


# PROTOCOL OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING ON ROAD TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO AND REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Joint Committee meeting on Road Transport between Kosovo and Bulgaria was held in Pristina on 27-28. April 2017.

Members of both delegations are listed in the annex I.

The Delegations agreed upon the following agenda:

1. Exchange of statistical information on trade and transport;
2. Transport of passenger;
3. Transport of Goods;
4. Other issued;

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## 1. Exchange of statistical information on trade and transport

The Delegations exchanged information and statistical data regarding commercial relations, goods and passenger transport between two countries. They expressed their satisfaction over the increasing trade and cooperation between two countries.

The Delegations agreed to take necessary measures and exert efforts to further develop transport of goods and passenger transport as well as trade between two countries.

Both delegations expressed their happiness about the completion of the ratification process of the "Agreement Between The Government of The Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on International Transport of Passengers and Goods By Road", Signed on 27 Jun 2011 in Sofia and Agreement on an amendment of the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kosovo and Government Republic of Bulgaria on International Transport of Passengers and Goods By Road signed on 27. June 2011, this was signet on 08. May 2014 and expressed their belief that the trade and economic relations between two countries will further develop with the implementation of this Agreement and amendment of the Agreement.

## 2. Transport of passenger

Both Delegations exchange information on passenger transport and agreed to establish the regular bus lines between our countries and in transit if request is made by the Transport Operator.

The exchange of information for international regular bus lines based on Agreement between the Government of The Republic of Kosovo and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on International Transport of Passengers and Goods by Road, article 3, will be made through the following authorities:

- In case of Kosovo, Ministry of Infrastructure, Land transport Department;
- In case of Bulgaria, Executive Agency Road Transport Administration, Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications.

Both delegations expressed their satisfaction with the number of the permits for shuttle bus services, and agreed that the number of permits shall remain the same - 100 pieces.

Both delegations agreed that upon request of one of the sides for additional permits the other side will consider the request in a timely manner.

### 3. Transport of Goods

The Kosovo delegation having in mind increase of trade exchanges and very good cooperation between our countries proposed the liberalization of bilateral and transit transport of goods between our countries.

Bulgarian delegation agreed that both countries should work towards liberalization of bilateral and transit of freight transport and should consult the future steps in that direction in order to find a favourable solution.

Both delegations agreed that the liberalisation will facilitate the administrative procedures for the hauliers and will save the additional expenditures for the authorities.

Both delegations agreed to increase the number of universal – bilateral/transit permits from 600 to 2000 and from 50 to 100 permits to/from third countries. The agreed quota is the following:

- 2000 universal permits (valid for bilateral and transit transport operations);
- 100 to/from third countries.

Both delegations agreed that upon request of one of the sides for additional permits the other side will consider the request in a manner which reflects the good cooperation between the two countries.

The Bulgarian side provided the quota of the permits to the Kosovo side during the meeting. The Kosovo side stated that they will provide to the Bulgarian side their permits until 15 May 2017.

### 4. Other issued

The Kosovo delegation asked the Bulgarian delegation for their support in international platforms for being membership of international organization and being part of to the international organization, Agreement/Conventions especially in the field of transport.

Also, the Kosovo side request assistance for the implementation of the aquis in the field of transport, through the existing instruments of the Commission like TAIEX.

Bulgarian delegation stated that they will provide their support in case it is needed and in the framework of the competences of the Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications.

The meeting was held in a friendly and constructive atmosphere with mutual understanding.

The Bulgarian delegation invited the Kosovo Delegation to Bulgaria for the next Joint Committee meeting. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through bilateral correspondence.

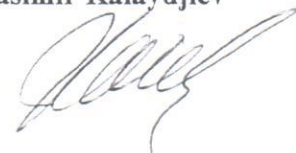
Done in Prishtina, on 28. April 2017, in two originals in English language.

**For the Kosovo Delegation**

  
**Xheme Veseli**

**For Bulgarian delegation**

**Krasimir Kalaydjiev**



### **COMPOSITION OF THE KOSOVO DELEGATION**

1. Mr. Xheme Veseli – Director of Road Transport Directorate/Ministry of Infrastructure, Head of Delegation;
2. Mr. Fejzulla Mustafa – Head of Division for Freight and Dangerous goods Transport/ Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;
3. Mr. Martin Halilaj – Head of Division for Passenger Transport / Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;
4. Mr. Nazmi Gashi – Head of Division Policy development and international relationship/ Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;
5. Mr. Çerkin Dukolli – Chief inspector/ Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;
6. Mrs. Fatmire Stublla – Officer of International Passenger Transport/ Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;
7. Mr. Vllaznim Maloku – Officer for Freight Transport/ Ministry of Infrastructure, Member of Delegation;

### **COMPOSITION OF THE BULGARIAN DELEGATION**

1. Mr. Krasimir Kalaydjiev, - Executive Director of Executive Agency Road Transport Administration, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Head of Delegation;
2. Valeri Hristov – Counselor in the Bulgarian Embassy in Pristina, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
3. Mr. Emil Nikolov, Head of Department for Transport of Goods Executive Agency Road Transport Administration, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Member of Delegation;
4. Mrs. Rositsa Boneva - Churukova, Chief of Expert in the Department for Transport of passenger, Executive Agency Road Transport Administration, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Member of Delegation;
5. Mr. George Popov, Chief of Expert in the “European Coordination and International Corporation” Directorate within the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Member of Delegation.