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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

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1. The Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Environmental Protection of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) was held in Belgrade on 23 April 2012.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Prof. Ivica RADOVIĆ, State Secretary, The Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Israel, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Tunisia and the European Union participated in the Meeting as BSEC Observers.
5. The representatives of the UNDP, the OSCE, the Regional Environmental Centre for SEE and the Serbian Chamber of Commerce attended the Meeting as official Guests.
6. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

7. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Prof. Ivica RADOVIĆ, State Secretary, The Ministry of Environment, Mining and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Serbia.
8. H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC, welcomed the Participants of the Meeting and delivered his statement. The statement is attached as Annex II.
9. The draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex III.
10. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the Agenda items.
11. The Republic of Serbia in its capacity as the host country of the Ministerial Meeting, presented the main activities and achievements regarding its preparations to the Rio + 20 Conference. The presentation is attached as Annex IV.
12. The Heads of Delegations adopted the Joint Belgrade Declaration on Climate Change and Green Economy – BSEC Contribution to Rio+20. The Declaration is attached as Annex V.
13. The Participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Serbia for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent organization of the Meeting.
14. The present Report was adopted for submission to the 26th Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Belgrade on 8 June 2012.
