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

Bucharest, 31 May 2011

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 Bucharest on 31 May 2011. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Environmental Protection on 30 May 2011.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Lazslo BORBELY, Minister of Environment and Forest of Romania.
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
 - Ukraine
4. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC) participated in the Meeting as Related Body.
5. The representatives of the Republic of Poland and the Commission for Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution participated in the Meeting as BSEC Observers.

6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Republic of Hungary as Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
7. The representatives of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), International Commission for Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) and the National Institute for Research and Development of Environmental Protection (NIRDEP) attended the Meeting as official Guests.
8. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.
9. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Lazslo BORBELY, Minister of Environment and Forest of Romania.
10. On behalf of the Country-Coordinator the Participants were welcomed by Ms. Sulfina BARBU, Chairperson of the Committee for Environment Protection, Land Planning and Public Administration of Romania.
11. Mr. Stefan TINCA, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, also welcomed the participants of the Meeting.
12. H.E. Ambassador Aliosha NEDELICHEV, Deputy Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC, welcomed the Participants of the Meeting and delivered his statement.
13. The draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex II.
14. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the Agenda items.
15. The Heads of Delegations adopted the Joint Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Environmental Protection of the BSEC Member States. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.
16. 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 organization of the Meeting.
17. The present Report was adopted for submission to the 24th Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Bucharest on 8 June 2011.
