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### **Report of the First Meeting of the Task Force on Elaboration of a Road Map for the BSEC Pilot Project on the Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate**

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**BS/TF/IVWC/R(2013)1**

**REPORT**

**OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE ON ELABORATION OF A ROAD  
MAP FOR THE BSEC PILOT PROJECT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE WEIGHT CERTIFICATE**

**Istanbul, 11 March 2013**

1. The First Meeting of the Task Force on Elaboration of a Road Map for the BSEC Pilot Project on the Introduction of the International Vehicle Weight Certificate was held in Istanbul, on 11 March 2013.

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Damir LEDENCAN, Head of International Road Transport Department, Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Serbia.

2. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States participated in the meeting:

Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

3. The representative of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

4. The representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) also attended the Meeting as Guests.

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

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

6. The Task Force considered the items of the Agenda as they are given below:

7. The UNECE representative briefed the Task Force about legal, technical and procedural aspects as well as about the present problems in implementing Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention. Information also included the experience in introduction of the CIS IVWC.

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It was noted that in its surveys the UNECE regularly provides the state of affairs with regard to the implementation of Annex 8.

8. The UNDP representative expressed readiness and will of that organization to promote introduction of the UNECE IVWC in the BSEC Region and informed about the Memorandum of Understanding for implementation of a new BSEC Pilot Project on early introduction of the UNECE International Vehicle Weight Certificate in the BSEC Region between the UNDP and the BSEC-URTA signed in Chisinau, Moldova, on 3 October 2012.

9. The participants exchanged their views on the possible ways for introduction of the IVWC. The BSEC PERMIS informed the Task Force that so far five countries expressed their willingness to start a pilot project. At the present meeting the delegations of the Republic of Armenia, Republic of Moldova, Romania and the Republic of Serbia reiterated their willingness.

10. The Task Force discussed the Draft Road Map as it was presented by the BSEC-URTA and agreed to further continue discussion on it.

11. The Task Force discussed legal aspects of the issue, taking into account the accepted practice in BSEC.

12. As the fast track cooperation requires participation of minimum 6 Countries, the Member States are invited to inform the BSEC PERMIS formally on their interest to participate in the BSEC Pilot Project till 15 April 2013.

13. As an outcome of the discussions, the Task Force agreed that the road map for the BSEC Pilot Project on introduction of the UNECE International Vehicle Weight Certificate (attached as **Annex III**) should come through the following main stages:

- a) Preparatory stage (8 months)
  1. Identification of participating states;
  2. Assignment of a National Focal Point in each participating state;
  3. Assignment of an International Technical Experts jointly by UNDP, IRU and BSEC-URTA;
  4. Fact finding and information sharing activities during country visits;
  5. Appointment of national issuing authority in each country;
  6. Technical adjustments and capacity building activities;
- b) Implementation stage (3 months)
- c) First evaluation report (1 month)

14. The interested Member States were invited to cooperate with UNDP, IRU and BSEC-URTA for starting implementation of the above Stage1 as soon as possible.

15. The UNECE expressed readiness to contribute to this cooperation between the interested states and the international organizations as much as possible.

16. It was agreed to organize the next meeting of the Task Force back-to-back with a meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in October-November 2013.

17. The Task Force adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, the BSEC Working Group on Transport and the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Transport of Goods in the BSEC region.

**Annex III to BS/TF/IVWC/R(2013)1**

**PILOT PROJECT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL VEHICLE  
WEIGHT CERTIFICATE IN THE BSEC REGION**

Following steps - roadmap could be followed for implementation of the Pilot Project:

**A. Preparatory Stage: (8 months)**

1. Identification of BSEC Member States ready to participate in a BSEC Pilot Project for introduction of the IVWC in the BSEC region (Project).
2. Establishment of the BSEC Task Force for implementation of the Pilot Project composed by representatives of participating countries to the Project, UNECE, UNDP, IRU and BSEC-URTA.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Task Force
4. Communication to the Task Force of the institution – National Focal Point to be responsible with the Pilot Project in each participating country to the Pilot Project.
5. Nomination by the National Focal Point of its representative as contact person to the BSEC PERMIS.
6. Meetings of Expert(s) with National Focal Point representative(s) in each participating country to the Project and site visits of national weighing stations and border crossing points proposed to be part of the Project for evaluation of the technical conditions of the equipment and of the weighing procedures.
7. Drafting and dissemination by the Secretariat of a Report on the results of the meetings of Experts and the site visits (Report)
8. Fulfillment of legal procedures for implementation of IVWC in participating countries to the Project (ratification in parliament, decree of cabinet of ministers for implementation, others).
9. Establishment in each participating country to the Project of the authority / institution to supervise the issuance, usage and control of the IVWC.
10. Establishment in each participating country to the Project of the public or private entity in charge with weighing stations, weighing procedures and filling in of IVWC.
11. Establishment in each participating country to the Project of the national network of weighing stations which complies with the technical requirements contained in the Appendix 2, paragraph 4 point (c) to the Annex 8 to the Harmonization Convention

12. Allocation in each national network of weighing stations of a particular seal for each weighing station belonging to the network.
13. Communication to BSEC PERMIS of the list of weighing stations and samples of their seals belonging to each national network of weighing stations of countries participating to the Project.
14. Setting up by BSEC PERMIS of a consolidated list of national networks of weighing stations and their related seals and distribution of it to each participating country to the Project and the BSEC PERMIS.
15. Communication by the BSEC PERMIS of the consolidated list of national networks of weighing stations and their related seals to the UNECE Secretary Executive.
16. Drafting by BSEC PERMIS of rules for administration and issuance of IVWC to be endorsed by each participating country to the Project.
17. Translation of the rules for administration and issuance of IVWC and of the IVWC in the national language of the participating countries to the Project.
18. Print out of the IVWC in English language (language used under the Project) and distribution in an amount to be agreed upon by the participants to the Project.
19. Site visits of Experts to assess developments.
20. Training of the technical staff of the each national network of weighing stations.
21. Training of the staff of each national authority in charge with weighing procedures at borders and inland check points of each participating country to the Project.
22. Organization of a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Task Force for establishment of the necessary technical and administrative measures for implementation of the Project.
23. Production of Promotional and Informational materials in national languages of participants to the Pilot Project.

**B. Implementation Stage: (3 months)**

24. Organization of Launching Ceremonies in each participating country for the first usage of the IVWC.
25. Start of the issuance, usage, acceptance and monitor of the IVWC.
26. Identification of problems and readjustment of the system.

**C. First Evaluation Report: (1 month)**

27. Organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Task Force for final evaluation of the Pilot Project and decision for a permanent practice.