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

**Bucharest, 3 March 2006**

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Environmental Protection of the BSEC Member States was held in Bucharest on 3 March 2006. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group of Environmental Protection on 1-2 March 2006.
2. The following Member States of BSEC attended the Meeting:
  - Republic of Albania
  - Republic of Armenia
  - Republic of Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Bulgaria
  - Georgia
  - Hellenic Republic
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Serbia and Montenegro
  - Republic of Turkey
  - Ukraine
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Croatia, the Czech Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Israel, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Tunisia, the United States of America and the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution as Observers.
4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) also participated in the Meeting.
5. The representatives of the Republic of Austria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Japan, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), the European Commission and the International Commission for the Protection of Danube River (ICPDR) attended the Meeting as official Guests.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

6. The Meeting was chaired, on behalf of the Host Country by H.E. Mrs. Sulfina BARBU, Minister of Environment and Water Management of Romania, who addressed the participants with an opening statement.

7. H.E. Mr. Gheorghe POGEA, Vice-Prime Minister, made a welcoming address to the participants on behalf of the Prime Minister of Romania. H.E. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, delivered a statement.

8. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda as adopted is attached as Annex II.

9. The Ministers and the Heads of Delegations took note of the Report of the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Environmental Protection, held in Bucharest on 1-2 March 2006, which is attached as Annex III.

#### **REVIEW OF THE STATE OF COOPERATION AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IMPROVEMENT IN THE BLACK SEA REGION**

10. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations agreed to further strengthen their concerted efforts for a closer cooperation in the field of environmental protection among the BSEC Member States, as well as between BSEC and other international organizations and institutions.

#### **BSEC ACTION PLAN FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

11. The Ministers in charge of Environmental Protection and Heads of Delegations appreciated the work accomplished by the Working Group on Environmental Protection in finalizing the BSEC Action Plan in the Field of Environmental Protection and endorsed it. Furthermore, they instructed the Working Group to focus on the implementation of the Action Plan. The Action Plan is attached as Annex IV.

#### **JOINT DECLARATION ADOPTED AT THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

12. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations adopted the Joint Declaration, which is attached as Annex V.

### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

13. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations agreed that the date and venue of the next Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Environmental Protection would be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

### **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

14. The Participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Romania for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

### **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

15. The present Report was adopted for submission to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Bucharest, 26 April 2006).

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