

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE MOROCCO-SLOVENIA JOINT COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS**

RABAT, ON THE 4th AND 5th DECEMBER 2025

On 4 and 5 December 2025, the meeting of the Morocco-Slovenia Joint Committee on international road transport of passengers and goods was held in Rabat.

Ms. Lalla Bahija BOUCETTA, Director of Road Transport and Head of the Moroccan Delegation, opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the Slovenian Delegation. She highlighted the importance of this meeting in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of international road transport, supporting the evolution of trade flows, and assisting economic operators in both countries.

Ms. Andreja KNEZ, Director General of Roads and Road Transport, expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome extended to her Delegation. She presented recent data on trade exchanges between the two countries and expressed the wish to further develop bilateral cooperation. She further recalled that Morocco is among Slovenia's most important trade partners in Africa and expressed her country's interest in strengthening cooperation in logistics, energy, environment and sustainable development.

The Moroccan side welcomed these strategic orientations, stressing that the Joint Committee remains a key operational platform to support the bilateral dynamic and strengthen international road transport between the two countries.

After the introduction and mutual presentation of the members of both delegations, the two Parties adopted the following agenda:

- Opening of the meeting by the Heads of Delegation;
- Presentation of trade exchanges between Morocco and Slovenia;
- International road transport of goods:
 - examination and determination of bilateral quotas for international road transport authorizations;
- International road transport of passengers;
- Miscellaneous.

I- TRADE EXCHANGES BETWEEN MOROCCO AND SLOVENIA

The Moroccan side presented statistical data on trade exchanges between the two countries.

Moroccan exports to Slovenia increased in value by +609% between 2017 and 2024, rising from MAD 204.3 million in 2017 to MAD 1,447.6 million in 2024. Imports increased also by +23% over the same period, from MAD 467.5 million in 2017 to MAD 575.7 million in 2024.

In terms of volume, Moroccan exports to Slovenia grew by +248%, rising from 22,896 tons in 2017 to 79,612 tons in 2024. Imports increased by +76% over the same period, from 9,083 tons to 15,980 tons.

This positive trend in trade exchanges represents a major opportunity for transport operators of both countries.

The Slovenian side then presented its own statistical overview.

In 2024, the value of bilateral trade amounted to EUR 141 million (a decrease of 1% compared to the previous year), including EUR 50.2 million in exports (up 34%) and EUR 90.7 million in imports (down 14%). During the first half of 2025, trade reached EUR 73 million (up 4%).

In 2024, Slovenian exports to Morocco mainly consisted of vehicles, paper, wood, plastics, optical instruments, aluminum, machinery and electrical equipment.

Imports from Morocco included vehicles, fertilizers, machinery and electrical equipment, fish and shellfish, sugar, honey, and oils.

The Slovenian side emphasized the significant potential to further develop economic cooperation, particularly in infrastructure and logistics, tourism, energy and environment, the automotive industry, renewable energy and green technologies.

II- INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS

The Moroccan side recalled that international road transport of goods and passengers between Morocco and Slovenia is governed by the bilateral agreement signed on 5 April 2016 and entered into force on 14 April 2022.

During the technical meeting held in Ljubljana on the 24 and 25 May 2016, both sides agreed to exchange a quota of 100 permits for bilateral and transit road transport, valid only after the entry into force of the agreement, which constitutes their legal basis.

The Moroccan side noted that for 2024, all 100 exchanged permits had been fully used, and that in 2025, the Slovenian permits had already been exhausted by June 2025, clearly reflecting an increased logistical mobility demand between the two countries.

Accordingly, the Moroccan side proposed an increase in the quota to 200 permits.

The Slovenian side explained that due to the favorable geographical position of Slovenia, which is at the crossroads of three European Transport Corridors (Baltic Sea - Adriatic Sea corridor, Mediterranean corridor, Western Balkans - Eastern Mediterranean corridor) is facing the challenge with increasing demands in road transport volume. Slovenia, as a small Central European country with a total of 625 km of highways, has a large share of international transport. In addition, the increase of traffic has a very large impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

To achieve the objectives of climate neutrality by 2050 the European Union has set itself the target of reducing net greenhouse emissions by at least 55% until 2030 compared to 1990. Slovenia must reduce its greenhouse gas emissions in transport sector by at least 12 % by 2030 compared to 2005, however in the period between 2005 and 2020, greenhouse gas emissions in the transport sector in Slovenia increased by 4%. Slovenia must therefore strengthen its efforts to limit the negative impact of transport sector, especially in road transport, including greater restrictions and reducing quotas of permits. For the above reasons, the Slovenian side cannot approve and has not approved any increase in the quota of permits, not only to Morocco, but also to other countries.

In this context, Slovenian side proposed to Moroccan side to reduce the existing agreed quota of permits.

The Slovenian side underlined Slovenia's support for Morocco's candidacy to join the system of Multilateral quota ECMT permits within the International Transport Forum (ITF). It further noted that Moroccan permits are underused by Slovenian transport operators, only 5 – 8 permits being used annually. Slovenian side invited Moroccan operators to strengthen cooperation with their Slovenian counterparts.

The Moroccan side emphasized that Morocco is actively working towards alignment with the ECMT Quality Charter requirements, particularly regarding professional driver training, the introduction of the digital tachograph and the establishment of conditions for access to international road transport.

It added that European environmental requirements are already applied to Moroccan operators transporting goods to Europe.

The Moroccan side stressed that reducing the quota would be difficult to consider given the strong market growth and rising needs of Moroccan operators. Moroccan transport associations insisted on the strategic importance of the Slovenian market and the need to maintain, or even increase, the quota.

After extensive discussions, the two sides agreed to maintain the current quota of 100 permits and encouraged Moroccan and Slovenian operators to strengthen cooperation to ensure optimal use of the available permits.

The Slovenian side invited the Moroccan delegation to carry out a technical visit to Slovenia, in order to familiarize itself with Slovenia's experience regarding social rules and their enforcement through the digital tachograph.

The Moroccan side thanked the Slovenian side for this initiative and proposed that technical teams from both sides coordinate the organization of this visit.

III- INTERNATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS.

The Moroccan side informed the Slovenian side of the presence of a large Moroccan community in Italy and of the interest of Moroccan operators in exploring the Slovenian market in order to establish potential regular international coach services.

The Moroccan side expressed the wish of Moroccan operators to receive the contact details of their Slovenian counterparts, in order to facilitate market exploration and the development of potential partnerships.

The Slovenian side took note of this request and expressed its readiness to facilitate exchanges between operators of both countries.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The Slovenian side provided a positive assessment of the cooperation between Slovenian and Moroccan control authorities, describing it as effective and constructive.

Representatives of both Slovenian control organs, Infrastructure Inspectorate and Financial Administration authority, explained that no major irregularities were found during their control procedures involving Moroccan transport operations.

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Ms. Lalla Bahija BOUCETTA	: Director of Road Transport (Head of Delegation)
Ms. Saida KABIL	: Head of the Division of Road Freight Transport
Ms. Amina RADI	: Head of the Department of International Road Freight Transport.
Ms. Rajaa FATIMI	: Representative of the Customs and Excise Administration
Mr. Khalid EL BETTACHI	: Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Ms. Fadoua SAFIOUI and Ms.Maha BENALI	: Representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade
Mr. Rachid TAHRI	: Representative of the General Confederation of Moroccan Enterprises (CGEM) – Transport and Logistics Federation (FT-CGEM), TIRM section
Mr. Najib BENHADDOU	: Representative of the Moroccan Association for National, International Transport and Logistics (AMTNIL)
Mr. Abdelmalek HRIOUCH	: Representative of the Democratic Federation of National and International Transport (FDTNI)
Ms. Noufissa LAHMIL	: French/English Interpreter

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Mr. Herman ZAKRAJŠEK	:	Director of Road Transport Inspection, Infrastructure Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia
Ms. Mateja FILIPČIČ	:	Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Finance
Mr. Janko PETAN	:	Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of Finance
Mr. Igor SEP	:	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
Mr. Milan SLOKAR	:	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
Ms. Natalija REPANŠEK	:	Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia
Mr. Bogdan SEMENIČ	:	Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia

The Slovenian side presented the new European Entry/Exit System (EES), recently implemented in the Schengen area, which requires biometric registration of third-country nationals, automated calculation of authorized stays, and interconnection of data with European platforms.

The Moroccan side conveyed the concerns of professional operators regarding the implications of this system for road drivers and expressed the wish to see the emergence of a specific professional visa that would consider the constraints of their activity.

The Slovenian side indicated that it shared this concern and was closely following discussions at the European level.

The Slovenian side highlighted the structural shortage of professional drivers in Europe and raised the possibility that some Moroccan drivers might be interested in working in Slovenia.

The Moroccan side proposed starting with a mutual recognition agreement for driving licenses, as is the case with other European partners (Spain, France and Italy).

It further indicated that Morocco is carefully examining this matter to find a balance between sectoral needs and the issue of driver migration.

The Slovenian side explained that, under the new European Driving License Directive, the establishment of an evaluation committee to assess third-country licensing systems is now a mandatory prerequisite for the conclusion of any mutual recognition agreement.

IV- CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

Both delegations expressed their satisfaction with the spirit of mutual understanding, the quality of the discussions, and the constructive approach that characterized the work of the Joint Committee.

The Slovenian side invited the Moroccan side to attend the next meeting of the Joined Committee in Slovenia.

Done and signed in Rabat, on the 5th of December 2025, in two originals in French and English languages.

FOR THE SLOVENIAN DELEGATION

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FOR THE MOROCCAN DELEGATION

Ms. Lalla Bahija BOUCETTA