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**REPORT**  
**OF THE SIXTH MEETING**  
**OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR/PUBLIC ORDER**  
**OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

*Athens, 3 December 2004*

1. The Sixth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order of the BSEC Member States was held in Athens, on 3 December 2004.

2. The Meeting was attended by the Ministers or Heads of delegations from the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Serbia and Montenegro  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the French Republic, the State of Israel, the Slovak Republic and Tunisia as Observers.

4. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of International Center for Black Sea Studies.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

5. The Meeting was chaired, on behalf by the host country by H.E. Mr. Christos MARKOYANNAKIS, Deputy Minister of Public Order of the Hellenic Republic, who addressed the participants with an opening Statement.

6. H.E. Mr. Evripidis STYLIANIDIS, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, made a welcoming address to the participants on behalf of H.E. Mr. Petros MOLYVIATIS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic, Chairman-in-Office of the BSEC. H.E. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS addressed the Meeting on behalf of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat.

7. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda as adopted is attached as Annex II.

8. The Ministers and the Heads of delegations took note of the Report of the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, held in Athens on 1-2 December 2004, which is attached as Annex III.

#### **GENERAL ASSESSEMENT**

9. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations assessed in a positive way the so far cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the field of combating crime.

10. They took note of the entering into force of the Additional Protocol to the BSEC Agreement establishing the Network of Liaison Officers with respect to six countries and the nomination of the Liaison Officers by five countries, and agreed that the first meeting of the Network of Liaison Officers should be convened in the very near future.

#### **THE SIGNATURE OF THE DRAFT ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL ON COMBATING TERRORISM TO THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BSEC PARTICIPATING STATES ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS**

11. The Ministers and Heads of delegations appreciated the work accomplished by the Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, in finalizing the Draft Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the Agreement among the Governments of the BSEC Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms.

12. The Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism 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 was opened for signature and a signing ceremony took place.

**ADOPTION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR/PUBLIC ORDER OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE BSEC ON COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS**

13. The Ministers and Heads of delegations endorsed the Joint Declaration, which was submitted to them by the Working Group on Combating Crime for adoption. The text of the Joint Declaration is attached as Annex IV.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

14. The Ministers and Heads of delegations agreed that the date and venue of the Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order would be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

15. The Participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Hellenic Republic for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

16. The present Report was adopted for submission to the Twelfth Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Komotini, 23 April 2005).

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