

UNION OF ROAD TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS IN THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION REGION
(BSEC-URTA)

DEC/GA15/09

Yerevan, 12 May 2009

FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Metropol Hotel, Yerevan – ARMENIA
Tuesday, 12 May 2009, at 10:0 hrs

DECISIONS¹

At its Fifteenth Meeting, held in Yerevan on 12 May 2009, the BSEC-URTA General Assembly:

1. Thanked the Guests of Honour and invited personalities, who addressed the General Assembly and contributed to its work, for their kind participation and continuous support to the activities of the BSEC-URTA,
2. Adopted the Agenda (DOC/GA15/AG/09) and Order of Business (DOC/GA15/OB/09) and approved the Minutes of its Fourteenth Meeting (MIN/GA14/08),
3. Took note of the verbal report of the BSEC-URTA Management Council,
4. Thanked the host of the meeting, AIRCA, for its comprehensive presentation on the road transport system in Armenia, and suggested assistance of the BSEC-URTA International Secretariat in helping the carriage of dangerous goods by Armenian hauliers until Armenia joins the ADR Agreement, based on the experiences of other Member Associations,
5. Studied the updated BSEC-URTA Regional Outlook Report (DOC/GA15/OUTLOOK/09) and the information paper presented by the International Secretariat about the Impact of Global Economic Downturn on the Road Transport Industry in the BSEC Region and the EU (REP/GA15/CRISIS/09). Noted with concern that the statistics confirm the immense pressures on the BSEC road transport operators stemming from shrinking trade, rising idle fleet capacities and continuous existence of barriers to the road transport in the BSEC region. In this connection, exchanged ideas on how markets should be protected from neo-protectionist measures introduced, emotionally, and the irrational price competition and damping environment that destroys the existence of true transport operators in the market. And called for governments to implement IRU's 6-R rescue strategy as a priority,
6. Evaluated the conclusions of the BSEC Public-Private Round Table on Implementation of the MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (MoU-F) and Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the MoU-F (SC.F), which met in Istanbul on 10 and 11 February 2009, respectively, and reviewed the BSEC-URTA strategy with respect to forthcoming meeting of the SC.F in Istanbul on 22 June 2009,
7. Requested all Member Associations to participate actively in the planned UNECE-BSEC Joint Seminar in Geneva on 18 June 2009, which will concentrate on implementation of the new Annex 8 to the UN Convention on Harmonisation of Frontier Controls of Goods,
8. Noted with continuous disappointment that the BSEC Driver Visa Agreement is signed only by Albania, Armenia, Moldova and Turkey, yet, while only Turkey has completed its internal procedures of ratification. Requested the Member Associations from non-signatory states, yet, to contact again their competent authorities with the request of their signing this important regional agreement. Requested the International Secretariat to follow up and coordinate actions of the Members on this matter and present a progress report to the next meeting of the General Assembly,

¹ Adopted unanimously unless otherwise stated.

9. Taking note of abovementioned developments, adopted a Resolution on Implementation of the BSEC MoU on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods (RES/GA15/MoU-F/09) and requested the International Secretariat to bring this Resolution to the attention of the BSEC Ministers of Transport, BSEC PERMIS, IRU and UNECE (see Annex),
10. Noted the BSEC-URTA Activity Report (DOC/GA15/ACTIV/09) with appreciation,
11. Adopted the report of the BSEC-URTA Auditors and approved the BSEC-URTA accounts for 2008 (REP/AUDIT/GA15/09),
12. Decided to hold its next meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Geneva on 4 November 2009 in connection with autumn meetings of the statutory organs of the IRU,
13. Adopted the BSEC-URTA Calendar for second half of 2009 (DOC/GA15/CAL/09),
14. Noted with appreciation the presentation by the TOBB on modernisation of land border crossing points in Turkey, which can be a exemplary best practice for similar public-private partnership projects in other BSEC Member States,
15. Thanked AIRCA for hosting the 15th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly and providing with excellent arrangements and extending a very warm hospitality to all participants,
16. Adopted and undersigned these Decisions of the 15th meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly in Yerevan on 12 May 2009.

Vladimir FLOREA, BSEC-URTA President	
(ANALTIR) Eduard KASA	(AIRCA) Herbert HAMBARDZUMYAN
(AEBTRI) Gueorgui PETROV	(GIRCA) Gia TSIPURIA
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