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CONCLUSIONS OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICS

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1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Health Care and Pharmaceutics was held in Istanbul on 24 November 2016.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Vladan LAZOVIC, Minister Counsellor, Special Representative of the Serbian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Hellenic Republic
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:

Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC)

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and agreed upon. The Agenda, as agreed, is attached as **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL OF MFA AND THE DECLARATIONS OF THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICS. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP, PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016-2018).

- Follow-up to non-implemented Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council

6. BSEC PERMIS recalled the Resolution of the Council of MFA, held in Belgrade on 19 April 2007 where as the Member States were invited to “appoint representatives to the Working Groups on a long-term basis and act as their national contact points in respective Groups”.

7. So far eleven Member States have appointed their representatives to the Group. The list of the Member States’ representatives, as of 31 May 2016, is attached as **Annex 3**. The Member States who have not done so yet are invited to appoint their permanent representatives to the Working Group.

8. The participants reviewed the priority areas for cooperation in Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals for the next medium-term (2016-2018)” adopted at its last meeting (31 May, 2016, Moscow). Attached as **Annex 4**.

9. The participants discussed the Declaration of the Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States (Athens, 29 September 2014) under Agenda Item 4. Attached as **Annex 5**.

10. The participants discussed the Declaration adopted at the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States on Enhanced Tobacco control measures for better social and economic development (Chisinau, 5 June, 2015) **Annex 6** and the Moldavian project proposal “National Register of Diabetes Patients with BSEC regional implementation and international footprint” **Annex 7**.

11. The participants agreed to discuss the project proposal “National Register of Diabetes Patients with BSEC regional implementation and international footprint” at the next Working Group meeting under the guidance of Moldova.

12. The participants discussed the Declaration of the Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States (Moscow, 28 June 2016) on cooperation in the sphere of quality, effectiveness and safety assurance of medicines, **Annex 8** and elaborated on it under Agenda Item 3.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

A. The participants discussed the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Sanitary Protection of the Territories of the BSEC Member States, attached as **Annex 9** and the State of play with the Agreement, attached as **Annex 10**.

13. The representatives of the Russian Federation and Republic of Armenia elaborated on their proposals for changes in the draft Agreement.

14. The representative of the Republic of Turkey informed that the draft Agreement is in the process of internal consultations.

15. The representative of the Hellenic Republic informed that they need more time to coordinate the issue of the draft Agreement with the relevant European Union's regulation.

16. The BSEC Member States are invited to submit their opinions and proposals to the text of the draft Agreement one month before the next meeting of the Working Group of Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals.

B. The participants discussed the Memorandum of Understanding on Information Exchange and Cooperation in the Sphere of Quality Assurance of Medicines, signed by 3 Member States, attached as **Annex 11**.

17. The representative of the Russian Federation reminded that the MoU is open for signature by those BSEC Member States who have not signed it yet.

18. The representative of the Republic of Turkey informed that they are in an internal procedure of confirmation to join the Memorandum.

19. The representative of the Republic of Turkey made a power point presentation on "Pharmaceuticals Track and Trace System". The presentation is attached as **Annex 12**.

AGENDA ITEM 4: NETWORK FOR THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE WITHIN THE BSEC REGION (NET-EPR) IN THE FIELD OF HEALTHCARE

20. The Country-Coordinator made a live and a power point presentation of the new concept of networking for emergency preparedness and response in the Hellenic Republic and a model for regional cooperation. The power point presentation is attached as **Annex 13**.

21. The representative of the Republic of Armenia informed that may participate in the Network but does not have the intention to organize a similar center.

22. The representative of the Republic of Turkey asked for additional information for the implementation process and budget details of this initiative and proposed to the Member States to reevaluate the staff structure and duties of this initiative in terms of regional cooperation.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICS FOR 2016-2018:

24. The participants discussed and amended the draft Action Plan of the Working Group for 2016-2018 presented by the Country-Coordinator. The draft Action Plan, as amended, is attached as **Annex 14**.

25. The BSEC Member States are invited to submit their comments on the draft Action Plan one month before the next meeting of the Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

26. The participants took note of the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), focusing on tobacco taxation issues, presented by BSEC PERMIS, and agreed to submit their proposals to the document before the next meeting of the Working Group. The draft MoU is attached as **Annex 15**.

27. The representative of the Republic of Turkey made a statement on the regional cooperation in healthcare and pharmaceuticals, attached as **Annex 16**.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING

28. The Conclusions of the Informal Meeting were adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials to be held in Belgrade on 11-12 December 2016.