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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK

BSEC Headquarters, 2 October 2015

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 2 October 2015.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Brandusa PREDESCU, Special Representative of the Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization of BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.
3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the 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

A - Status of the implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations

6. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the establishment and activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk under the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.

B – State of affairs with respect to:

- **The outcome of the Seminar of Experts on the issues of “Experience of the BSEC Member States on Studies of Seismic Risk” (Sochi, Russian Federation, 9-10 June 2015)**
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 on studies of seismic risk” (Sochi, Russian Federation, 9-10 June 2015).
 8. The Ad Hoc Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (EMERCOM) for the excellent organization of the meeting and warm hospitality extended to the participants.

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

9. The Ad Hoc Working Group 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.
10. The participants agreed that the priorities relevant for the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group in Seismic Risk should be incorporated in its Plan of Action.
11. The Ad Hoc Working Group invited the Member States to submit concrete project proposals in the area of seismic risk cooperation based on the priority goals of the BSEC Economic Agenda 2012.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION “EVALUATION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON THE CAPACITY AND NEED ASSESSMENT OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK” BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, AS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR

12. The Participants took note of the presentation made by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity of Country-Coordinator on the evaluation of the capacity and the need assessment of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk. The presentation is attached as **Annex 3**.
13. The Ad Hoc Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (AFAD) for preparing the appropriate Questionnaire in order to evaluate the current activities, challenges and areas of interest in the field of earthquake studies within the BSEC Member States.

14. The Ad Hoc Working Group invited the Member States which have not yet done so, to provide completed Questionnaire through BSEC PERMIS for dissemination to the Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION AND ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP

15. The Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk discussed, amended and approved the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex 4**.
16. The Ad Hoc Working Group considered the Plan of Action to remain open for possible further proposals from the Member States.

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

17. The representative of the Hellenic Republic delivered a presentation on “Recent Activities for the Mitigation of Seismic Risk in Greece”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 5**.
18. The delegation of Romania delivered a presentation on “NIEP Contribution to Reducing Seismic Risk in the Black Sea Region”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 6**.
19. 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 7**.
20. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey delivered a presentation on “Advances in Seismology”. The presentation is attached as **Annex 8**.

AGENDA ITEM 7: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEISMOLOGISTS OF THE BLACK SEA REGION AND EXCHANGE OF SEISMIC DATA AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

21. The Ad Hoc Working Group concluded that there is no need to continue the discussion on the establishment of an International Association of Seismologists of the Black Sea Region for the time being.
22. The Republic of Turkey was invited to circulate through the BSEC PERMIS a draft Protocol on Seismic Data exchange as soon as possible.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity of Country-Coordinator, invited the Member States to provide to the BSEC PERMIS, preferably till 1 November 2015, the information on a Focal Point/person for the purposes of this Ad Hoc Working Group in accordance to the relevant provisions of the Terms of Reference and Plan of Action related to the establishment of the Expert Correspondence Network.

AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

24. 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 10: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

25. 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.