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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON
COOPERATION AMONG BSEC MEMBER STATES IN
EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION OF
HYDROCARBON RESOURCES OF THE BLACK SEA**

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 28-29 May 2009

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Cooperation among BSEC Member States in Exploration and Extraction of Hydrocarbon Resources of the Black Sea was held in Istanbul on 28-29 May 2009.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Vural ALTAY, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Director General for Energy, Water and Environment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the following Member States:
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
4. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of BSEC (PABSEC) and the BSEC Business Council participated in the Meeting as Related Bodies.
5. The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran also participated in the Meeting as the State having sectoral dialogue partnership with BSEC.

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

6. The Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL

7. The participants took note of the information provided by BSEC PERMIS on the status of implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council.

8. The Ad Hoc WG underlined the importance of the approval by the BSEC 17th Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Ankara, 25 October 2007) of the Terms of Reference of the WG and the appointment of the Republic of Turkey as Country Coordinator for a two year period as of 1st November 2007.

9. Furthermore, the delegation of the Republic of Turkey presented the Evaluation report and invited the Member States to forward to BSEC PERMIS updated information with regard to activities in the Hydrocarbon sector in their respective countries by the beginning of September 2009, in order to prepare a new version of the said report prior to the Meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to be held in October 2009 in Baku.

10. In addition, the participants underlined the importance of the Kyiv (9 April 2008) and Yerevan (20 March 2009) Ministerial Declarations on Energy which will provide further guidance to the activities and decisions of the Ad Hoc WG with a view of deepening cooperation among Member States in the Hydrocarbon sector.

REVIEW OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION OF HYDROCARBON RESOURCES IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

11. The participants exchanged information on the subject and the delegations of the Republic of Bulgaria, Romania and the Republic of Turkey made presentations regarding recent developments in their respective countries. The said presentations are attached as Annex III.

PRESENTATION BY THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2011 AND ON THE MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR ITS EFFECTIVE EXECUTION

12. The participants discussed and finalized the draft Action Plan as presented by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey in its capacity as Country Coordinator, which is

envisaged to be implemented during the period of two years as of 1st November 2009 upon a respective Decision by the BSEC Council.

13. Furthermore, the Ad Hoc WG invited the Country Coordinator as well as the Member States to submit their analytical proposals deemed necessary for the preparation and effective implementation of the specific actions and initiatives envisaged in the said Action Plan, so that a detailed discussion and the respective decisions could be taken at the next meeting. The said Action Plan as approved is attached as Annex IV.

14. In addition, the participants noted the necessity to enhance their efforts in developing cooperation in the Hydrocarbon sector, as well as to engage in the initiatives for organizing meetings, workshops and/or trainings in the energy sector.

DISCUSSION ON COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES AND PROJECTS AMONG MEMBER STATES

15. The participants exchanged ideas on the possibility of organizing regional workshops, training sessions for students and experts, conferences and projects that would promote and implement the objectives of the Action Plan for the forthcoming two year period.

16. In particular, the participants supported the proposal presented by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey to organize training sessions in the Member States in collaboration with appropriate authorities such as the Research Center of the Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO) and invited the latter as well as the Member States to send to BSEC PERMIS their proposals and suggestions with a view to discussing at the next meeting practical ways and means to organize these sessions.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP

17. The participants expressed their support to the recommendation of the BSEC 16th Council (Belgrade, 19 April 2007) as well as the suggestion by the Country Coordinator to nominate their national representatives on long term basis who will act as their national contact points with regard to the activities of the Ad Hoc WG.

In this respect, it was emphasized that it would be useful if representatives of other national institutions and national oil companies could also be nominated by the Member States to the Ad Hoc WG.

18. The Ad Hoc WG invited the Member States who have not yet done so, to appoint their representatives before the next meeting of the Group.

NOMINATION OF THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR FOR THE NEXT TERM (1ST NOVEMBER 2009 - 31ST OCTOBER 2011)

19. The Ad Hoc WG took note with appreciation of the application presented by the delegation of the Republic of Turkey to continue as the Country Coordinator during a renewed period of two years as of 1st November 2009 and its willingness to support the activities and initiatives of the WG.

20. In this respect, the Ad Hoc WG agreed to prolong the mandate of the Republic of Turkey as the Country Coordinator of the Ad Hoc WG.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21. No additional issues were raised under this Agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22. The date and venue of the next meeting of the WG will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

23. The Ad Hoc WG adopted the present Report for submission to the forthcoming Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy.
