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**REPORT OF THE MEETING
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP
ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

Sochi, the Russian Federation, 6-7 June 2016

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance was held in Sochi, the Russian Federation, on 6-7 June 2016.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Evgeny AGULOV, Head of Division for Interaction with International Organizations, International Cooperation Department, EMERCOM of Russia.
3. The Meeting of the Working Group was attended by the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

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

a) Status of the Implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations

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

b) State of affairs with respect to:

The outcome of the Fourth International Conference of Seismic Protection Association of the BSEC countries (SEISMO-BSEC-2016) which took place in Sochi on 13-14 April 2016.

7. The Working Group took note of the outcome of the Fourth International Conference of Seismic Protection Association of the BSEC countries (SEISMO-BSEC-2016) held in Sochi on 13-14 April 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016-2018) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA 2012”

8. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 4: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

9. The participants exchanged views on the issue of implementation of the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

10. The Working Group expressed its gratitude to the Republic of Turkey as a Country-Coordinator of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

AGENDA ITEM 5: COORDINATIONSHIP OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

11. The participants discussed the issue of the next Coordinationship of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk which will start as of 1 July 2016.

12. The delegation of the Russian Federation reiterated its readiness to undertake the mandate of Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk and informed the participants about its relevant activities in this field.

13. The Hellenic Republic also expressed its interest in taking the mandate of Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk. The official notification will be provided by the Hellenic Republic in due course.

14. The Working Group invited the interested Member States to express or reconfirm through BSEC PERMIS their readiness to undertake the coordinatorship of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT OF MINISTERS OF EMERGENCIES/HEADS OF EMERGENCIES AND RESCUE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES TO BE ADOPTED AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN SOCHI ON 8 JUNE 2016.

15. The Working Group discussed the draft Joint Statement of Ministers and Heads of Emergencies and Rescue Governmental Agencies of the BSEC Member States and agreed to submit it to the Ministerial Meeting, to be held in Sochi on 8 June 2016 for adoption. The text of the draft document is attached as **Annex III**.

16. The Working Group discussed the draft Report of the Meeting of Ministers and Heads of Emergencies and Rescue Governmental Agencies of the BSEC Member States and agreed to submit it to the Ministers for consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 7: RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES - PRESENTATIONS BY THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT/OVERCOME EMERGENCIES.

17. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on “*Technology for Complex Evaluation of Seismic Risk and Hazard*”.

18. The delegation of the Republic of Armenia made a presentation on “*Experience of the Republic of Armenia in Prevention and Elimination of Consequences of Large Forest Fires*”.

19. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan made a video presentation “*Caspian-2015*” Exercises.

20. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on “*Experience for Prevention of and Response to Forest Fire Consequences*”.

21. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on “*Experience for Prevention of and Response to Floods*”.

22. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic made a video presentation “*Management of International Assistance to Greece for Refugees*”.

23. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey informed the participants that a video about “Turkey National Disaster Response Plan” and e-books about “Turkey’s Best Practices in Disaster Management 2016” and “Syrian Guests in Turkey 2016” will be disseminated to the participants of the meeting via e-mail.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

24. The participants exchanged views regarding the importance of strengthening cooperation in the field of emergency situations with other interested countries of different regions of the world and other relevant organizations.

AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

25. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated in due course through the BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

26. The present Report was adopted and will be submitted to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials for consideration.