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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON
HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICS**

Istanbul, 2-3 December 2010

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Health Care and Pharmaceutics was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 2-3 December 2010.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Nune BAKUNTS, Head of Legal Instruments and Document Flaw Management Division, State Hygiene and Anti-Epidemic Inspectorate, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia, and Ms. Angeliki PAPAGIANNPOULOU, MD, Officer, Division of Public Health, Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity of the Hellenic Republic.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The representative of the Czech Republic attended the Meeting as BSEC Observer.
5. The Meeting was attended by the representative of the Republic of Hungary as a Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

6. The representative of the WHO Secretariat participated in the Meeting as a Guest.

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The Agenda, as amended, is attached as Annex II.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL

8. The representative of BSEC PERMIS informed the Working Group on the status of implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council.

9. The Working Group requested the Member States that had not appointed yet their representatives – national contact points to the Working Group on Health Care and Pharmaceuticals to do so as soon as possible.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICS FOR 2010 - 2011

10. The Working Group discussed, amended and adopted the Plan of Action for 2010 – 2011 elaborated by the Country-Coordinator (Armenia). The Plan of Action as adopted is attached as Annex III.

11. It was noted that the issues regarding regular exchange of information on registered infection diseases and on cases of regional and trans-border emergency situations would be included in the Agenda of experts' meeting that will deliberate the draft proposal on establishing a network for the epidemiological surveillance and response.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SITUATION IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF PREVENTION MEASURES AND OF MEASURES OF DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

12. The Working Group decided to defer the issue to its next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON ELABORATION OF A JOINT STRATEGY OF THE SYSTEM OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE WITHIN BSEC

13. The participants took note that only two states had forwarded information regarding their national contact points for epidemiological surveillance and for implementation of IHR-2005.

14. With the aim to prepare the experts' meeting for consideration of the draft proposal on establishing the network for epidemiological surveillance and response on health threats within the BSEC Region the Working Group reiterated its request to the Member States to transmit the

names and contact details of the afore-named national contact points **by the end of January 2011**.

DRAFT AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SANITARY PROTECTION OF THE TERRITORIES OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

15. Further to the decisions of the Council (Sofia, 28 May 2010) and of the CSO (Istanbul, 29-30 March 2010) the Working Group discussed and amended the draft Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Sanitary Protection of the Territories of the BSEC Member States. The draft document as amended is attached as Annex IV.

16. It was agreed that the Member States will forward their comments and proposals to the draft Agreement **by the end of February 2011**, in order to be considered at the next Meeting of the Working Group.

17. The Republic of Azerbaijan made a statement. The statement is attached as Annex V.

18. The Republic of Armenia made a statement. The statement is attached as Annex VI.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND REGIONAL PROJECTS

19. The Working Group discussed the issue and agreed that the Member States will forward their proposals on priority areas for PDF projects, related to health care and pharmaceuticals, **by the end of March 2011**. The Working Group agreed to discuss this issue at its next Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20. The Russian Federation proposed to discuss the possibility of establishing information exchange on preventing counterfeit medicines circulation and presented for information the drafts of the Algorithm of Information Exchange Concerning Counteraction to the Circulation of the Counterfeit Medicines / Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare and Social Development (Russian Federation) and any interested Party. The presented draft documents are attached as Annex VII.

21. The Working Group agreed to discuss the issue at its next Meeting.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

22. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated to the Member States in due course by PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

23. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.