PROTOCOL of the Slovenian-Turkish

Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport

In accordance with the Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on International Road Transport on 11th June 2002, the Slovenian-Turkish Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport was held on 6-7 December 2017 in İzmir.

The delegations are listed in the appendix.

The Delegations agreed on the following items of the agenda:

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

1- Exchange of Statistical Information

The Delegations exchanged statistical information regarding the trade volume and current situation of road transport between Turkey and Slovenia.

The Delegations expressed their satisfaction over the increasing trade volume and road transport operations between the two countries.

2- Transport of goods

The Delegations exchanged views on the international transport of goods by road between Turkey and Slovenia as well as utilization of the permits used for these transport operations.

Following intense negotiations, the Delegations agreed on the following quota of the permits for the year 2019:

- 15,000 transit permits for vehicles with EURO 3 and higher standards
- 5,000 transit permits for vehicles with EURO 4 and higher standards
- 1,000 to/from third country permits for vehicles with EURO 3 and higher standards

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

Both Delegations agreed to change the bonus permit system for Ro-La train usage by Turkish transport operators as follows: 2 bonus permits will be granted to Turkish carriers for every 3 trips by Ro-La. This new bonus permit system shall come into force as of January 2018.

The Delegations agreed that starting from 2017, the bonus permits for Ro-La usage given to the Turkish side in the last quarter of the year, shall be valid until the 31st March of the following

3- Transport of passengers

The Delegations agreed to continue their cooperation for the development of passenger transport by road.

The delegations agreed to exchange 50 occasional passenger transport permits allowing the empty vehicles to embark passengers.

The Turkish side informed the Slovenian side that an EU tax number is required from Turkish passenger transport operators in Slovenia and in case of the absence of this number, high fines are imposed.

The Slovenian delegation informed the Turkish side that they will convey the issue to the competent authority, which is the Ministry of Finance.

4- Other Issues

The Delegations exchanged information on the current problems of international road transport operations between and in transit through two countries.

The Turkish side informed the Slovenian side about the problems faced by the Turkish hauliers during the inspections in Slovenian territory. The Turkish side also stated that Turkish professional drivers are experiencing visa problems. The Slovenian side shall contact the competent authorities in Slovenia and inform the Turkish side accordingly.

The Slovenian side informed the Turkish side about the permit problems faced by the Slovenian hauliers at the Turkish border checkpoints. The Turkish delegation stated that in case of such problems-, the Slovenian side can contact the Turkish side to solve the problems.

Upon a question directed by the Slovenian side, the Turkish side confirmed that a Slovenian haulier can carry goods from a 3rd country to Turkey, unload in Turkey and take load from Turkey to a 3rd country with the same 3rd country permit.

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

The Slovenian Delegation invited the Turkish Delegation to Slovenia for the next Joint Committee Meeting. The exact date of the meeting will be determined through diplomatic channels.

Done in İzmir on 7th December 2017 in two original copies in English language.

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