

## AGREED MINUTES

of the Serbian – Latvian Transport Experts Meeting held on 20 and 21 September 2012 in Belgrade

After the exchange of greetings and the introduction of members of the two delegations, whose list is in the Annex 1 of this Agreed Minutes, it was agreed as follows:

### AGENDA

1. Agreement
2. Exchange of statistical data
3. Transport of goods
4. Miscellaneous

#### Ad. 1

The Latvian side informed the Serbian side that the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on International Transport by Road signed on 2 March 2012, on 6 September 2012 was ratified by the Latvian Parliament, about which the Serbian side will be informed through diplomatic channels. The Serbian side informed that all the procedures regarding the adoption of the Agreement in the Republic of Serbia are completed and that the text of the Agreement is in the Serbian Parliament ready to be ratified.

#### Ad.2

The two delegations exchanged information on the development of bilateral foreign trade, with special emphasis on the performed road transport of goods. The both delegations noted that trade volumes between Serbia and Latvia has increased in last three years. In this regard, high level of compliance between the presented data was noted, as well as the dominance of road transport in the realized exchange of goods. With regard to this data, it was noted that the world economic crisis is near its end and the expectations are that the bilateral exchange shall increase in the near future.

#### Ad.3

The two Sides exchanged views on the regime of permits for the transport performance in bilateral and to / from third countries transport.

For international goods transport operations in the year 2012 the delegations agreed to establish the following final quota of permits:

- 500 permits for bilateral transport operations,
- 50 universal permits valid for bilateral and to / from third countries operations.

After discussions, the delegations agreed on preliminary permit quota for the year 2013:

- 700 permits for bilateral transport operations,
- 100 universal permits valid for bilateral and to / from third countries operations.

If in the course of the year the agreed number of permits does not meet the needs of one of the sides, the other side shall benevolently consider requests for additional number of permits.

The permits shall be valid until 31<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.

Both Delegations agreed that the permits for the next year shall be exchanged till the 1<sup>st</sup> December of the current year.

The permits shall be exchanged in territory of Latvia between authorized person by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Serbia and the competent institution of the Republic of Latvia.

Both delegations discussed about the ECMT quotas and their actual development. Concerning the new Russian position, both delegations share the opinion that the ECMT road transport group should adopt a positive and constructive attitude but wait from the Russian Federation further detailed information on the idea of a trial period for implementing this new approach.

Both delegations are of the opinion that concerning the discussion on intermodal quota and its three options as well as on quality charter, these issues should be deeply analyzed in order to find the optimal solution for 2016.

#### Ad.4

It was also agreed to exchange information on road tolls and fees paid by the carriers during the transport activities and all possible border procedures according to national legislation.

The Latvian delegation informed that in accordance with Directive 2006/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 amending Directive 1999/62/EC on the charging of heavy goods vehicles for the use of certain infrastructures Latvia was planning to introduce road vignette for trucks with permissible total weight over 3.5 tons starting as from this year. Taking into account the global economical situation it has been decided to postpone introduction of a road vignette by January 1, 2014. The Latvian side noted that the vignette will be electronic. It is foreseen to organize purchasing of it by a fuel card, a credit card, by mobile phone or by internet. It is planned the payment will be fixed in the amount of 11 EUR per day and applied only on main roads. The carriers will be able to purchase a day, a week, a month and a year vignettes. An electronic database will be used for control of the vignette system. The vignettes be issued taking into consideration ecological standards of the vehicles, number of axles, etc. The Latvian side will provide information concerning this matter before the introduction of the vignette system.

Regarding passenger transport, the Latvian side addressed the issue in connection with the procedure for the issuance of permits for regular service. The Serbian side responded that if there is an interest for the establishment of bilateral bus lines it shall not insist on the reciprocity and shall react to these requests of the Latvian side in due time and in positive manner.

The Latvian side submitted two requests for the change of the timetable for two transit permits for the lines transiting Serbia. The Serbian side confirmed that it shall react to these requests of the Latvian side in due time and in positive manner.

Regarding the occasional transport of passengers, the Serbian side informed that the form of the waybill with list of passengers provided for by the Latvian national legislation shall be acceptable for the Serbian control authorities.

The two parties agreed to use the following contacts for the information regarding transport of passengers:

- for the Serbian side: Ministry of Transport, Sector for Road Transport, Street Omladinskih brigada 1, 11 070 Belgrade, Serbia  
email: [mputnicki@mi.gov.rs](mailto:mputnicki@mi.gov.rs)  
phone: +381 11 311 42 91  
fax: +381 11 311 71 03
- the Latvian delegation informed that as from 30 September 2011 the competent authority for regular bus permits is the Latvian Road Transport Administration,  
Valnu Street 30, Riga, LV-1050, Latvia;  
email: [daiga.ancane@atd.lv](mailto:daiga.ancane@atd.lv)  
phone: +371 67686493  
fax: +371 67686481

The Latvian side informed that starting as from April 1, 2011 road transport control functions are executed by the Traffic Control Bureau of the Prevention Department of the State Police Central Public Order Police department (address: Stabu street 89, Riga, LV-1009, Latvia; phone: + 371 67208108; fax: +371 67274789; email: [inta.lujane@cpp.vp.gov.lv](mailto:inta.lujane@cpp.vp.gov.lv)).

It was noted that special authorizations for carriage of abnormal loads in Latvia are issued by the State joint- stock company "Latvian State Roads" ( address: Gogola street 3, Riga, LV -1743; phone/fax: +371 67036412; email: [kadikis@lvceli.lv](mailto:kadikis@lvceli.lv) and [lvceli@lvceli.lv](mailto:lvceli@lvceli.lv)).

The Latvian delegation informs that after entering into force of the EU Road Transport Package a company can now receive Community license up to 10 years. Before it used to be 5 years. As to a copy of the Community license the registration number of a vehicle is indicated and it is valid for a year. The information was presented on organization of road transport operations and structure of the fleet at disposal of carriers in Latvia.

The Latvian side informed that for organization of border crossing at the external EU border crossing points in Latvia, it is planned to introduce electronic reservation system. The said system is going to be extended exclusively to trucks. Introduction is planned on 1 January 2013 at the border crossing points with Russia and in 2014 with Belarus.

The negotiations were held in a friendly and amiable atmosphere, a mutual satisfaction of the results obtained during this meeting being expressed.

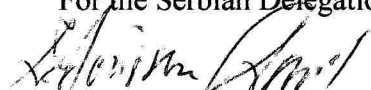
The two delegations emphasized the position that shall continue to promote relations between the two countries in the field of road transport.

The Latvian Side proposed the next Joint Committee Meeting to be held in 2013 in Latvia.

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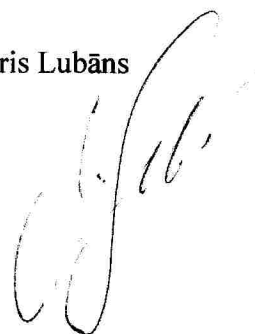
For the Serbian Delegation



Mr. Damir Ledencan

For the Latvian Delegation

Mr. Andris Lubāns



# List of the Delegations

## **Serbian Delegation**

### Head of delegation:

Damir Ledenčan, Head of the International Road Transport, Ministry of Transport

### Members of delegation:

- 1) Jelena Topalović Kitanović, adviser, Ministry of Transport;
- 2) Vesna Đorđević, adviser, International road transport, Ministry of Transport;
- 3) Olivera Đokić, contributor, International road transport, Ministry of Transport;
- 4) Aleksandar Rajić; advisor; International road transport, Ministry of Transport;
- 5) Dušan Mladenović, secretary general of the Association for Traffic and Telecommunications of Serbian Chamber of Commerce;
- 6) Branko Bešević, the representative of the Serbian Transporters of goods;
- 7) Goran Đorđević, the representative of the Serbian Transporters of goods.

## **Latvian Delegation**

### Head of delegation:

Mr. Andris Lubāns- Director of Land Transport Department, Ministry of Transport;

### Members of delegation:

- 1) Mr. Andulis Židkovs –Member of the Board, Road Transport Administration;
- 2) Mr. Aivars Olants – Senior Expert of International Road Carriage Co-ordination Division, Road Transport Administration.