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**REPORT OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE  
BSEC MINISTERS OF EDUCATION**

**Baky, 16 April 2004**

1. The First Meeting of the BSEC Ministers of Education was held in Baky on 16 April 2004. The Meeting was preceded, on 15 April 2004, by the Ad hoc Group of Experts for the Preparation of the BSEC Meeting of Ministers of Education .

2. The following Member States of the BSEC attended the Meeting:

Republic of Albania  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

3. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC) and the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) participated in the Meeting.

4. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Republic of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Republic of Italy as Observers and by the representative of the United States of America as official Guest.

6. The representative of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) attended the Meeting as a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of the BSEC.

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

7. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Misir MARDANOV, Minister of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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

**JOINT BAKY DECLARATION OF THE BSEC MINISTERS OF EDUCATION**

9. The Ministers adopted the Joint Baky Declaration of the BSEC Ministers of Education. The text of the Declaration as adopted is attached as Annex III.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

10. No items were raised under this agenda item.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

11. The Ministers expressed their gratitude to the host country, BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the Republic of Azerbaijan for the excellent arrangements and the hospitality extended to its participants.

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