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**REPORT  
OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP  
ON FLOODS AND TORRENTS**

**BSEC Headquarters, 16 April 2015**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 16 April 2015.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Makbule YALIN, Expert from Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD).
3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Republic of Bulgaria  
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 Floods and

Torrents, 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 on “Experience of the BSEC Member States in prevention and elimination of consequences of floods”, held in Anapa (Russian Federation) on 17 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 floods prevention/defense measures 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 FLOODS AND TORRENTS**

10. The participants took note of the proposals of the Republic of Turkey, observations and comments of Romania and Hellenic Republic, regarding the Terms of Reference of the Ad Hoc Working Group adopted at the previous meeting of the Working Group on 11 November 2014.

11. The Ad Hoc Working Group agreed to submit the Terms of Reference to the Committee of Senior Officials. The document is attached as **Annex III**.

### **COORDINATIONSHIP AND THE ACTION PLAN OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FLOODS AND TORRENTS**

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.

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.

14. The Ad Hoc Working Group considered the issue of coordinationship and expressed view that the BSEC structures dealing with Emergency issues- Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and 3 Ad Hoc Working Groups of Experts in Seismic Risks, on Floods and Torrents and on Massive Forest Fires should be coordinated by one Member State.

15. The new Country-Coordinator is invited to elaborate the draft Action Plan of the Ad Hoc Working Group taking into consideration contributions by the Member States.

### **FLOOD DEFENSE MEASURES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT, RECOVERY ACTIVITIES AND CONCEPTUAL SOLUTIONS- PRESENTATION BY THE MEMBER STATES**

16. The representative of Georgia delivered a presentation on “Activities of the Emergency Management Agency of Georgia”. The presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

17. The representative of the Russian Federation delivered a presentation on “Experience in Prevention and Elimination of Consequences of Floods”. The presentation is attached as **Annex V**.

18. The representative of the Republic of Turkey delivered a presentation on “Flood Management in Turkey”. The presentation is attached as **Annex VI**.

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

19. 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**

20. The delegation of the Russian Federation informed that within the framework of the proposal for further extension of cooperation between the Member States in the field of emergency assistance, the seismic risk studies were conducted by the Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (EMERCOM of Russia) in the Republic of Armenia on 6-10 April 2015.

21. The delegation of the Russian Federation further informed on the Seminar of Experts in seismic issues to be held in Sochi, Russian Federation, on 9-10 June 2015. The official invitations will be distributed through the BSEC PERMIS in due course.

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

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