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

**Sofia, 27 January 2010**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group (WG) on Energy was held in Sofia, the Republic of Bulgaria, on 27 January 2010.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Veneta TSVETKOVA, Head of Department, “Energy Policies, Strategies and Projects” Directorate, Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
  - Republic of Albania
  - Republic of Armenia
  - Republic of Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Bulgaria
  - Georgia
  - Hellenic Republic
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Republic of Serbia
  - Republic of Turkey
4. The following BSEC Related Body also participated in the Meeting:
  - BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:
  - Arab Republic of Egypt
  - United States of America
6. The representatives of the following Organizations attended the Meeting as Official Guests:

United Nations Industrial Development Organization, International Centre for Hydrogen Energy Technologies (UNIDO-ICHET)  
Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the WG, is attached as Annex I.

**EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT**

8. In the context of this item, the representative of PROMITHEAS Network made a presentation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the *Energy View of BSEC Countries – 2008*, launched on 3 December 2009 in Athens, under the auspices of the BSEC. The participants exchanges views on this presentation

9. The WG:

- took note with appreciation of new edition of the *Energy View of BSEC Countries – 2008*;
- decided to ask the PROMITHEAS Network and to send its future obligation before the final print to the relevant Ministries each Member State with a view to receiving updated information as well as comments on their national priorities;
- decided to continue to keep this item on its subsequent meetings, as a useful framework to exchange information of interest for the BSEC Member States and their cooperation in the field of energy.

**STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATIONS AND DECISIONS OF MINISTERS OF ENERGY OF BSEC MEMBER STATES, AS WELL AS BSEC COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS**

10. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey as Country-Coordinator gave information regarding the Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on Electrical Networks (AHWGEEEN) held in Istanbul on 12-13 January 2010.

11. The Delegation of the Republic of Turkey as Country-Coordinator also provided information on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Cooperation among BSEC Member States in Exploration and Extraction of Hydrocarbon Resources of the Black Sea (AHWGEEHCR), and stated that the next meeting of the AHWGEEHCR will take place in Istanbul on 15 May 2010.

12. Having examined the issues under this agenda Item, the WG agreed to:

- endorse the Report of the AHWGEEEN Meeting in Istanbul on 12 and 13 January;
- take note of the information provided by PERMIS regarding action taken in implementation of the previous declarations and decisions of Meetings of the Ministers of Energy and of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.

## **STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

13. Examining the state of implementation of its previous decisions, the WG agreed as follows:
  1. On the Regional study on energy prepared by the ICBSS:
    - to ask ICBSS to finalize the study taking into account the latest observations of the Member States;
    - to ask PERMIS to disseminate the Regional study, as finalized by ICBSS, to the Member States and stakeholders in the energy sector in the BSEC region.
  2. On the BSEC Strategy on energy till 2020:
    - to take note of the Draft Outline prepared by PERMIS at the request of the WG and of the observations by some Member States;
    - to ask PERMIS to finalize the text, after inviting once again the Member States to convey their comments, observations and amendments to the Draft Outline;
    - to ask PERMIS to submit the revised text to the attention of MS to take it into account, as appropriate, as strategic options for them in their energy policies and in strengthening regional cooperation in the field of energy.
  3. To take note of the information submitted by PERMIS under this Agenda Item.

## **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION PREPARED BY THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA IN THE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WG FOR THE PERIOD 2010-2011 AND ON THE MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN FOR ITS EFFECTIVE EXECUTION**

14. Expressing their appreciation for the Plan of Action of the WG for the period 2010-2011 proposed by the Country-coordinator, the WG agreed to:
  - invite the Member States to submit their comments, observations and suggestions regarding the proposed Plan of Action in written form and have them sent to the PERMIS by 15 March 2010;
  - invite the Country-coordinator to revise the Plan of Action in the light of comments, observations and suggestions made by Member States;
  - give its approval for the revised Plan of Action either by correspondence, through PERMIS, or at its next meeting.

## **DISCUSSIONS ON THE DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE JOINT BSEC-EU PLAN OF ACTION IN ENERGY**

15. The WG:

- recalled the decision of the previous Meeting of the Ministers of Energy that the Draft Proposals for the Joint BSEC-EU Plan of Action in Energy should be finalized through direct BSEC-EU meetings;
- took note of the fact that there were no direct meetings to finalize the Draft;
- expressed its continued interest for a BSEC-EU Plan of Action in Energy, agreed upon through direct BSEC-EU meetings;
- invited the Member States to submit, through BSEC PERMIS, their inputs to the above-mentioned Draft.

**STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY**

16. The Participants took note of the information submitted by PERMIS in the context of this agenda item.

17. The participants noted with appreciation the presentation of the Director of the UNIDO-ICHET on Support to Hydrogen Energy Projects in BSEC Countries and expressed interest in exploring possibilities of collaboration for the implementation of such projects.

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

18. The WG agreed to:
- take note of the information submitted by PERMIS on project application in the field of energy to be financed from the Project Development Fund and the Hellenic Development Fund;
  - endorse the PDF Application "Renewable Energy Sources (RES) submitted by partners from the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Bulgaria and Romania.

**PREPARATION OF THE DECLARATION TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BSEC MINISTERS OF ENERGY**

19. The WG adopted the "Declaration on the Establishment of an Integrated Black Sea Energy Market" and decided to submit it to the Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the BSEC Member States for approval.

20. In the context of the elaboration of the Declaration, the WG agreed to further explore, in its forthcoming meetings, the proposal to study the possibility of establishing a Regional Energy Infrastructure Fund in order to develop the necessary energy infrastructure in the Black Sea Region. The WG further agreed to invite the BSEC Related Bodies to express their views of the subject.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE EVALUATION REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE WG DURING 2007-2009 PREPARED BY THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA IN CAPACITY AS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR AND DECIDED TO SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION TO THE CSO**

21. The WG took note of the information provided by PERMIS in connection with follow-up of the assessments and conclusions of the Evaluation Report of Activities of the WG during 2008-2009, provided by the Republic of Armenia as Country-coordinator.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

22. No issue was raised by the participants under this agenda item.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

23. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria for the hospitality and the excellent organization of the Meeting.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

24. The date and venue of the next meeting of the WG will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

25. 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.

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