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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF ENERGY
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Yerevan, 20 March 2009

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States was held in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia, on 20 March 2009. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy on 18-19 March 2009.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Areg GALSTYAN, Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia.
3. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Czech Republic also representing the EU Presidency, the Republic of Poland, the United States of America, the Commission of the European Communities and the Energy Charter Secretariat as Observers.
5. The Meeting was attended by the World Bank (WB) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as official Guests.

The List of Participants, including the participants of the Meeting of BSEC Working Group on Energy (Yerevan, 18-19 March 2009) is attached as Annex I.

6. H.E. Mr. Armen MOVSISYAN, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia, H.E. Mr. Arman KIRAKOSYAN, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, and H.E. Mr. Altai EFENDIEV, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) delivered opening statements.

7. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of the Delegations, is attached as Annex II.

8. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting also the agenda items.

9. The representatives of the USAID and the Energy Charter Secretariat also addressed the meeting with their statements.

10. The Participants of the Meeting discussed and adopted the “Yerevan Declaration on Energy Cooperation in the BSEC Region”. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

11. The participants took note in a positive manner of the “Proposals for the Joint BSEC-EU Plan of Action in Energy” as elaborated and agreed upon by the Working Group on Energy. This paper, reflecting BSEC common stand on the issue and aiming at enhancement of BSEC-EU cooperation in energy, is to be further finalized through direct BSEC-EU meetings. The said document is attached as Annex IV.

12. The Participants expressed deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Yerevan.

13. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting and decided to present it to the Twentieth Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Yerevan, the Republic of Armenia, on 16 April 2009.