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

Istanbul, 28-30 September 2010

1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group (WG) on the Development of the Motorways of the Sea (MoS) was held in Istanbul, on 28-30 September 2010.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Vladimir ERYGIN, the Captain of the Novorossiysk Sea Port of the Russian Federation.
3. The welcoming statement was made by Mr. Ekrem ÖZCAN, the Deputy Director of the Directorate General of Merchant Marine of the Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Parties to the MoU:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
5. The representatives of BSEC PERMIS and BSTDB also took part in the meeting.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

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

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

7. The WG discussed the draft Rules of Procedure of the Ad Hoc WG on Development of the Motorways of the Sea and, more specifically, the only remaining unresolved issue, namely Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure.

8. With regard to the issue of Article 16, the Russian Federation proposed the following wording:

“The working language of the Ad Hoc Working Group documents is English. The working languages of the Ad Hoc Working Group meetings are English and Russian.”

9. It was decided that the consideration of the draft Document will continue at the next meeting. The text as discussed is attached as Annex III.

10. The interested Parties were recommended to continue consultations regarding the Chairmanship Rotation List and bring the results of their consultations to the next meeting.

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

11. 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. It was decided that the finalization of the only unresolved issue concerning the draft Regulations, namely Article 3 will take place when the issue on the seat of the JPTS has been resolved. The text as discussed is attached as Annex IV.

12. Following the discussion, the Turkish Delegation submitted the following proposal to be considered at the next meeting:

*“- The seat of the JPTS should rotate every three years among the 3 candidate Member States (Republic of Turkey, Romania and the Russian Federation)
- The Ad Hoc Working Group meetings will be held at the BSEC Headquarters.
- During the JPTS term in Office of one candidate Member States, the other 2 candidate Member States may appoint their representatives to*

work in the JPTS provided that their wage and expenses will be covered by the appointing party.

The Ukrainian Side is invited to share its views regarding the above mentioned proposal as the fourth candidate Member State.”

13. The Parties were invited to communicate to BSEC PERMIS their views and suggestions on the proposals described in para 8 and para 12, before 15 December 2010.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MOS JOINT PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT AND ITS LOCATION

14. The Republic of Turkey arranged a visit for the delegations to the premises of the Directorate General of the Coastal Safety as one of the possible future seats for the MoS JPTS. The delegations were also taken to the Vessel Traffic System Management Center.

15. At the same time, the delegations of Romania, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey reiterated the interest of their countries to host the MoS JPTS. The delegation of Romania disseminated its candidacy file. It was decided to continue the consultations on the location of the secretariat, taking into account the above mentioned proposals of the Turkish Delegation.

CONSIDERATION OF THE WEBSITE OF THE MOS JPTS INITIATED BY THE TURKISH SIDE

16. The WG appreciated the work done by the Turkish Delegation in the preparation of the website. At the same time, it was considered premature to use this website before the basic legal documents of the WG have been finalized and adopted. In this regard, the Turkish Delegation expressed its opinion on the activities of the website which is attached in Annex V.

OPERATION OF AN EXPERTS CORRESPONDENCE NETWORK

17. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey drew attention to the need to activate the work of the ECN. The proposals of the Turkish Delegation are reflected in Annex V.

18. The Parties were invited to communicate to BSEC PERMIS, their views on the above proposals mentioned in para 16 and para 17 before 15 December 2010.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

19. No new project proposal has been submitted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20. The Delegation of Romania invited the Parties, which have not yet done so, to send to BSEC PERMIS their filled-up questionnaires on their national ports to be included into the Master Plan.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

21. The participants expressed their deep appreciation to the Undersecretariat of Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for sponsoring and hosting the Meeting and for the excellent organization and warm hospitality extended to them and for its 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

22. The Delegations of Romania, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey expressed their interest to host the forthcoming meetings of the WG. The exact date and venue will be communicated in due time.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

23. The WG adopted the present Report.
