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

Izmir, 26 November 2012

1. The Eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region was held in Izmir, on 26 November 2012.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Damir LEDENCAN, Head of International Road Transport Department, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Serbia.
3. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States participated in the meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The representative of the European Commission attended the Meeting as BSEC Observer.
5. The representative of the Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs), Black Sea Region Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS) and Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
6. The representative of International Road Transport Union (IRU) also attended the Meeting as a Guest.

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

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

STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH REGARD TO THE PILOT PROJECT “BSEC PERMIT SYSTEM”

8. The Steering Committee took note of:

- a) The information by PERMIS about the decision of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to authorize establishment of a fast track cooperation among the applicant Member States, in order to implement a pilot project for the issuing of a BSEC permit for trucks on a permanent basis.
- b) The presentation by BSEC-URTA containing analysis on the state of the road transport market in the BSEC region.
- c) The proposal by Romania to expand the number of BSEC permits and use the permits for transit, bilateral and for the third countries transport of goods.

9. Furthermore, it requested the Member States participating in the project, willing to increase the number of BSEC permits and to extend its validity to the third countries transport to inform the Steering Committee about their willingness via BSEC PERMIS by 10 December 2012.

10. The Committee requested the BSEC PERMIS to communicate to all Member States, participating in the project for the issuing of a BSEC permit, information about the serial numbers of permits distributed to each Member State.

DISCUSSION ON BEGINNING OF A NEW PROJECT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE UNDER ANNEX 8 TO THE UNECE HARMONIZATION CONVENTION

11. The Committee took note of:

- The presentation by the BSEC-URTA containing a road map for introduction of International Vehicle Weight Certificate in the BSEC region and experience of CIS countries in usage of such certificate.
- The support provided to the project by the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation and the Republic of Serbia.
- Information by the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Bulgaria, Hellenic Republic, Republic of Turkey and Ukraine that additional consultations are needed at the national level with regard to the pilot project.
- Readiness and support by the International Road Transport Union (IRU), BSEC-URTA, UNDP to provide technical assistance, country missions and other possible contributions necessary for introduction and implementation of the certificate.

12. The Steering Committee recommended to the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to establish a task force on introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate in the BSEC region within the Steering Committee, which will consider in detail all the aspects for starting the pilot project on the International Vehicle Weight Certificate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

15. The Steering Committee adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials and the BSEC Working Group on Transport.