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# of the Meeting of the Turkish-Moldovan Joint Committee on Road Transport (10-11 November 2015, Ankara)

The Turkish-Moldovan Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport was held in Ankara on 10-11 November 2015.

The delegations agreed upon the following items of the agenda:

- 1. Exchange of statistical data
- 2. Transport of goods by road
- 3. Transport of passengers by road
- 4. Other issues

The members of both delegations are listed in the appendix.

#### 1. Exchange of statistical data

The Delegations exchanged statistical information regarding the foreign trade and international road transport operations between the two countries.

The Delegations noted that the foreign trade volume between two countries have decreased in recent years.

Turkish side made a presentation about the number of road transport operations and the analysis of road transport market share between the two countries. The figures clearly put forward that the Moldovan hauliers are dominant in the market.

## 2. Transport of goods by road

Moldovan side presented information concerning the usage of permits by Moldovan hauliers. In this context, Moldovan delegation requested additional permits for 3<sup>rd</sup> country transport operations for the year 2015.

Referring to the number of unused permits for the year 2015 by the Moldovan hauliers, Turkish side stated that the unused 3<sup>rd</sup> country permits by the Moldovan hauliers will be sufficient during the year 2015 and expressed their readiness to inform the Moldovan side about the serial numbers of the permits still unused by their side. Moldovan delegation expressed their satisfaction on this proposal. Turkish side presented a hard copy of the serial numbers of unused permits to the Moldovan delegation.

Turkish side emphasized the necessity to balance transport operations between the hauliers of two countries on the grounds that the current market share is in favor of Moldovan trucks. The Delegations agreed to collaborate on this matter.

After discussions, it was agreed that the existing permit quotas will remain same for 2016, which is as below:

#### For the Turkish Side

- 825 permits for transport to/from third countries,
- 375 permits for unloading entry/loaded exit.

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#### For the Moldovan Side

- 500 permits for transport to/from third countries,
- 525 permits for unloading entry/loaded exit.

The Delegations will consider any demand for additional permits in good will during the course of the year.

The Delegations confirmed that all the permits shall be valid until 31st January of the following year.

## 3. Transport of passengers by road

The Delegations expressed their satisfaction that there are no problems in road transport of passengers between two countries.

Turkish Delegation informed the Moldovan Delegation about IPRU (International Passenger Road Transport Union), which is a non-governmental organization, established in 2009 and invited the Moldovan relevant associations to be a member of this Union.

Moldovan side will inform them accordingly and will ensure necessary consultations on the matter.

#### 4. Other issues

Turkish side informed the Moldovan side about the forged permits and improper usage of permits by Moldovan hauliers and asked them to take necessary measures to prevent such cases.

Both sides informed each other about the penalties and the procedure followed in case of the infringement of rules.

Turkish delegation stated that they control not only TIR Carnet and CMR, but also invoice and export declaration to define the type of transport operation that are made in the framework of permits bilaterally negotiated.

Negotiations took place in a friendly atmosphere and in a spirit of mutual understanding.

The Moldovan delegation invited Turkish delegation to Moldova for the next Joint Committee Meeting in 2016. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through diplomatic channels.

This Protocol was prepared and signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 in Ankara in the English language in two originals.

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