TWELFTH MEETING
OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE
ON THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE BLACK SEA RING HIGHWAY

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THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EFFECTS ON ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT SECTOR:
- FOCUS ON THE BLACK SEA RING HIGHWAY

1) OBSERVATIONS OF COVID-19 ON LOGISTICS

2) DISASTORS SHOWED THAT CONNECTIVITY IS THE KEY FOR THE PROSPERITY

3) FOCUS ON BLACK SEA HIGHWAYS
   - CONTINOUS PROBLEM
   - GOOD EXAMPLES

4) CONCLUSION
OBSERVATIONS OF COVID-19 ON LOGISTICS

THE FLUCTUATIONS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

- Majority of countries in recession
- Real GDP growth:
  - No data
  - -70% to -15%
  - -15% to -5%
  - -5% to 0%
  - 0% to 2.5%
  - 2.5% to 5%
  - > 10%

- Unemployment rate:
  - Total: % of labour force, Jan 2020 – Feb 2021

- World passenger traffic collapses with unprecedented decline in history
  - -44 to -51% decline in world total passengers in 2021 vs. 2019
  - -60% decline in world total passengers in 2020

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A MEETING OF THE SECRETARY GENERALS OF IRU, TRACECA, BSEC, ECO AND TURKIC COUNCIL, WAS HELD ONLINE ON 15 MARCH 2021. JOINT STATEMENT.

- OBSERVATIONS:
  - Took note of the significant economic decline of between -7% and -8% of GDP in 2020, alongside the related decline in road transport operator revenues of between -18% and -22% (IRU Covid-19 Impact Report, Geneva, 2020).

- SOLUTIONS:
  - Keep national and international mobility and supply chains operational, while ensuring safe working conditions for transport workers.
  - Encourage targeted financial support measures for road transport operators to address the current liquidity crisis and prevent mass bankruptcies.
  - Encourage the use of digital tools that already exist, including eTIR, e-CMR and e-ticketing, which facilitate the flow of goods and passengers across borders without physical human contact.
  - Recognise road transport workers as key workers and award them the same protection as other vital service workers during the Covid-19 response, including vaccination priority.
  - Consider coordinated approaches for a digital Covid-19 negative test / vaccine passport for commercial drivers.
  - Investigate the possibility of creating a network of designated focal points among Member States for enhanced coordination and collaboration.
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OBSERVATIONS OF COVID-19 ON LOGISTICS

HUGE FAMILY CONNECTED WITH LOGISTIC CHAINS

- BLOCKAGE OF SUEZ CHANNEL
- CONTAINER SHORTAGE DILEMMA

INTERRUPTIONS IN AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

- SHORTAGE OF COMPUTERS
- ENORMOUS INCREASES IN SEA FREIGHTS
- THE NEED FOR NEW CONTAINER PRODUCTION
  (MINIMUM 5 MILLION)
Efforts to begin producing more Covid-19 vaccines for world-wide distribution are running up against supply-chain reality. The U.S.

**THE QUESTIONS FOR THE HUMANITY:**

If vaccines will be available for the world, can we save human lives by our countries’ logistic competence?
OBSERVATIONS OF COVID-19 ON LOGISTICS

THE COUNTRIES’ RESTRICTIVE UNILATERAL URGENT ACTIONS CAUSED GREAT DAMAGES ON DRIVERS AND ECONOMIES

LESSONS TO LEARN:

- GREEN LANES
- NEED OF PREDESIGNATED TASK FORCES BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND REGULATIONS AGAINST DISASTERS (EXAMPLE: DRIVER VISAS)
- DIGITALIZATION (REMOVING PHYSICAL CONTACT, FACILITATION AND OPTIMIZATION OF LOGISTICS CHAIN)
- URGENT APPLICATION OF AGREEMENTS AND CONVENTIONS ON FACILITATION OF ROAD TRANSPORT
FOCUS ON BLACK SEA HIGHWAY

BORDER CROSSING PROBLEMS IN THE BSEC-REGION

- THERE ARE BORDERS STILL DO NOT HAVE GREEN LANES
- EXCEPT CUSTOMS, THERE ARE UNITS IN THE BORDERS WHO DO NOT WORK 7/24, EVEN MEDICINES ARE WAITING OVER DAYS IN THE BORDERS
- THERE ARE SOME BORDER CROSSING POINTS IN THE BSEC COUNTRIES, WHOOSE CROSSINGS NUMBERS ARE CONSTANT FOR YEARS AND NO CERTAIN EFFORTS FOR IMPROVEMENT
- STRONG LINKS NEEDED BETWEEN PORTS AND HIGHWAYS

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ADAPTATION OF NEW YORK CITY SMART CITY CONCEPT - SMART BORDERS

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COLLECTING GOOD EXAMPLES AMONG BSEC HIGHWAYS:
TRUCK PARK IN KAPIKULE

WHAT WE OBSERVE IN THE TRUCK PARK:
BETWEEN KAPİKULE AND KAPİTAN ANDREEVO

- CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT IN THE NUMBER OF BORDER CROSSINGS WHILE USING:
  - APPLICATION OF DIGITALIZATION
  - AIMING THE COMFORT OF THE BASIC ELEMENT OF THE LOGISTIC CHAIN; DRIVERS
THANK YOU!

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