

Protocol
of the meeting of the Joint Commission for road transport between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway

Meeting place and date:

The meeting of the Joint Commission between the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway took place in Sarajevo on 28th and 29th November (Bosnia and Herzegovina).

Agenda:

Point 1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the Agenda

Point 2. Exchange of information concerning freight transport

Point 3. Negotiations to agree on the wording of the Draft Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway on International road transport of passengers and goods.

Point 4. Passenger transport

Point 5. Goods transport

Ad.1.

At the beginning of the meeting, the Head of the BiH delegation, on behalf of the host of the meeting welcomed all attendees, pointing out that the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the initiative of BiH carriers, proposed to the competent authority of the Kingdom of Norway, through diplomatic channels, for a bilateral agreement regulating the area of international transport of passengers and goods to be concluded.

Also, the gratitude has been extended to the competent authority of the Kingdom of Norway for accepting the initiative to conclude the agreement concerned, as well as for proposing the date for the organisation of this meeting.

It was mutually agreed that the meeting was an opportunity to discuss all issues concerning transport of passengers and goods, with the aim of reaching the best solutions in the interest of all parties involved (passengers, carriers, institutions, etc.) in both Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway.

Following the welcome speech and mutual introduction of the Joint Commission meeting participants, the proposed agenda was adopted.

The list containing the members of delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway is attached to this Protocol as Attachment 1.



Ad.2.

With regard to the exchange of information concerning the transport of goods and passengers, the delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway confirmed the information, prepared and presented by the Foreign Trade Chamber of BiH, on trade exchanges between the two countries.

The representative of the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina presented statistical information on the trade exchange volume between BiH and the Kingdom of Norway.

The representative of the Kingdom of Norway presented information on trade exchange between the Kingdom of Norway and Bosnia and Herzegovina. The two delegations agreed that in the period from 2014 there is a growth in the volume of trade exchange between the two countries.

Ad.3.

After reviewing the text of the Draft Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway on International Road Transport of Passengers and Goods, the delegations agreed on the proposed text of the Agreement with the exception of Article 12.

In this regard, the BiH side will provide to the Norwegian side information concerning legislation governing the area of driver candidate training and driving exams in particular in regard to driving in winter conditions. Following the analysis of the submitted documents, the Norwegian side will inform the BiH side on its position in that regard.

Ad.4.

There are no regular bus passenger services established between Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Kingdom of Norway.

The delegations agreed that in carrying out non-regular (occasional and shuttle) passenger services which are not subject to the permit system, a passenger waybill with a list of passengers shall be regarded as a control document.

Ad.5.

The delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina suggested the liberalisation of bilateral transport, transit transport and transport to/from third countries in 2018.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Norway informed the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina that there should be a system of permits. This might be reviewed by the Joint Commission at a later stage.

In view of the foregoing, the delegations agreed the following quota of permits for transport for 2018 :

