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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 2 April 2012

1. The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 2 April 2012.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Miroslav PROCOVIC, Consul General of the Republic of Serbia in Istanbul and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Serbia to the BSEC PERMIS.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The following BSEC Related Body also participated in the Meeting:
 - BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
5. The following BSEC Observer attended the Meeting:
 - Czech Republic

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.

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

7. The representatives of the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey presented information on national policies in the field of Green Energy and on the development of projects and initiatives having regional impact. The presentations are attached as Annex III.

8. The participants agreed to keep this item on the agenda of the subsequent meetings of the Task Force, as a framework for exchanging information of interest for the Member States and their cooperation in the field of Green Energy.

ORGANIZING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOW-HOW BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE 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

9. The representative of the Russian Federation made a presentation of the International and Interregional Innovational Center of Green Energy “Eight Stars World”, located in the Moscow region, the initiative of a private company supported by the Government, and its potential for the establishment and development of direct communications between the competent national authorities and business organizations of the Russian Federation and the other BSEC Member States. The presentation is attached as Annex IV.

10. The participants exchanged views and opinions on establishment of a network for exchanging information and sharing experience and know-how among national administrative bodies and/or centres and organisations mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies.

11. They agreed that such a network should comprise the experts on Green Energy to be nominated by the Member States on a permanent basis to the Green Energy Development Task Force, in accordance with the Terms of Reference. It was decided to invite the Member States that have not done so to nominate one to three expert(s) on Green Energy, and inform BSEC PERMIS of their respective nominations not later than 1 June 2012.

12. The BSEC Related Bodies, Project Development Fund (PDF), Hellenic Development Fund (HDF), BSEC Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners are invited to participate in the network of the Task Force.

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

13. The Secretary General of the BSEC BC stressed the importance of securing the necessary financial resources for promoting Green Energy investments and projects and proposed to explore the possibility of establishing the working relations with International and European Financial Instruments, including invitation of their representatives to the meetings of the Task Force.

14. The participants took note of the proposal and asked BSEC PERMIS to undertake the necessary arrangements.

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

15. The representative of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity of one of the Country Coordinators of the Task Force, agreed to elaborate the Draft Questionnaire on the development of a Green Energy Strategy Paper of the BSEC Member States by 1 July 2012.

16. The Hellenic Republic, as the other Country Coordinator of the Task Force, is invited to cooperate, through BSEC PERMIS, with the Republic of Turkey in elaborating the Draft of the Questionnaire.

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

17. The Project Coordinator of the BSEC Project Development Fund (PDF) and the Manager of the BSEC Hellenic Development Fund (BSEC-HDF) briefed the participants about the projects which are under the implementation within the respective Funds, relevant for the mandate of the Task Force.

18. The Secretary General of the BSEC BC made a presentation of the Project entitled "*Emporion, the Green Business Network in the wider Black Sea area*", being implemented by the BSEC BC, with the financial support of the BSEC Hellenic Development Fund. The Project will contribute to the development of the regional cooperation in the field of Green Energy in the BSEC Region.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

20. 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

21. 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.
