not done so yet, to accede the Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for Professional Lorry Drivers Nationals of the BSEC Member States.

#### **REVIEW OF THE TIMETABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU**

22. The Steering Committee discussed the Timetable and revised the deadlines of objectives. The Timetable, as discussed and amended, is attached as **Annex VI**.

23. The Steering Committee decided to update further actions to be undertaken for achieving the objectives.

24. In this regard, the Member States were invited to present their relevant proposals by 30 May 2015. The BSEC PERMIS was requested to collect those proposals and submit them for consideration of the Steering Committee at its next meeting.

#### **COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

25. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on enhanced cooperation with UN ECE, IRU and BSEC-URTA.

26. The delegation of the BSEC-URTA proposed to the Steering Committee to take up the issue of mutual recognition by the BSEC Member States of Certificates and Diplomas of Professional Competence in international road transport of goods.

27. The President of the BSEC-URTA informed the Steering Committee on the forthcoming Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly to be held in Bucharest on 9 May 2015 and invited the BSEC Secretary General to attend the Meeting as a Guest of Honor.

28. Furthermore, the participants expressed their appreciation to the UNECE, IRU and BSEC-URTA for constructive and fruitful cooperation with BSEC and to the BSEC PERMIS for an excellent coordination of transport matters.

29. The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS expressed high appreciation to the IRU and BSEC-URTA for joint endeavors, valuable support and involvement to arrangements for the International Conference on Professional Education to be held in Chisinau on 24 April 2015.

### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

30. The date of the next meeting will be communicated to the Parties through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

31. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

### **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

32. The Steering Committee adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.