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

Novorossiysk, 6-7 October 2011

1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (WG) on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS) was held in Novorossiysk on 6-7 October 2011.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Sergey SARITSKIY, Deputy Head of Department of State Policy for Maritime and River Transport of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Parties to the MoU:  
  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Hellenic Republic  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
4. The representatives of BSEC PERMIS took part in the meeting.
5. BASPA also attended the Meeting.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

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

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA AT THE BSEC REGION.**

7. Consideration of the issue was deferred to the next meeting as additional bilateral consultations between Romania and the Republic of Turkey were requested.

8. The Working Group requested these Parties as well as other parties who have applied to host the JTS to resolve the issue on the order of the rotation of the JTS hosting and starting its work as soon as possible.

9. In this regard it was suggested that Romania and the Republic of Turkey could also use the opportunity for the bilateral consultations during the meeting of the Working Group on Transport to be held in Moscow on 19-20 October 2011. The Parties were requested to inform the Ad Hoc Working Group about the outcome of the consultation via BSEC PERMIS.

**FINALIZATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE AD HOC WG ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA IN THE BSEC REGION:**

10. The Working Group discussed and amended the Draft Regulations of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea in the BSEC Region (Draft Regulations). The said document is attached as Annex III.

11. The Working Group agreed to finalize the document when the issue of hosting the JTS will be resolved.

**ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE WEBSITE OF THE MOS AD HOC WG JTS**

12. The Working Group agreed to renew consideration of the Agenda Item when the issue of hosting the JTS will be resolved.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXPERTS CORRESPONDENCE NETWORK (ECN)**

13. The Working Group discussed and amended the Draft Terms of Reference of the Experts Correspondence Network (ECN). The document is attached as Annex IV.

14. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic reserved the right to communicate its final position with regard to the document before the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

15. In line with the statement “the ECN Members will establish an interactive mailing group” specified in the Draft Terms of Reference for the Experts Correspondence Network (ECN), the Turkish Side suggested the interactive mailing group of bsecmos@googlegroups.com for the regular use and informing the ECN Members. Thus, Turkey kindly invited all ECN Members to participate in the mentioned mailing group.

**STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES ON THE NATIONAL PORTS TO BE INCLUDED INTO THE MASTER PLAN**

16. The Working Group took note that the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Hellenic Republic, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine have submitted their Questionnaires on national ports to be included in the Master Plan. The summary information on the ports reflecting the clarifications of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Russian Federation and Ukraine to be included in the Master Plan is attached as Annex V.

17. The Parties were invited to consider the summary information and, if needed, to provide additional or updated information on the ports to be included into the Master Plan.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIMODAL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER BLACK SEA FERRY LINES**

18. The Working Group welcomed the initiative of the Russian Federation on the Development of the Multimodal Freight and Passenger Black Sea Ferry Lines presented with a Concept Note. At the same time, some delegations requested that the Russian Federation modifies and further elaborates the Concept Note specifying that the texts initially referenced as harmonization referred to transport facilitation as clarified by the Russian Federation. The Russian Federation will provide the revised text of the Concept Note and information for consideration on a potential institutional mechanism of implementing the initiative well in advance before the forthcoming meeting of the Working Group on Transport in Moscow on 19-20 October 2011.

19. The Working Group noted that proposals contained in the Concept Note could be incorporated into the Master Plan on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea. The issues related to the area of tourism should be also brought for consideration of the BSEC Working Group on Tourism. The Working Group noted the positions of the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine suggesting that cooperation with the MED-Cruise and the Black Sea Cruise associations could be beneficial for the development of cruise lines in the Black Sea and between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

### **BSEC PORTS PROJECT**

20. The Working Group welcomed and supported the initiative of the Republic of Turkey with regard to the Pilot Project "BSEC Ports". The initiative was also supported by the BASPA. The presentation of the Republic of Turkey and background paper are attached as Annex VI. The Turkish Delegation informed that the Under-Secretariat for Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Turkey will provide technical and financial support, at the initial stage, to the development of the Pilot Project. The website can be accessed on the following address: <http://www.bsecports.byethost33.com>.

21. The Turkish side was requested to prepare a questionnaire regarding information to be placed on the website and present it to the next meeting of the Working Group.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

22. The delegations requested the BSEC PERMIS to resolve the issue of their access to the BSEC portal.

### **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

23. The participants expressed their deep appreciation to the Russian Federation for hosting the Meeting and for the excellent organization and warm hospitality extended to them and for its contribution to the activity of the WG.

24. The Working Group expressed its appreciation and thanks for the excellent chairmanship of the meeting and for the extensive and helpful support provided by the representatives of the BSEC PERMIS.

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

25. The date and venue of the next meeting will be proposed by the Bulgarian Chairmanship as soon as possible upon receipt of information about the outcome of the bilateral negotiations between Romania and the Republic of Turkey.

### **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

26. The Working Group adopted the present Report.

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