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**REPORT  
OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP  
ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES**

**BSEC Headquarters, 26 May 2015**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 26 May 2015.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Makbule YALIN, Expert from Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

**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 Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the background information presented by the BSEC PERMIS on the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires subordinated to the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.

7. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the Summary Proceedings of the Seminar of Experts on the issues of “*Experience of the BSEC Member States in prevention and elimination of consequences of large-scale wildfires*”, held in Anapa (Russian Federation) on 16 September 2014.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”**

8. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the information by BSEC PERMIS on measures to implement the “Way Forward for an Action Plan on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda” regarding the priorities on cooperation in emergency situations.

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group agreed to promote and consider concrete proposals/projects of regional cooperation in prevention and elimination of consequences of Massive Forest Fires, based on the priorities of the “BSEC Economic Agenda 2012”.

#### **DISCUSSIONS AND FINALIZATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES**

10. The participants took note of the proposals by the Republic of Turkey, observations and comments by Romania and the Hellenic Republic, regarding the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group, which was adopted at the previous meeting of the Working Group on 11 November 2014. The document is attached as **Annex III**.

11. The Ad Hoc Working Group agreed to submit the Terms of Reference to the Committee of Senior Officials.

#### **COORDINATIONSHIP AND THE ACTION PLAN OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES**

12. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the readiness of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey to undertake the mandate of the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents, the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires as of 1 July 2015.

13. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the readiness of Romania to undertake the mandate of the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance as of 1 July 2015.

14. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the willingness of the Hellenic Republic to assume the duty of the Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires as of 1 July 2015. The representative of the Hellenic Republic informed that the official position of his country, as was expressed at the Meeting, will be disseminated to the Member States through official channels in due course.

15. The Ad Hoc Working Group exchanged views on the issue of coordinationship, discussed different options and agreed to invite the applicants to consider possibility for holding consultations in order to find out an appropriate solution for consideration of the Committee of Senior Officials.

#### **MASSIVE FOREST FIRES DEFENSE MEASURES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT - PRESENTATIONS BY THE MEMBER STATES**

16. The representative of the Russian Federation delivered a presentation on “*Experience in prevention and elimination of consequences of forest fires in Russian Federation*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

17. The representative of Romania delivered a presentation on “*Forest Fires. Level of Preparedness of Romania*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex V**.

18. The representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan delivered a presentation on “*Forest Fires Safety in Azerbaijan*”. The presentation will be disseminated by the representative in due course.

19. The representative of Georgia delivered a presentation on “*Wild Fires and Human Security. Organize Forest Fire Extinguish*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex VI**.

#### **BSEC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF) AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU) PROJECTS**

20. The participants took note of the information provided by BSEC PERMIS on the actual situation and prospects of the activities of the BSEC Project Development Fund and the Project Management Unit.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

21. The delegation of the Russian Federation reminded on the Seminar of Experts in seismic issues to be held in Sochi, Russian Federation, on 9-10 June 2015. The relevant information has been distributed through the BSEC PERMIS (BS/INFO.2015.0282 and BS/INFO.2015.0300 dated 15 May and 22 May 2015, respectively).

#### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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

#### **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

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