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of the 2nd session of the Joint Netherlands – Bosnia and Herzegovina Committee on International Road Transport

The Hague, 15th and 16th April 2014

The 2nd session of the Joint Netherlands – Bosnia and Herzegovina Committee on International Road Transport, pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement on International Road Transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, took place in The Hague on the 15th and 16th of April 2014. After the introductory remarks the Delegations decided on the Agenda given in Annex 1

The list of the members of the Delegations is attached hereto in Annex 2.

The Delegations addressed the following issues:

Agenda item 2

Information exchange on trade , economic cooperation and transport of goods and passengers between the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina

Both Delegations exchanged information and statistics on foreign trade and economic cooperation between the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

According to the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina the imports from the Netherlands amounted to 220.3 million KM in 2013 (an increase of 5 % compared to 2012), whereas the exports to the Netherlands reached 112.2 million KM in 2013 (a decrease of 10 % compared to 2012).

According to the Netherlands Delegation the Netherlands exports to Bosnia and Herzegovina amounted to 102 million Euro in 2013 (an increase of 2 % compared to 2012), and imports from Bosnia and Herzegovina reached 38 million Euro in 2013 (an increase of 5 % compared to 2012).

The Delegations exchanged information on the development of international road transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Netherlands, as well as statistics on the number of permits used by hauliers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Dutch hauliers.

The Netherlands Delegation noted that the use of bilateral universal permits stabilized at 175 universal single entry permits per year, but the use of ECMT permits was increased. The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina stated that all their permits have been utilized.

The Delegations expressed their aspirations to further develop international road transport.

Agenda item 3
Transport of goods (establishment of permits 2014)

For the year 2014 the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina exchanged 750 universal permits with a validity up through 31st January 2015. The Delegations decided that the permits for the previous year will be valid up through 31st January of the following year.

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina stated that the demand for transport permits for the Netherlands exceeded the 750 permits that have been exchanged. Since 2003 the quatum of 750 permits per year has been stable at that level and the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina expressed the wish that the quatum should be increased, e.g. to 2000 universal single entry permits.

The Netherlands Delegation stated that the need in the Netherlands for permits did not exceed the exchanged number of permits, and had no wish for further additional permits. However, it expressed the willingness to consider the proposal of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Delegations decided on the following exchange of permits:

- The Netherlands quatum will remain at 750 universal single entry permits;
- The quatum for Bosnia and Herzegovina will increase to 1500 universal single entry permits and 15 universal multiple entry permits;
- The 15 universal multiple entry permits may only be used by heavy goods vehicles with EURO 5 and EURO 6 engines;
- The Netherlands Delegation promised to forward the additional permits within one month, not later than 1st June 2014;
- The Delegations decided that if the demand for additional permits exceeds the available permits, requests for extra permits can be made and such requests will be decided upon with good will;
- The Delegations decided to exchange the permits for 2015 not later than 15th December 2014.

Agenda item 4
Transport of Passengers

Both Delegations shared information on the international passenger transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Netherlands.

The Netherlands Delegation informed the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina on the EU Regulation (EU) No. 181/2011 on passenger rights in passenger transport by autobus or coach, with a focus on persons with restricted mobility, and was interested in the view of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina on this topic. In return the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina would, in time, like to receive information on the Netherlands' implementation of this EU Regulation.

Both Delegations agreed to study the possibility to update the Agreement, and address this at the next meeting of the Joint Committee. In this context the focus on passenger transport will be on the period of validity of the license for international regular transport and on the authorization protocol, e.g. the terms within which the transit countries are informed, as well as on the principle of reciprocity of carriers.

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina asked for approval to start an international multilateral regular service. The Netherlands Delegation agreed to this principal, provided that cabotage remains prohibited, and that reciprocity is observed. This issue will be further addressed at the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

Agenda item 5

Other issues

- *Changes in national legislation*

Both Delegations exchanged information on the changes in the national legislation of their respective countries made since the last meeting of the Joint Commission and briefly touched upon the problem of social dumping in the sector.

- *Driving licenses*

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina asked for the possibility of an agreement on the mutual recognition of driving licenses. The Netherlands Delegation is looking forward to receive a proposal of Bosnia and Herzegovina on this issue and will take it into consideration.

- *EU developments*

The European Commission's proposal to amend Directive 96/53 (weights and dimensions) is currently dealt with within the Council.

- *ECMT*

The Delegations discussed the issues of the use of the current quota for ECMT permits, and the ECMT Quality Charter.

- *Points of contact*

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The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina invited the Netherlands Delegation for the next meeting of the Joint Committee to be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The exact date of this meeting will be agreed by correspondence.

The discussions took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. These meetings are conducive for the further development of the bilateral relations in the field of transport.

Signed in The Hague on 16th April 2014

On behalf of the Netherlands' Delegation

Hans van Leuven

On behalf of the Delegation of Bosnia and
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Mrs. Zahida Hurtić Strika

AGENDA

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1. Opening of the meeting and introduction of the Delegations.
2. Information exchange on trade, economic cooperation and transport of goods and passengers between the Netherlands and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
3. Transport of goods (establishment of permits 2014);
4. Transport of Passengers;
5. Other issues (developments in EU and/or CEMT);
6. Signing of the Minutes of the Meeting.

Composition
of the Delegations of the 2nd Joint Netherlands – Bosnia and Herzegovina
Committee
on International Road Transport
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6. Mr. Saudin Parić Representative of the Association of Hauliers engaged in Inter-Entity and International Transport of Passengers, Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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3. Mrs. Irene Hogen Esch Senior Policy advisor, Department of Mobility, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment;
4. Mr. Peter Post Transport Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
5. Mr. Hans van Gellekom Head of the Documents Department of Dutch Organization for National and International Road Transport (NIWO);
6. Mr. Elmer de Bruin Secretary International Transport, Transport and Logistics Netherlands;
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