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

**Constanta, Romania, 4-5 March 2010**

1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (WG) on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS) was held in Constanta, Romania, on 4-5 March 2010.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Vladimir ERYGIN, the Captain of the Novorossiysk Sea Port of the Russian Federation, and Ms. Madalina GHEORGHIU, the Counselor of the European Affairs of the General Directorate of Infrastructure and Naval Transport of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of Romania.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Parties to the MoU:

Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey

4. The representatives of BSEC PERMIS, BSTDB and CPMR also took part in the meeting.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

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

## **INFORMATION OF THE TEMPORARY SECRETARIAT ABOUT THE STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

6. The WG took note of the BSEC PERMIS'<sup>1</sup> information about the implementation of decisions of the previous meetings as it was reflected in the Annotated Agenda for the meeting.

## **DEFINITION OF THE MOTORWAYS OF THE SEA**

7. The WG amended and agreed on the definition for the MoS. The agreed text of the definition is the following:

“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<sup>2</sup>, safety and security aspects, logistics technology and supply chain management systems; simplification and harmonization of administrative and custom procedures”.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE FUTURE OPERATION OF THE WG MOS:**

### **a. Draft Rules of Procedure of the Ad Hoc WG on Development of the Motorways of the Sea**

8. The WG discussed and amended 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. The WG agreed that Articles 1-15 of the draft Rules of Procedure have been finalized and no discussion will be opened on them at the next meeting. The text as discussed is attached as Annex III.

9. The WG invited the Delegation of the Russian Federation to present as soon as possible before the next meeting its suggestion with regard to the remaining unresolved issue in Article 16 (Working language of the Ad Hoc Working Group) of the Draft Rules of Procedure. The Delegation of the Russian Federation stated that it considers Article 16 being unresolved in full.

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<sup>1</sup> Acting in the capacity of the Temporary Secretariat

<sup>2</sup> The inland waterways and/or canals, which make substantial contribution to achieve the modal shift, increasing the transport efficiency, saving shipping time and offering the possibility to link BSEC MoS, with the other MoS, shall form part of the BSEC Region network of the Motorways of the Sea as appropriate.

**b. Draft Regulations of the Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea**

10. The WG discussed and amended the draft Regulations of the Joint Permanent Technical Secretariat of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS JPTS) in the BSEC Region. The text as discussed is attached as Annex IV.

11. In particular, Article 1 has been finalized and Article 2 has been agreed in principle. The Delegation of the Russian Federation reserved its right to communicate its position before the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

12. The participants agreed to continue the discussion on the remaining draft (text in italics) at the next meeting. In order to facilitate the future discussion, they decided to exchange, via BSEC PERMIS, their views on the draft Regulations by correspondence.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOS JOINT PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT AND ITS LOCATION**

13. The delegations of Romania, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey reiterated the interest of their countries to host the MoS JPTS.

14. The interested parties were also invited to present where necessary, information on their readiness to assume the duty of the JPTS, in accordance with the minimum requirements for the MoS JPTS which were reflected in the Note of MFA of the Hellenic Republic Ref. No. APF3542/OSEP/AS378 dated 9 March 2009<sup>3</sup>.

15. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan presented the position of its country with regard to the issue of the creation of MoS JPTS. The text is attached as Annex V.

**OPERATION OF AN EXPERTS CORRESPONDENCE NETWORK**

16. This issue of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

**PROJECT PROPOSALS**

17. This issue of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

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<sup>3</sup> The Note is contained in the Document File for the present meeting.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

18. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey drew attention to the need of the establishment of a MoS web site for the effective functioning of the Ad Hoc Working Group and offered to create a web site service on a temporary basis until the MoS JPTS has established an operational website.
19. Some delegations expressed appreciation for the proposal of the Republic of Turkey.
20. Some delegations referred to the existing practice and the possibility to continue using the BSEC PERMIS as a Temporary Secretariat, given that the correspondence is disseminated-via e-mail and the BSEC web portal.
21. The Parties were invited to present their views regarding the issue.

### **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

22. The participants expressed their deep appreciation to the Constanta Port for sponsoring and hosting the Meeting and for the excellent organization and warm hospitality extended to them and for this contribution to the activity of the WG. They also expressed appreciation for the work done by the BSEC PERMIS staff.

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

23. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey invited the Ad Hoc WG to have its next meeting in Istanbul. The exact date and venue of the next meeting of the WG will be communicated at a later stage via BSEC PERMIS.

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

24. The WG adopted the present Report.

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