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ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE GREEN CARD BUREAU IN BELGRADE

The General Assembly of the Council of the Bureau of the Green Card System was held from 1 to 3 June in Belgrade. This is the most important annual meeting of the System. The Association of Serbian Insurers, as the organizer, hosted more than 150 delegates from 47 member states. The AIS General Secretary Duško Jovanović pointed out that the General Assembly was attended by representatives of the Green Card Bureau from all member states as well as the representatives of the guarantee funds of those states, indemnity bureaus and information centres.

Speaking of the significance of the Green Card System, mr. Jovanović reminded the participants that above 400,000 traffic accidents occurred in Europe annually, involving drivers from different countries. Therefore, without the Green Card System, the process of collecting the damages due would be complicated, to say the least. The System protects the claimants and allows them the right to indemnity as though it were a collision with a locally owned vehicle in the country of residence. Without the System, the international motor vehicle traffic would be unimaginable, because (for example) drivers would have to buy insurance coverage at each and every border.

The Green Card system includes more than 1,500 motor vehicle insurers. Damage abroad is compensated by the Insurer of the vehicle that caused the collision and the claim is notified in the country of collision or in Serbia. If the accident was caused by a vehicle from a third country, the claim may also be submitted to the Green Card Bureau of the country where the accident occurred. The contacts of all bureaus, members of the Green Card System, can be found at www.cobx.org.

“Serbia was given a great honour and recognition by the decision that the AIS will host the General Assembly for the first time in almost seven decades that we have been a member of the System. The explication of the decision states that

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the work of the Association is the best example of establishing and maintaining successful cooperation with partners originating from different countries. Our market is at the top, in terms of the parameters that characterize the operations of System members, and this is confirmed by this decision,” said Duško Jovanović.

Speaking about what was specifically done for our drivers at the international level, Mr. Jovanović emphasized that Serbia, along with Switzerland and Bosnia and Herzegovina (recently) was the only country outside the European Economic Area that had been a member of the Multilateral Agreement. This means that our drivers, for a full decade, have had equal rights with drivers from EU countries and have been allowed to enter those countries with a vehicle but without a need to possess a green card. In addition, the ASI has signed visitor protection agreements with Greece, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia, Macedonia and Switzerland, which enable claimants to collect the necessary claims documentation faster, assisted by the Green Card Bureau of the two countries. Those are probably the two most important matters we have achieved for our drivers in the past decade. The ASI is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Green Card System, and the representative of the Association chairs the Committee for Admission of New Members. This is an additional recognition for the fulfilment of international obligations in favour of the citizens of Serbia. Given that the Serbian market is one of the smallest in the System, with only 2.5 million vehicles, the membership of our Association in the highest authorities of the System is a recognition of the highest level, Duško Jovanović pointed out.

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