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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING
OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME,
IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS**

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 9-10 June 2003

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its organized forms, was held in Istanbul at the BSEC Headquarters on 9-10 June 2003.
2. The Meeting was attended by the delegations from the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of France and Israel as Observers.
4. A representative of PABSEC Secretariat also attended the Meeting as a BSEC Related Body.
5. The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.
6. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Elnur ALIYEV, Expert on the BSEC issues, Department for Economic Cooperation and Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
7. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as Annex II.

ELABORATION 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

8. The Delegations continued the elaboration 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. They considered the articles 5 to 18 of the Draft. They reached a consensus with regard to the formulation of the articles 5, 6, 14-18 of the Draft and agreed to submit them for consideration to their competent national authorities. Two new versions were proposed for the articles 9-13. The Draft Additional Protocol as elaborated so far is attached as Annex III to the present Report.

INFORMATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE NOMINATION OF THEIR LIAISON OFFICERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NETWORK OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS

9. The PERMIS provided information on the status of signature and ratification of the Additional Protocol to the BSEC Agreement establishing the Network of Liaison Officers and on the nomination of the Liaison Officers. It was mentioned that so far the Additional Protocol was ratified/approved by the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Turkey and it entered into force on 16 April 2003. During the Meeting Romanian delegation informed that the Additional Protocol was ratified and very soon the instrument of ratification will be deposited with the PERMIS.

10. The Participants exchanged information concerning the procedure of ratification/approval of the Additional Protocol signed in 2002 in Kyiv.

11. The Participants were informed that three countries – Republic of Bulgaria, Romania and Republic of Turkey had nominated their Liaison Officers.

DRAFT ACTION PLAN SUBMITTED BY ROMANIA AS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR FOR THE PERIOD MAY 2003 - APRIL 2005

12. The Working Group considered and adopted the Draft Action Plan proposed by Romania as a Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms for the period May 2003 – April 2005. The Draft Action Plan as adopted is attached as Annex IV.

13. The Draft Action Plan will be submitted to the Committee of Senior Officials prior to the Ninth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to be held in October 2003 in Baky.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14. No specific issues were touched upon this agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

15. The Romanian delegation informed the Working Group about the intention of Romanian Side to organize in Bucharest, in the capacity of Country-Coordinator, the next Meeting of the Working Group

16. The date of the next meeting will be communicated in due time through the BSEC PERMIS after the consultations with Chairman-in-Office.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

17. The present Report was adopted for submission to the Ninth Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.
