

PROTOCOL
of the meeting of the Turkish-Moldovan Joint Committee
on International Road Transport
(Istanbul, 28-29 June 2011)

In accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Moldova on International Road Transport, signed on 03.06.1994, a Meeting of Turkish-Moldovan Joint Committee on international road transport of passengers and goods was held in Istanbul on 28-29 June 2011.

Members of both delegations are listed in the appendix.

The Delegations agreed upon the following items of the agenda:

- 1- Exchange of information on road transport operations and developments in trade between the two countries
 - 2- Transport of goods
 - 3- Transport of passengers
 - 4- Miscellaneous
- 1- Exchange of information on road transport operations and developments in trade between the two countries**

The delegations exchanged information and statistical data in the field of road transport and bilateral trade and noted that there is a constant increase in the trade and transport volume between the two countries in recent years.

The Turkish delegation emphasized the high share of the **Moldovan** hauliers in bilateral trade and third country transport.

The delegations expressed their willingness to make efforts to further develop the present relations in the passenger and goods transport operations within the framework of the bilateral Agreement in force.

2- Transport of goods and determining the quota of permits

The delegations exchanged views and information on the use of the permits granted to the hauliers of both countries for third country and empty entry transport operations.

The delegations agreed to exchange the following number of permits for 2011 and preliminary permits for 2012:

For the Turkish side:

800 permits for to/from third countries

350 permits for empty entry with backloads to the country of registration

For the Moldovan side:

475 permits for to/from third countries

500 permits for empty entry with backloads to the country of registration



Delegations will evaluate the demands for additional permits within the framework of good intentions.

Delegations agreed that all permits shall be valid until 31st January of the following year.

3- Transport of passengers

The delegations confirmed that there is only one authorized international regular passenger transport line between two countries on Istanbul- Chisinau route, but this line is not operational for the time being.

The delegations expressed their willingness to develop the regular transport operations between the two countries in order to provide an effective passenger transport services.

The Turkish delegation gave a brief information on establishment of IPRU (International Passenger Road Transport Union) and asked the **Moldovan** side to encourage their Passenger Transport association to take part as founding member.

4- Miscellaneous

The Turkish delegation informed the Moldovan delegation about the strict control and inspection carried out in cooperation with relevant national institutions for the correct use of ECMT licence and single permits.

Both delegations agreed to take necessary measures for proper use of permits.

The delegations reiterated the problems encountered in obtaining visas for professional drivers and stated that this situation effects the international road transport operations in a negative way.

The delegations agreed to take initiative at the concerned authorities of the two countries with a view to facilitate the long-term **multi-entry** visas and conclude the ongoing works.

The Moldovan Delegation informed the Turkish delegation that a new terminal is under construction at Giurgiulesti Port and underlined that such terminal could be used for Ro-RO transport operation between two countries. Delegations agreed that both Moldavian and Turkish carriers will benefit from operation of such Ro-RO terminal / lines by reducing the cost of carriage and will make contribution to the development of the Inter Modal transport activities.

Moldovan delegation reiterated its request for adding a new item to the Article 12 of the existing Bilateral Agreement on International Road Transport, which is namely exemption of the transport operations from permit requirement performed by vehicles whose total maximum permissible **weight** , including trailer, not exceeding 6 tons or permissible load , including trailer, not exceeding 3.5 tonnes.

The Turkish delegation informed that they had assessed and discussed the request of the Moldovan delegation beforehand and expressed that the Turkish delegation cannot accept this request for the time being.

The meeting took place in a warm and friendly atmosphere and both delegations expressed their satisfaction over the result.



The Moldovan delegation invited the Turkish delegation to Moldova for the next Joint Committee Meeting. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through bilateral correspondence.

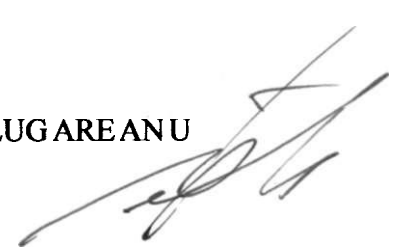
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