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

**Kyiv, Ukraine, 14-15 March 2002**

1. The Fifth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order of the BSEC Member States was held in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 14-15 March 2002.
2. The Meeting was attended by the Ministers or Heads of Delegations from the following Member States of the BSEC:
  - The Republic of Albania
  - The Republic of Armenia
  - The Republic of Azerbaijan
  - The Republic of Bulgaria
  - Georgia
  - The Hellenic Republic
  - The Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - The Russian Federation
  - The Republic of Turkey
  - Ukraine
3. The representatives of the Republic of Austria, the State of Israel, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany and the French Republic attended the Meeting as Observers.
4. The Meeting was attended as official guests by the representatives of the EU Presidency and the CEI Presidency.
5. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the PABSEC and ICBSS.

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

6. The Meeting of the Ministers was chaired, on behalf of the host country, by H.E.Mr. Yuriy SMYRNOV, Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, who addressed the participants with a welcoming speech.

7. H.E.Mr. Olexander MOTSYK, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the BSEC, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, made a welcoming address to the participants on behalf of H.E.Mr. Anatoliy ZLENKO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Chairman-in-Office of the BSEC.

H.E.Mr. Valeri CHECHELASHVILI, Secretary General, addressed the Meeting on behalf of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat. The text of his statement is attached as Annex II.

8. The draft agenda of the Ministerial Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Ministers, is attached as Annex III.

9. The Meeting of experts, chaired by Oxana MARKIEIEVA, Deputy Head of International Relations Department of Headquarters, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, and co-chaired by Andriy KONONENKO, Director of Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, was held on 14 March 2002.

### **GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

10. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations assessed in a positive way the so far cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the field of cooperation in combating crime. They also expressed their concern about terrorism, especially in the light of the vicious attacks occurred on 11 September 2001 in the U.S.A. Taking into account the growing problems created by the criminal activities in the BSEC region, the participants expressed their readiness to further expand this cooperation in order to combat more efficiently crime, in particular in its organized forms.

11. In this context, the Ministers and the Heads of Delegations took note of the proposal of the Russian Federation to conclude an Additional Protocol concerning combating international terrorism and agreed that the issue should be thoroughly studied at the expert level and reported to them by the next Meeting of the Ministers of Interior of the BSEC Member States.

**SIGNATURE OF 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”**

12. The Ministers and the Heads of Delegations opened for signature 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”. The text of the said Additional Protocol is attached as Annex IV.

**ADOPTION OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

13. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations endorsed the Joint Statement, which was submitted to them by the Experts for signature. The text of the Joint Statement is attached as Annex V.

14. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations decided to submit the text of the Joint Statement for consideration and final approval by the Sixth Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Kyiv on 25 April 2002.

15. Following the Signing Ceremony, bilateral and multilateral negotiations took place between the interested delegations on the regional cooperation, taking into consideration the joint action for the fulfilment of the BSEC Agreement on Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

16. The Ministers and Heads of delegations agreed that the date and venue of the Sixth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior would be communicated to the participating States through the BSEC Secretariat.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

17. The Ministers and Heads of the Related Agencies expressed sincere appreciations and gratitude to the Government of Ukraine, and in particular to the Ministry of Internal Affairs for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

18. The present report was adopted by the Ministers of Internal Affairs/Public Order for the submission to the Sixth Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Kyiv on 25 April 2002.