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**REPORT OF THE  
MEETING OF THE BSEC  
AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON  
ELECTRICAL NETWORKS (AHWGEEN)**

**Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 12-13 January 2010**

1. The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Electrical Networks was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 12-13 January 2010.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Ivan PETKOV, Special Envoy, Representative of the Bulgarian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.
3. Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, the Deputy Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, welcomed the participants and made the introductory remarks for the meeting.
4. The following Member States of BSEC attended the Meeting:
  - Republic of Armenia
  - Republic of Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Bulgaria
  - Georgia
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Republic of Turkey
5. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:
  - Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)
  - BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
6. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:
  - Arab Republic of Egypt
  - Czech Republic
  - United States of America

7. The representatives of the following organizations attended the Meeting as Official Guests:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
United States Energy Association (USEA)

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

8. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts, is attached as Annex II.

**EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRICAL NETWORKS IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT**

9. The participants exchanged information on most recent developments in the field of electrical networks interconnection in their countries as well as on the ongoing projects and new initiatives having regional impact.

10. The representatives of the USAID and USEA provided detailed information on the South East Europe Cooperation Initiative Transmission Planning Project and the Black Sea Regional Transmission Planning Project (BSTP).

11. The AHWGEEN took note of the information provided by the participants and expressed interest in the continued BSEC cooperation in the implementation of the BSTP. USAID and USEA agreed to collaborate with BSEC in 2010 on several technical workshops that would address key issues of transmission development and investment. One such illustrative workshop could be on renewable energy and smart grid technologies.

**STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATIONS OF MINISTERS OF ENERGY OF BSEC MEMBER STATES, AS WELL AS BSEC COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS AND PROVISIONS OF THE BSEC DECLARATIONS AIMED AT TRANSFORMING BSEC INTO PROJECT-ORIENTED ENDEAVOUR AND ENHANCING ITS EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS**

12. The AHWGEEN agreed to:

- consider the issue of development of legally binding mechanism in the field of electrical interconnection at a later stage;
- appeal to the BSEC Member States, which have not yet done so, to appoint their national experts to the Ad Hoc Working Group on a long-term basis;
- take note with appreciation of the outcome of the Workshop organised by the USAID and USEA with the theme “Regional Transmission Network Development: Implications for Trade and Investment”, which took place in Istanbul, on 11 and 12 November 2009;
- take note of the Evaluation Report submitted by the Republic of Turkey, as Country Coordinator, circulated to the BSEC Member States on 30 September 2009.

**STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AHWGEEN FOR THE PERIOD 2009-2010**

13. The AHWGEEN considered the Plan of Action for the period of 2009-2010 as an appropriate working instrument for the coming period and invited the Country-Coordinator to identify specific regional projects in electrical interconnection to be implemented in the BSEC framework.

**EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CREATION OF A REGIONALLY-INTEGRATED ENERGY MARKET FOR ELECTRICITY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EUROPEAN MARKET**

14. The AHWGEEN took note of the presentation made by the representative of the Republic of Turkey, as Country-Coordinator, on the results of the regional study entitled “Transmission Planning Criteria in the Black Sea Region”, conducted in the framework of the BSTP.

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROJECT APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRICAL NETWORKS**

15. The AHWGEEN endorsed the document prepared by PERMIS suggesting priority areas for PDF projects, including suggestions for specific projects in these areas, in accordance with the Plan of Action for the period 2009-2010. The document is attached as Annex III.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16. No issue was raised by the participants under this agenda item.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

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

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

18. The AHWGEEN adopted the present Report for submission to the forthcoming Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy.

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