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# of the regular meeting of the Latvian-Uzbek Joint Commission on International Road Transport

On 11-12 June 2024 in Tashkent was held regular meeting of the Uzbek-Latvian Joint Commission on International Road Transport, in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Latvia and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on International Road Transport dated May 23, 1996.

The parties discussed the following issues on the Agenda:

- 1. Exchange of information on the current state of development of trade and economic relations and international road transport of goods between Latvia and Uzbekistan.
  - 2. Creation of additional favorable conditions for international transport.
- **3.** Determination of additional exchange of permit forms for international road transport for 2024.
  - 4. Miscellaneous.

#### Agenda item 1.

The parties exchanged information on trade relations between the two countries and on the organization of cargo transportation by road in each of them.

The Latvian delegation presented information on passenger and road freight transport, as well as information on international trade between countries.

Both sides noted with satisfaction the development of trade between the two countries and expressed hope that the volume of international freight transport between the countries will continue the positive trend of development and in the future.

## Agenda item 2.

The Uzbek side noted that currently national road carriers have a high need for cargo transportation to the countries of the European Union.

Of particular interest is the route through the ports of Latvia, which represents an important direction for expanding trade relations between Uzbekistan and EU countries.

Taking into account the active development of trade and interaction within the framework of bilateral economic relations, the Uzbek side expressed a desire to increase the volume of cargo transportation and effectively use the potential of

Latvia's port infrastructure to ensure continuous movement of goods between Uzbekistan and EU countries.

The Latvian side expressed its readiness to provide all possible assistance in creating favorable conditions for Uzbek road carriers.

In this context, an agreement was reached on the provision by the Latvian side of permits with special marks for organizing the transportation of goods by road through the ports of Latvia.

### Agenda item 3.

The Parties exchanged information on the use of permits for 2023 and the first quarter of 2024 and agreed to exchange this information regularly.

The parties agreed to set a quota of permits for 2024 in the following quantities:

# for the Uzbek side:

- 7,000 pcs. for bilateral and transit transportation;
- 1,500 pcs. for transportation through the ports of Latvia;
- 1,500 pcs. universal permits.

### for the Latvian side:

- 3,000 pcs. for bilateral and transit transportation;
- 4,000 pcs. universal permits.

The parties agreed that within a year, based on needs and analysis of the activities of road carriers, will consider the issue on additional exchange of permits.

# Agenda item 4.

In order to further create favorable conditions for road carriers of the European Union, the Uzbek side informed that work is currently underway to introduce changes and additions to the legislation providing for the establishment of entry/transit road tolls for carriers of EU countries on a parity basis.

The parties reached an agreement in the first half of August 2024, organize a visit to the Republic of Latvia of an Uzbek delegation from among representatives of interested ministries and departments, as well as business communities and entrepreneurs to study the infrastructure of Latvian ports and discuss the issue of providing preferential conditions when organizing ferry services.

The Latvian side offered to familiarize the Uzbek delegation with the implementation of the multilateral permit system of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) during a visit to the Republic of Latvia.

The delegations exchanged information about the competent authorities in the field of road transport of both countries.

The Latvian side noted that the functions of monitoring road transport within the country are performed by the Bureau of Road Traffic Supervision and Coordination of the Road Safety Directorate of the Main Directorate of State Police (address: Ezermalas street 10B, Riga, LV-1009, tel.: +371 67 208 143; e-mail: sdp@vp.gov.lv).

The Uzbek delegation reported that in Uzbekistan, road transport control, including control of maximum permissible weights and dimensions, is carried out by the Transport Inspectorate under the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan (address: Tashkent, Katta Darkhan 2-tor street, building 5, tel: +998 71 202 05 01 ext. 442, e-mail: devon@uztn.uz, murojaat@uztn.uz, website: www.uztn.uz).

It was noted that special permits for the transportation of oversized cargo in Latvia are issued by the State Joint Stock Company «Latvian State Roads» (address: Torna str. 7/9, room 203, Riga, LV-1050, tel.: +371 67 036 412 e-mail: atlaujas@lvceli.lv).

The Uzbek delegation reported that special permits for the transportation of large cargo in Uzbekistan are issued by the State Committee on Highways under the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Uzbekistan (address: Tashkent, Mustakillik Shokh St. 68, tel.: +998 71 207 67 68, electronic submission documents: https://shaffofyul.uz/ru/)

The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.

Both delegations emphasized the fruitfulness of the meeting.

The Latvian delegation invited the Uzbek delegation to Latvia for the next meeting of the Joint Commission in Riga. The exact dates of the meeting will be further agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

The protocol was drawn up in Tashkent on June 12, 2024 in two originals in English and Russian each.

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