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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP
ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-INDUSTRY
AT THE LEVEL OF SENIOR OFFICIALS**

Istanbul, 16 May 2017

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Agriculture and Agro-Industry at the Level of Senior Officials was held in Istanbul on 16 May 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Ali Recep NAZLI, Director General, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The representative of the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) attended the Meeting as BSEC Related Body.
5. The representatives of the Czech Republic, French Republic, Republic of Italy and the Republic of Poland attended the Meeting in their capacity as BSEC Observers.
6. The representatives of Hungary and the Republic of Montenegro attended the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partners.

7. The representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and D-8 attended the Meeting as Guests.
8. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.
9. H.E. Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, welcomed the participants and briefed them on the developments in the sphere of agriculture and agro-industry in the BSEC Organization.
10. H.E. Mr. Mehmet DANIŞ, Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey, welcomed the participants and wished them fruitful work. He also stressed the importance of sustainable food systems and future of aquaculture.
11. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE

12. The Working Group considered and agreed the Draft Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Agriculture of the BSEC Member States. The Draft Joint Declaration, as agreed, is attached as **Annex III**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. No issues have been raised under this Agenda Item.

AGENDA ITEM 4: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14. The date and venue of the next Meeting of the Working Group on Agriculture and Agro-Industry will be communicated to the Member States through the diplomatic channels.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

15. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.