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**CONCLUSIONS
OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE
BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS
IN SEISMIC RISK**

BSEC Headquarters, 11 April 2017

1. The Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 11 April 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ms. Serap ÖZCOŞKUN, Special Representative of the Turkish Chairmanship-in-Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Informal Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group, is attached as **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS FOR EMERGENCIES AND HEADS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

6. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

7. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda regarding the priorities on cooperation in emergency situations for the 2nd Action Plan of the BSEC Economic Agenda (2016-2018).
8. The participants underlined the importance of the establishment of the Expert Correspondence Network and of the regular exchange of information and development which will facilitate the promotion of concrete project proposals in the area of seismic risk cooperation based on the priority goals of the BSEC Economic Agenda 2012. The participants called upon all Member States to be involved in the establishment of the above Network.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EVALUATION REPORT BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD 2014-2016.

9. The participants took note of the presentation made by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity of the previous Country-Coordinator, on the evaluation of the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk during 2014-2016. The report is attached as **Annex 3**. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey recalled the effort to sign a Protocol for the exchange of real time seismological observation data, which will facilitate the flow of valuable information among Member States. The draft text of the mentioned Protocol elaborated by the Republic of Turkey will be provided through the BSEC PERMIS for the consideration of the Member States in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK (2017-2018) PREPARED BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR

10. The Participants exchanged views on the draft Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk for 2017-2018, presented by the Country-Coordinator (Russian Federation) during the Informal Meeting. The draft Plan of Action is attached as **Annex 4**.
11. The Participants agreed to consider the draft Plan of Action at the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group. The Member States are invited to convey through the BSEC PERMIS their proposals and amendments to the draft Plan of Action *by 1 October 2017*.

AGENDA ITEM 6: LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SEISMIC RISK COOPERATION - PRESENTATIONS BY THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

12. The delegation of the Russian Federation delivered a presentation on “Monitoring Individual Seismic Risk on the Example of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5**.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey delivered a presentation on “Recent Developments in the field of Seismic Risk Management in Turkey”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 6.**
14. The delegation of Romania delivered presentations on “RO-RISK: Risks Evaluation at National Scale in Romania” and on “European Projects Dedicated to Seismic Risk Reduction” The presentations are attached as **Annex 7 and Annex 8.**

AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. The Participants took note of the information provided by the PERMIS and the delegation of the Republic of Armenia on accomplishment of the BSEC PDF (Project Development Fund) Project “Develop and Prepare an Experimental Sample of Data Logger Radon Measuring Device Set with Data Collection Central Controller”. The information provided by the delegation of the Republic of Armenia is attached as **Annex 9.**
16. The participants exchanged views and expressed their interest on how to better publicize the above mentioned BSEC PDF Project.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

17. The date and venue of the next Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting will be communicated to the BSEC Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. The present Conclusions were adopted and will be submitted to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.