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of the Slovenian -Turkish Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport

The Road Transport Joint Committee Meeting was held between the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul on 21-22 May 2009 to further develop cooperation in road transport between the two countries.

The Delegations agreed upon the following agenda.

- 1- Exchange of statistical information
- 2- Transport of goods
- 3- Transport of passengers
- 4- Other subjects

Members of both delegations are listed in the appendix.

1-Exchange of Statistical Information

Both delegations exchanged views and statistical information regarding trade and the current situation of road transport between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Slovenia and confirmed that the progress of trade and road transport between their countries is at a satisfactory level.

Both Delegations expressed their sincere belief that trade between their countries will further develop in the future.

2-Transport of Goods

The Delegations agreed that the primary purpose of their cooperation is to develop trade and facilitate the transport of goods between Turkey and Slovenia.

After a long and intensive discussion, the delegations agreed the basic quota of permits for 2010 was determined as follows:

- 17.000 transit permits for EURO3 standard vehicles
- 3.000 transit permits for EURO4 and higher standard vehicles
- 1.000 third country/transit permits for EURO3 standard vehicles (out of which 500 shall be valid for EURO2 standard for Slovenian vehicles)

The Slovenian delegation stated that Turkish hauliers are not required to use permits for their transit transport operations when using the Port of Koper.

The Delegations agreed that bonus system will be maintained as previously agreed, which is one bonus permit for two journeys with RO-LA. Bonus permits are valid for EURO 3 and higher standard vehicles.

3-Passenger Transport

Both Delegations confirmed that there were no active passenger transport lines and no problems were reported regarding the passenger transport services between the two countries.

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Occasional passenger transport operations between the two countries are carried out on the basis of the INTERBUS Agreement.

At the request of the Slovenian delegation, the delegations agreed to exchange 50 occasional passenger transport permits allowing the empty vehicles to embark passengers.

4- Miscellaneous

The Turkish delegation proposed to mutually recognize the driving and vehicle licenses. The Slovenian delegation committed to investigate this matter within the framework of European Union legislation and inform the Turkish side about the results via correspondence.

The Turkish delegation presented information about the problems encountered by the rented or leased Turkish vehicles in Slovenia and the Slovenian delegation expressed that they will consider this issue provided that the Turkish side states this matter via correspondence.

Slovenian side asked the Turkish side about the possibility of free loading and unloading within the Turkish territory. As a response, Turkish delegation stated that when Slovenian side states this issue via correspondence, the Turkish side will evaluate this matter.

Slovenian Delegation invited the Turkish Delegation to Slovenia for the next Joint Committee Meeting. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through bilateral correspondence.

The Meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.

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