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**REPORT OF THE  
MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE  
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

**Istanbul, 17 May 2017**

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture of the BSEC Member States was held in Istanbul on 17 May 2017. It was preceded on 16 May 2017 by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Agriculture and Agro-industry at the level of Senior Officials.
2. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:  
  
*Republic of Albania*  
*Republic of Armenia*  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
3. The representatives of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) participated in the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.
4. The representatives of the Czech Republic, French Republic, Republic of Italy, the Republic of Poland and Slovak Republic participated at the Meeting as BSEC Observers.
5. The representatives of Hungary and the Republic of Montenegro attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
6. The representatives of FAO and D-8 attended the Meeting as Guests.
7. The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

8. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Faruk ÇELİK, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey. H.E. Mr. Faruk ÇELİK delivered an opening statement.
9. H.E. Ambassador Michael CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC delivered a statement, the text of which is attached as **Annex II**.
10. The Heads of the Delegations of the BSEC Member States and other participants delivered their statements.
11. The representatives of the BSEC Member States discussed and adopted unanimously “The Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the BSEC Member States”. The Joint Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.
12. The Participants expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey and to the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the organization of the Meeting in Istanbul.
13. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting and decided to present it to the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.

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