

Technical Committee
Supervising the
Implementation of the
Transit Agreement
between Arab States
Cairo, 11-14 May 2014

Report & Recommendations

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First:

- 1. The Technical Committee Supervising the implementation of the Arab Transit Agreement Between Arab States conducted its meeting in the Head Quarters of the League of Arab States during 11-14 May 2014, with the participation of the Arab member states delegates and representatives from the International Road Transport Union (IRU).
- 2. The opening was conducted by Dr. Mohammed Nasour (Representative of the League of Arab States Secretariat General) welcoming the participating delegates and pointing out the importance of the committee's work in strengthening intra trade and facilitating it through comprehensive development of the Arab Transit Agreement Between the Arab States.
- 3. Mr. Eid Bin Moqbel Al Otaibi was Head of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Delegation was elected to chair the meeting, giving a welcoming address to welcome all the participating delegates and thanked them for their continues call on him to chair the meeting pointing out the importance of coordinating the work of amending the Arab Transit Agreement between the Arab States in the light of developments taking place in the regional integration process on the level of the greater free Arab Trade area and the Arab Customs Union.

Second:

The committee announced its agenda as follows:

First Item: Development and Modernisation of the Arab Transit Agreement Between the Arab States.

Second Item: Date and Place of conducting the next Committee meeting

Third:

the committee discussed the subjects listed on the agenda as follows:

<u>First Item:</u> Development and Modernisation of the Arab Transit Agreement between <u>Arab States</u>

- -The Committee was briefed on the Secretariat's note and on the proposition made by the Secretariat General regarding the motives behind the Development and Modernisation and the decisions of the Economic & social Counsel.
- -The Economic & Social Counsel were informed of the decision No. 1984 in its 93rd session dated 13.02.2014 which included that the Secretariat General prepares an amended transit agreement between the Arab states and that the Secretariat would invite the International Road Transport Union (IRU) who is concerned with the TIR Convention to attend the meetings with a view to benefit from the TIR international experience.
- The Committee was also informed of the Notes of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Kingdom of Morocco regarding the suggestions to develop and modernise the transit

agreement between the Arab States, also the absence of the revised draft agreement to the member states.

- -The meeting was also informed of the transport of goods by road agreement between Arab States and multi modal transport agreement between Arab States and the translated TIR Convention to Arabic to use in developing the Arab Transit Agreement between Arab States in the next meetings.
- The committee also thanked the International Road Transport Union (IRU) for accepting the invitation and for the proposition made by the IRU's representatives on the TIR Convention and answering all delegates queries on the international TIR system and how to benefit from it in developing transit between Arab states.

and after discussions

Recommends

- 1. The Secretariat General to submit a draft of the amended transit agreement to member states before the end of June 2014 so it would include the original texts and what meets it of amended texts, and that the Arab States would submit their notes to the Secretariat General regarding the draft agreement.
- 2. Request that the Secretariat General of the League of Arab States to address the Arab States to submit the naming of applied fees and service wages during transit operations between Arab states and thus executing the decision of the Economic and Social Counsel in this regards.
- 3. Stress the importance of participating in the next meetings for the Committee supervising the implementation of the Arab transit agreement for the Arab States that did not participate, and so executing the decision of the Economic and Social Counsel in this regards.

<u>Second Item: Date and Place of conducting the next Committee meeting:</u>
Invitation to conduct the next committee meeting on 27-30 October 2014 in the Secretariat General Head Quarters, and that the agenda of the next meeting would include the legal provisions of the agreement (Chapter One - Chapter Three (Items 1-10))

Head of the meeting

Mr. Eid Bin Moqbel Al Otaibi Customs Authority Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Secretariat General Representative Dr. Mohammed Nasour

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