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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC
WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

BSEC Headquarters, 15 June 2017

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 15 June 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ms. Serap ÖZCOŞKUN, Special Representative of the Turkish Chairmanship-in-Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The representative of the PABSEC International Secretariat attended the Meeting as a BSEC Related Body.
5. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, 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 MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

7. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the status of the implementation of the Resolutions and Decisions of the BSEC Council related to the work of the Working Group on Energy and the follow-up of the Declarations and Joint Statements adopted by the Ministers in charge of Energy.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016-2018) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

8. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the priorities for the second medium-term (2016-2018) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.

9. The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan requested to attach to the Report, the Verbal Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan regarding the integrated Black Sea energy market, disseminated to the Member States by the BSEC PERMIS Note No: BS/INFO.2017.0323 dated 14 June 2017. The Note is attached as **Annex III**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: GREEN ENERGY: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

10. The Working Group exchanged views on the draft Green Energy Strategy Paper of the BSEC Member States updated by the Country-Coordinator (Russian Federation).

11. The participants expressed their appreciation of the work done by the Country-Coordinator (Russian Federation) in updating the draft document.

12. The Working Group invited the Member States to convey to the BSEC PERMIS their comments and proposals concerning the text of the draft Green Energy Strategy Paper within one month in order to finalize and consider it at the next meeting of the Working Group. The draft document is attached as **Annex IV**.

13. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan presented the list of organizations to be included in the BSEC Green Energy Network of Cooperation between national administrative bodies and/or centers and organizations mandated to promote Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency measures and policies. The list is attached as **Annex V**.

AGENDA ITEM 5: COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN DEVELOPING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTIONS

14. The Working Group exchanged views and decided to revert to consideration of this issue at a future meeting, upon a specific proposal to this effect made by one or more Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

15. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS and requested to continue actively promoting cooperation with other international organizations in the field of energy.

AGENDA ITEM 7: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

16. The delegations of the Russian Federation, the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Turkey presented information on ongoing activities and regional projects with neighbouring countries.

AGENDA ITEM 8: EVALUATION REPORT OF THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY (RUSSIAN FEDERATION) ON THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2015 – 30 JUNE 2017

17. The Working Group took note of the Evaluation Report presented by the delegation of the Russian Federation in its capacity of Country-Coordinator for the period of 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2017. The document is attached as **Annex VI**.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. The Working Group invited the BSEC Member States to consider the possibility of undertaking the mandate of Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Energy for the next period of 2017 - 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 10: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

19. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

20. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
