

To the kind attention of
RUSSIAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR INSURERS
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Moscow, Russia

Brussels, 15th December 2015

Concerning: Authorisation to issue Green Cards to a country where no Bureau exists

Dear Colleagues,

During their meeting on 10th December 2015, the Management Committee of the Council of Bureaux discussed the request of your Bureau to be authorised, in accordance with Article 7.3 of the Internal Regulations, to issue Green Cards to vehicles registered in Kazakhstan and Armenia (your letter dated 7th July 2015).

The Management Committee agreed to authorise the Bureau of Russia to issue Green Cards for vehicles registered in Kazakhstan. Taking into consideration the additional risk that the issuance of Green Cards for vehicles registered in a third country entails, the Management Committee also decided that the CoB may in the future raise the required minimum amount of the Bank Guarantee of the Russian Bureau, if claims statistics so warrant.

As regards the issuance of Green Cards for vehicles registered in Armenia, the Committee found that the situation required different treatment. The members of the Committee drew attention to the fact that Armenia has vehicle traffic with Nagorno-Karabakh. After thorough deliberation, the Committee found that the occurrence of a Green Card issued under the authority of the Russian Bureau to a vehicle registered in Nagorno-Karabakh cannot be reasonably precluded in practice. Although you had duly informed the Committee, in your earlier communications, that the Russian Bureau would put in place all necessary technological firewalls to exclude the issuance of such Green Cards, the Management Committee found that there is still significant risk that in practice these may nevertheless come into circulation – either by deviation from your centralised Green Card issuance system, or by other means.

This, in turn, is in clear contradiction to the basic rules of the Green Card system. From the standpoint of international law, the region of Nagorno-Karabakh is a part of the territory of Azerbaijan, where a Bureau already exists (the activation of the membership of the Bureau of Azerbaijan will take place on 1st January 2016). Furthermore, the Management Committee also concerned itself with the fact that by authorising the

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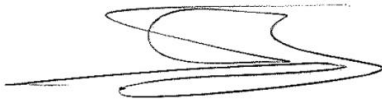
Russian Bureau and thus allowing such Green Cards to circulate, the CoB takes an implicit position in regional political disputes, which it cannot and does not intend to do.

Thus, taking into consideration the aforementioned facts and the possible negative consequences that such situations may create for the Green Card system and its individual Members, we regret to inform you that we are unable to give you the authorisation to issue Green Cards for Armenia.

We value your understanding in this complex matter, and remain at your disposal for any questions or further requests you may have in relation to issuing Green Cards for vehicles registered in Kazakhstan.

Yours sincerely,

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President



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Secretary General

