

**PROTOCOL
of the Slovenian-Turkish
Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport**

The Road Transport Joint Committee meeting was held between Slovenia and Turkey in Ankara on 26-27 January 2004 to further develop cooperation in road transport between the two countries.

The delegations negotiated the transport of passenger and goods between their countries on the basis of the following agenda.

- 1- Exchange of statistical information,
- 2- Transport of passengers,
- 3- Transport of goods,
- 4- Other subjects

The members of both delegations are in the appendix.

1. Exchange of Statistical Information

Both delegations exchanged views and statistical information regarding the trade and current situation of road transport between the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Slovenia and reached consensus that the progress of trade and road transport between their countries is at a satisfactory level.

The delegations expressed their sincere belief that trade between their countries will further develop in the future.

2- Transport of Passengers

The two delegations stressed the insufficiency of passenger transport on account of economic and geographical reasons between the two countries and agreed to exert every effort to improve the regular (scheduled) transport of passengers.

The delegations welcomed the coming into force in their respective countries of the INTERBUS Agreement and said occasional passenger transport will be carried out in conformity with this Agreement and the control documents referred to in the Agreement.

3- Transport of Goods

The delegations agreed that the primary purpose of their cooperation is to develop trade and facilitate the transport of goods between Turkey and Slovenia.

Moreover they agreed to encourage the hauliers of two countries to come together in order to ensure the development of road transport for the mutual benefits of their countries.



The Turkish delegation, with a view to preventing the disruption of transport, proposed that the transit permit quota for 2004 be raised to 15.000 and the third country permit quota to 1.500.

Following lengthy discussions the delegations confirmed that bilateral transport of goods be permit-free and decided that the other 2004 permit quotas be as follows :

- 9.000 permits for EURO 2 standard vehicles,
- 6.000 permits for EURO 3 standard vehicles,
- 500 permits for to/from third countries transport.

The permits exchanged in November 2003 for 3.000 EURO 1 standard vehicles for 2004 will be used in exchange for the bonus permits which will be obtained for the use in 2004 of trains.

The bonus permits for users of Ro-La lines will be given half of the total number of train usages as EURO 1 standard vehicle permits.

The Slovenian delegation said that the Turkish hauliers to cross Slovenia transit by using the port of Koper are exempt from using permits and wanted that the port of Koper be used in transit transports via Slovenia.

However the Turkish delegation said that Ro-Ro transport in Turkey is conducted by the private sector, that the private sector companies will be recommended to use the port of Koper and that the Slovenian Side should on the other hand take measures encouraging hauliers to use this port.

The delegations agreed that the duration of the permits shall be valid until the January 31st of the following year.

4- Other Subjects

The Turkish delegation gave ample information on the problems faced in Slovenia by Turkish hauliers in regard to visa procedures and to the customs procedures which Turkish hauliers are denied in bilateral transport on weekends and called for assistance from the Slovenian delegation. The Slovenian delegation took note of points mentioned by the Turkish side and said they will expend efforts for these problems to be resolved.

The Turkish delegation said that some Turkey-bound Turkish hauliers loading in Slovenia were fined on the grounds that they conducted third countries transport and wanted not the address on the invoice but the TIR carnet and CMR to be taken as basis for their destination point. The Slovenian delegation acknowledge the Turkish side's argument and said it will try to find a solution to the problem within two monts.

The Slovenian delegation informed the Turkish delegation of the various violations by Turkish hauliers on Slovenian territories. The Turkish side said that the necessary procedure is going to be followed in this respect and the Slovenian side be informed of the result.



Delegations agreed that for uniform control a vehicle proved to meet the EURO 2 (or more) standard by the original documents as laid down in CEMT/CM/2001/9 FINAL. A EURO 2 standard vehicle would be proved by means of the form laid down in Annex 5A. A EURO 3 standard vehicle would be proved by means of the form laid down in Annex 6A.

Slovenian delegation invited the Turkish delegation to Slovenia for the next Joint Committee Meeting and the Turkish delegation accepted the invitation with pleasure. It has been decided to determine the exact date and venue of the subject meeting through bilateral correspondence.

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

This Protocol signed in Ankara on 27 January 2004 in two original copies, in the English language.

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