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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE
AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA**

Novorossiysk, Russia, 2-3 September 2009

1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (WG) on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS) was held in Novorossiysk, Russian Federation, on 2-3 September 2009.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Vladimir ERYGIN, the Captain of the Novorossiysk Sea Port.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States – Parties to the MoU:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

BSTDB and BSEC PERMIS also took part in the meeting.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

4. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.

5. The Ad Hoc WG was addressed with welcoming remarks by Mr. Alexey KLYAVIN on behalf of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and Captain Vladimir ERYGIN.

STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF AD HOC WORKING GROUP, HELD IN CONSTANTA, ROMANIA, ON 28-29 JANUARY 2009 (INFORMATION OF THE TEMPORARY SECRETARIAT)

a. State of affairs of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea at the BSEC Region.

6. The Ad Hoc WG took note of the PERMIS information that 9 out of 12 countries have completed their internal procedures necessary for the entering of MoU into force.

7. The representatives of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Turkey informed that the internal procedures of their countries with regard to the MoU are at the final stage and the Ad Hoc WG will be informed about their completion additionally.

b. Nomination by the Parties of their representatives to the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (Ad Hoc WG MoS) in accordance with Article 3 of the MoU.

8. The following Parties nominated their representatives to the Ad Hoc WG in accordance with Article 3 of the MoU: (Republic of Armenia, Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, Hellenic Republic, Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Serbia, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine).

9. The combined list of representatives and Experts Correspondence Network is attached as Annex III.

c. Invitation of other international institutions and organizations to cooperate on the development of MoS.

10. The Ad Hoc WG supported the idea of invitation of the Danube Commission and the UNECE to its meetings and expressed its readiness to consider possible cooperation with other international organizations.

d. Submission of the new draft documents related to the operation of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

11. The Ad Hoc WG was informed that in accordance with the relevant initiative voiced at the meeting in Constanta, the Russian Federation prepared and disseminated the draft Terms of Reference and Regulations for the MoS Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat on 22 May 2009. The Russian Federation made a presentation of the drafts to be considered in detail under the relevant agenda item.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BASIC ISSUES RELATED TO THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE AD HOC WG MOS

a. Presidency of and Coordination in the Ad Hoc WG MoS

12. Based on a mechanism of elections for Presidency mentioned in the Report of the Ad Hoc WG at its Meeting in Constanta on 28-29 January 2009, the Parties approved the Russian Federation for Presidency in the Ad Hoc WG for a two-year period starting from 2 September 2009.

b. Definition of the Motorways of the Sea.

13. The Ad Hoc WG elaborated and agreed on the following definition for the MoS:

“Motorways of the Sea in the BSEC region” means the development of existing maritime links and/or establishment of new ones among the BSEC Member States, aiming at facilitation of freight and passenger transport by promoting intermodality in an environmentally friendly manner and encompassing development of cooperation between the relevant ports in the BSEC Member States.

MoS shall include improvement of the quality of transport services, facilities and procedures concerning at least two ports in two different member states, including their hinterland connections, safety and security aspects, logistics technology and supply chain management systems; simplification and harmonization of administrative and custom procedures.

14. The representative of Romania stated that she was not mandated to approve the definition and she reserved a right to communicate the position of Romania regarding the issue additionally.

c. Elaboration of a Master Plan and discussion about possible projects to be included in

15. The Ad Hoc WG elaborated on and agreed the Plan-Concept of the Master Plan on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea at the BSEC Region Master Plan for the future work which is attached as Annex IV.

d. Establishment of an Experts Correspondence Network (ECN)

16. Following the decision of the Ad Hoc WG at its previous meeting, the following Parties presented their experts to ECN: Republic of Bulgaria, Hellenic Republic, Romania, Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey.

17. The Ad Hoc WG agreed to continue discussion on the necessary operation of the ECN at its next meeting.

e. Establishment of a MoS Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat and its location

18. The participants took note that currently three countries: Romania, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey presented their candidacies for the location of the MoS JPTS.

19. At the meeting, the delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation of the Novorossiysk Maritime Port Administration as a possible seat for MoS JPTS. The presentation is attached as Annex V.

20. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey made a presentation of the premises of the Directorate General of Coastal Safety in Istanbul as a possible seat for MoS JPTS. The presentation is attached as Annex VI.

21. The delegation of Romania reiterated the readiness of its country to provide premises for MoS JPTS.

22. The mentioned presentations of the Republic of Turkey, the Russian Federation and of Romania (made in Constanta) provided solid proof that candidates have the necessary premises, facilities and skilled personnel for fulfilling their duty as MoS JPTS. At the same time, the Ad Hoc WG suggested that the issue of the MoS JPTS location will be discussed after the Regulations of the JPTS of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the MoS in the BSEC Region were approved.

23. The WG invited the interested parties to hold relevant consultations with regard to location of the MoS JPTS in order to facilitate discussion on this issue at the next meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE AD HOC WG MOS

24. The Ad Hoc WG continued consideration of the draft Rules of Procedure of the Ad Hoc WG on Development of the Motorways of the Sea based on the initial text and the text provided by the Russian Federation.

25. The text as discussed is attached as Annex VII.

26. The participants agreed to continue discussion on the said draft Rules of Procedure at its next meeting. It was also decided to exchange their views by correspondence on the texts of the said draft Rules of Procedure and the draft Regulations of the Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea in the BSEC Region.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

a. Comments with regard to a project proposal on creation and development of a Regional Information System on Safety of Navigation.

27. The Russian Federation made a presentation about a project “Regional Information System of Safety and Navigation” and invited all interested Member States to participate in it. The presentation is attached as Annex VIII.

28. The Russian Federation made a presentation about the Development of Sochi Transport Node. The presentation is attached as Annex IX.

29. The Republic of Turkey stated that the Russian Federation’s proposal to host the center of “Regional Information System of Safety and Navigation” in Tuapse is duly noted and also proposed the aforementioned centre to be located in Istanbul.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

30. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Russian Federation for the excellent organization of the Meeting and warm hospitality extended to them and for this contribution to the activity of the Ad Hoc WG. They also expressed their deep appreciation to Novorossiysk Sea Port, for sponsoring and hosting the Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

31. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

32. The exact date and venue of the next meeting of the Ad Hoc WG will be communicated at a later stage via BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Presidency.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

33. The Ad Hoc WG adopted the present Report and decided to submit it for consideration at the next CSO Meeting.
