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REPORT OF THE NINTH MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Istanbul, 23 November 2012

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Interior of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) was held in Istanbul on 23 November 2012. It was preceded by the Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in Particular in Its Organized Forms on 21-22 November 2012.

2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. İdris Naim ŞAHİN, the Minister of Interior of the Republic of Turkey.

3. 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

4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Austria, Republic of Belarus, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Croatia, Republic of Poland, Slovak Republic, United States of America, as Observers.

5. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

6. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. İdris Naim ŞAHİN, the Minister of Interior of the Republic of Turkey.

7. Dr. Victor TVIRCUN, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC, welcomed the Participants of the Meeting and delivered his statement.

8. The draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex II.

9. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the Agenda items.

10. The Heads of Delegations adopted the “*Joint Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Interior/Public Order of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) on Strengthening Cooperation in the Field of Fight Against Transnational Crimes, in particular Smuggling, Trafficking in Human-Beings, Trafficking of Light Weapons, Economic, Financial Crimes and Terrorism*”. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

11. The Participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent organization of the Meeting.

12. The present Report was adopted for submission to the 27th Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Istanbul on 15 December 2012.
