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of the Turkish-Czech Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport 26-27 April 2023, Istanbul

The Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport was held between the Delegations of the Republic of Türkiye and the Czech Republic in Istanbul on 26th-27th April 2023.

The Members of both Delegations are listed in the appendix.

Items of the agenda are as follows:

- 1. Exchange of Statistical Data
- 2. Goods Transport
- 3. Other Issues

1. Exchange of Statistical Data

The Delegations exchanged statistical information regarding the foreign trade and international road transport in terms of volume and value between the two countries and expressed their satisfaction over the increasing trade volume and transport operations in recent years.

2. Goods Transport

The Turkish Delegation made a detailed presentation on transport market statistics and proposed to increase the transit quota for Turkish carriers.

After negotiations, the Delegations agreed to keep the quota of the permits as established in the last Protocol of the Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport signed on 23rd November 2022 as follows:

Bilateral permits 16.000
Bilateral/transit permits 10.000

- Universal permits (bilateral-transit-to/from third countries) 1.500

Taking into account the increase in trade and road transport operations in recent years, the Delegations agreed to start a trial process for the period of 1st July-31st December 2023 to encourage their hauliers for further cooperation. Accordingly, the Turkish side shall not require permit from Czech vehicles for the transport operations to/from third countries; and Czech side shall not require permit from Turkish vehicles for the transport operations in transit through Czechia.

The Delegations will have the next Joint Committee Meeting in January 2024 to evaluate the results of this trial process and agree on the quota and permit system.

The Delegations agreed that requests for additional permits during the course of the year will be evaluated in good will.

The Delegations will exchange quota of the permits for the next year in November. The Delegations also agreed that all the permits will be valid until 31st January of the following year.

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3. Other Issues

In order to develop the cooperation between the private sectors of two countries, the Delegations agreed their non-governmental organizations to have a meeting in Istanbul during second half of 2023, including site visits and B2B (business-to-business) meetings.

Both sides confirmed that the provisions of this Protocol shall be valid until replaced by a new Protocol.

The Turkish Delegation invited the Czech Delegation for the next meeting of the Joint Committee. The exact date and venue of the meeting will be determined through diplomatic channels.

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