

**Protocol**  
**of the Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport**  
**between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Hellenic Republic**

In accordance with the International Road Transport Agreement signed between Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Government of the Hellenic Republic on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005, Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Greece was held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September in 2014, in Sarajevo.

The Delegations are listed in the appendix.

The Delegations discussed the issues concerning transport of goods and passengers by road between two countries based on the following items of the agenda:

- 1- Exchange of statistical information,
- 2- Goods transport,
- 3- Passenger transport,
- 4- Other issues.

**1- Exchange of Statistical Information**

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

The Delegations noted certain increase in the volume of trade exchange between the two countries.

The Delegations agreed to deploy necessary efforts in order to remove any remaining barriers to further increase trade volume between two countries.

**2- Goods Transport**

Referring to the provisions of the Agreement on the International Road Transport of Passengers and Goods (Article 7, Paragraph 1), the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina proposed that the bilateral transport between the two countries and the transit transport through their territories should be performed without permit requirement.

The Delegation of the Hellenic Republic replied referring to the provision of the Agreement on the International Road Transport of Passengers and Goods (Article 6, Paragraphs 1 and 4) it would not be possible to accept the proposal of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the liberalization of the bilateral and transit transport. Further, the Delegation of the Hellenic Republic stated that the provisions of Article 7, concern the categories of transport which are exempted from the permit requirements. The Delegation of the Hellenic Republic will seek advice from its legal service regarding the interpretation of Article 7 as presented by the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Upon obtaining the answer, the Competent Authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be informed thereof.

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With regard to the establishment of quota of permits for 2015, the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina proposed that the number of bilateral/transit permits should be increased and that the permits to/ from third countries should be introduced.

The Delegation of the Hellenic Republic replied that the above mentioned proposal of the Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina cannot be accepted and explained that the transport policy of the Hellenic Republic does not allow currently the exchange of permits to/from third countries with any other country. As for the increase in the number of bilateral/transit permits, the Delegation of the Hellenic Republic, taking into account the number of the permits used, proposed a quota of 500 permits could cover the demand. Further, the Hellenic Delegation proposed to distinguish the permits to bilateral and transit. Following extensive discussion, two Delegations agreed that the quota of permits for bilateral/transit transport remains at the level established at the last meeting of the Joint Committee, that is 1000 permits for transit and bilateral transport.

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina stated that free transit is implemented in accordance with provisions of Interim Agreement on Trade and Trade-Related Matters between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina in force since 2008.

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Delegation of Hellenic Republic that Greek carriers are not required to possess transit permits for transport operations between the EU Member States through the territory of BiH for the past six years in line with the aforementioned Agreement.

The Delegation of the Hellenic Republic replied that they were not officially informed about the Interim Agreement on Trade and Trade-Related Matters between the European Community and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and will seek advice from its legal service regarding the above mentioned Agreement.

The Delegations agreed that any demand for additional permits in the course of the year will be evaluated in goodwill.

### **3- Passenger Transport**

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Delegation of the Hellenic Republic about the request of BiH carriers to establish the regular bus service Sarajevo-Athens and vice versa.

The Delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina informed the Delegation of the Hellenic Republic that Bosnia and Herzegovina is a signatory to the INTERBUS Agreement. Two Delegations agreed that the transport operations set forth in Article 4 and 5 of the Agreement on the International Road Transport of Passengers and Goods should be performed under the provisions of the INTERBUS Agreement.



Two Delegations agreed that contact persons, designated by the Delegations under this Protocol, to exchange information regarding the submission of the request to perform transport of passengers which is subject to the permit regime through correspondence, Two Delegations agreed that procedures, required documentation and the establishment of a new regular bus line will be decided through correspondence on the basis of reciprocity.

The Delegations also noted the importance of sustaining current cooperation in order to further develop passenger transport by road between two countries.

#### **4- Other Issues**

In order to further improve successful cooperation, both Delegations agreed to designate the contact persons (listed in the Appendix 2 of the Protocol).

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

The Greek delegation invited Bosnia and Herzegovina for the next Joint Committee Meeting to be held in Greece. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through diplomatic channels.

Done in Sarajevo on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in two original copies in the English language.

**For the Bosnia and Herzegovina Delegation**



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**For the Hellenic Delegation**



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## APPENDIX 1.

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6. Slobodan Popović, Expert Associate, English Language Interpreter, Sector for Legal and Financial Affairs, Ministry of Communications and Transport of BiH.
7. Zijad Sinanović, Director of Transport and Communications Sector, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH.
8. Nedim Smajić, Representative of the Association of International Road Hauliers, Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH.
9. Mladena Erić, Greek Language Interpreter.

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3. Mrs. Aspasia Iordanidou, Expert International Passenger Transport, Department of Passenger Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks Hellenic Republic.
4. Mrs. Evangelia Stavropoulou, Consultant, Office of the Secretary General for Transport, Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport & Networks, Hellenic Republic.
5. Mr. Apostolos Kenanidis, President, Hellenic Federation of International Road Transports (OFAE).
6. Mr. Charalambos Tsochataridis, Secretary General, Hellenic Federation of International Road Transports (OFAE).
7. Mrs. Vasiliki Stavraka, Administrative Assistant, Hellenic Federation of International Road Transports (OFAE).

**b. Embassy of the Hellenic Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

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2. Mr. Dimitros Maos, Councillor for Economic and Commercial Affairs, Embassy of the Hellenic Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
3. Mrs. Grozdana Martić, English Language Interpreter, Embassy of the Hellenic Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
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