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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

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1. The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 13 November 2013.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Hayati ÇETİN, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
4. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:
 - BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
 - International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
5. The following Guests attended the Meeting:
 - Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
 - Technical University of Moldova

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

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

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

7. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

THE WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

8. The Task Force committed itself to implement the priority goals set by the Economic Agenda, and invited the Member States and the BSEC PERMIS to submit project proposals in line with the above mentioned priorities.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT

9. The Task Force encouraged the Member States to make updated presentations on their respective national policies in the field of Green Energy and on development of projects and activities - agreements, workshops, conferences - having regional impact and on this basis to identify regional projects and initiatives of common interest.

DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

REPORT OF THE BSEC PERMIS ON THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE ROUND TABLE REGARDING THE CONTENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER

10. Upon the decision taken at the last meeting of the Task Force, the Republic of Turkey, one of the Country-Coordinator of the Task Force, elaborated a the Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper (BSEC PERMIS Note No: BS/INFO.2013.0685 dated 12 November 2013). The Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper is attached as Annex III.

11. With this regard, the BSEC PERMIS presented information to the participants in the meeting.

12. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, made a presentation regarding the content of the Strategy Paper, which is attached as Annex IV.

13. Professor MAVRAKIS also proposed to have a chapter concerning Mitigation Policies in the Strategy Paper.

14. The participants in the meeting discussed the Draft Strategy within the framework of the Round Table. They made various proposals and comments to amend the said Draft.

15. The Member States and the Related Bodies are invited to communicate their views, comments and proposals regarding the Draft Green Energy Strategy Paper elaborated by the Republic of Turkey, through the BSEC PERMIS, at their earliest convenience, and not later than 1 February 2014.

COOPERATION OF THE MEMBER STATES IN PROMOTING GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

16. The participants exchanged views on activities that could be undertaken with the purpose to stimulate investments in the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency projects.

17. With this regard the feedbacks of the representatives of scientific and research institutions from the BSEC Member States are welcome.

CREATION OF A NETWORK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND/OR CENTRES AND ORGANIZATIONS MANDATED TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND POLICIES

18. The Task Force took note of the Working Paper on the Modalities in which the Network of cooperation between centres and national administrative bodies and/or organisations mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies can function.

19. The Working Paper which was elaborated by the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), in cooperation with BSEC PERMIS, is attached as Annex V.

20. The participants agreed to continue discussion on the issue at the next meeting of the Task Force, focusing on practical steps that need to be taken in order to start the functioning of the Network.

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

21. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the informal talks on a cooperation program in the field of “Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings” put forward by the German Agency for International Cooperation - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

22. The GIZ is invited to provide further information on the program, scope, timeline for implementation and the resources which are going to be available.

BSEC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE BSEC HELLENIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROJECT APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

23. The Task Force took note of the information provided by the BSEC-HDF Manager regarding the projects financed in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

24. In this respect, the representatives of the Technical University of Moldova made a presentation of the micro-hydropower station that was developed and installed in a river location in Moldova as part of the BSEC-HDF financed project “*Technological Systems based on the utilization of water kinetical energy for rural consumers (TESUWKERC)*”.

25. Furthermore, the representatives of the Technical University of Moldova provided information regarding the International Workshop “*Hydropower Serving Rural Consumer*” that was held in Chisinau on 16-17 September 2013.

26. With the aim to strengthen cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the green energy sector, the Task Force recommended to invite the relevant public and/or private institutions in order to share information and technological achievements and also increase BSEC visibility as a project-oriented Organization.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC PUBLIC COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

27. The participants in the meeting took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN BSEC PERMIS AND MEMBER STATES

28. The Task Force took note of the BSEC PERMIS proposals regarding the improvement of the communications between the BSEC PERMIS and the Member States. The Task Force decided to continue consideration of this issue at its next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

29. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

30. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Task Force will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

31. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the BSEC Working Group on Energy, Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
