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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE
GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

BSEC Headquarters, 3 November 2014

1. The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 3 November 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Coordinator of the Hellenic Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization of BSEC.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - 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 Guest attended the Meeting:
 - Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

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.

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS 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.

AGENDA ITEM 3: THE “WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP” AND THE “GUIDELINES FOR THE BSEC PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT”

8. The Task Force took note of the presentation on the Guidelines of the BSEC Project Management Unit, delivered by the BSEC PERMIS.

9. The Task Force invited the Member States to submit project proposals in compliance with the Guidelines and aimed at implementing the priority goals of the Economic Agenda 2012.

10. The participants discussed various ideas concerning project proposals.

11. The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan made a presentation on three project proposals, disseminated to the Member States by the BSEC PERMIS on 22 October 2014. The participants took note of the proposals and agreed that further elaboration is needed before being circulated to Member States by the BSEC PERMIS. The presentation is attached as Annex III.

12. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey proposed to develop a portal in the BSEC website, presenting the renewable energy resource mapping in the BSEC Region.

AGENDA ITEM 4: 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

13. Professor Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, informed on the Joint Statement of the six (6) Multilateral Development Banks (AfDB, ADB, EBRD, EIB, IDB and WBG) concerning reinforcing climate financing, as well as on the Sustainable Energy Initiative (SEI) undertaken by the EBRD.

14. The participants took note of the information and agreed to request the BSEC PERMIS to further explore the afore-mentioned initiatives in the context of the BSEC Green Energy Development Task Force mandate, with the cooperation of KEPA or other interested institutions.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

15. The Task Force considered the revised draft Green Energy Strategy Paper elaborated by the Republic of Turkey as the Country-Coordinator of the Task Force. The text of the revised draft

is attached as Annex IV. The Member States were invited to make further possible contributions to the draft not later than 15 February 2015.

16. The Task Force instructed the BSEC PERMIS to elaborate a final draft Green Energy Strategy Paper, based on the comments and proposals made by the Member States and other BSEC players, and submit it for consideration at its next meeting.

17. The Republic of Turkey proposed to disseminate the relevant information regarding the process of drafting the Strategy Paper in parallel to official correspondence, by e-mail to the contact persons in the Member States. To this effect the Task Force invited the Member States to update the list of experts on Green Energy Task Force.

AGENDA ITEM 6: 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

18. The participants exchanged views on the issue of identifying and stimulating investments in the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, renewable energy sources and energy efficiency projects.

19. The Republic of Turkey reiterated its proposal to convene a BSEC Conference on Investment Promotion in Green Energy and expressed its readiness to organize it in 2015. The participants agreed that such a Conference should be preceded by relevant preparatory workshops.

AGENDA ITEM 7: 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

20. The Task Force exchanged views on the issue of creating a Network of cooperation between centres and national administrative bodies and/or organisations, mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies, and agreed:

a) to proceed with the creation of such a BSEC Network, in order to facilitate the exchange of information and to share know-how and good practices in the field of green energy among the Member States;

b) to approve the attached Modalities (Annex V), which will guide the establishment and functioning of the Network;

c) to initiate the Network with experts in the various areas of green energy from governmental bodies, academia, research institutions, and/or also of integrated units, *inter alia*, specialized departments or laboratories in the BSEC Member States;

d) to invite the financial institutions, banks, industries and SMEs from the BSEC Member States, interested in promoting green energy innovative ideas and solutions, to join the Network;

e) to invite the BSEC Related Bodies to join the Network;

f) to inform the BSEC Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners that the Network is open to experts and institutions interested in the cooperation in the area of green energy in the BSEC framework;

g) to invite the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens to develop the Network, under the supervision of the BSEC PERMIS, in terms of both partners and activities to be undertaken;

h) to ask the BSEC PERMIS to inform periodically the Task Force and the Working Group on Energy about the state of development and the activities of the Network.

AGENDA ITEM 8: STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

21. The Task Force took note of the relevant information presented by the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 9: HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE? – OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

22. The participants discussed the observations and proposals of the BSEC PERMIS regarding the efficiency of activities of the Task Force.

23. The Task Force agreed on the proposal made by the BSEC PERMIS to permanently transfer all its functions and activities to the Working Group on Energy and invited the BSEC PERMIS to include this issue in the agenda of the next meeting of this Working Group for further consideration.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

24. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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