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**REPORT OF THE MEETING
OF THE NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS
ON COMBATING CRIME**

BSEC Headquarters, 10 October 2017

1. The Meeting of the Network of Liaison Officers on Combating Crime was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 10 October 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Sergii KRAVCHENKO, Consul in charge of BSEC, Consulate General of Ukraine in Istanbul, and co-chaired by Mr. Marius-Sorin INDRIES, Head of Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Romania.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I** to the present Report.

5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR

6. BSEC PERMIS informed the participants on the BSEC Document “The way forward for an Action Plan on the implementation of the Economic Agenda: Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”, adopted at the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (December 2012).

7. The participants agreed to focus on practical measures towards enhancing the efficiency of their Liaison Officers’ Network.

AGENDA ITEM 3: STATE OF AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS ON COMBATING CRIME BY THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

8. In compliance with items 2 and 3 of Article 6 of the Additional Protocol the Member States were requested to forward updated information regarding their appointees to the Network and invited those who have not yet appointed their permanent representatives to do so.

9. The Republic of Bulgaria, the Hellenic Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey informed that new appointees were made in the List of Liaison Officers and the official notifications will be communicated shortly to the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ENHANCED COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION PARTICIPATING STATES ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS

10. The participants exchanged information and practical experience on measures undertaken by the BSEC Member States at national level and in cooperation with other BSEC Member States and international organizations for combating transnational crime.

11. The Republic of Bulgaria and the Hellenic Republic informed the Liaison Officers on the establishment and current status of the fully-operated trilateral common contact center of Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey at “Kapitan Andreevo” border crossing point. The possibility of sharing more detailed information about the activities of the Center at the next Meeting of the Network of the Liaison Officers was discussed.

12. The participants exchanged information on preventing and combating cybercrime including cyber-terrorism.

13. The Hellenic Republic and Romania made presentations on cybercrime in their respective countries, attached as **Annex III** and **Annex IV**.

14. The BSEC PERMIS informed the Member States about the possibility for E-Learning course on “Countering the Use of the Internet for Terrorist Purposes” organized by the Action against Terrorist Unit, OSCE Transnational Threats Department. The E-course is possible because of the financial contributions of Austria, Luxembourg and Spain. Upon the request of the participants, the BSEC PERMIS is going to disseminate the above-mentioned information by e-mail.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DISCUSSION ON PROSPECTS OF PRACTICAL WORK OF THE NETWORK

15. The participants discussed possible ways of reviving the Network’s activities.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. No other issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. The present Report was adopted for submission to the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Combating Crime, in Particular in its Organized Forms (BSEC Headquarters, 11 October 2017).

18. The Member States will be informed in due course about the date and venue of the next Meeting of the Liaison Officers, when the above information is confirmed by the next Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC (January – June 2018).
