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**REPORT  
OF THE MEETING  
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP  
ON HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICS**

Moscow, 31 May 2016

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Health Care and Pharmaceutics was held at Moscow on 31 May 2016.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Sergey MURAVYEV, Director and Mr. Eduard SALAKHOV, Deputy Director of the Department of International Cooperation and Public Relations, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:  
  
Republic of Armenia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM 2: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL OF MFA; THE “WAY FORWARD FOR AND ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECONOMIC AGENDA”; BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA 2012: PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016-2018).**

5. 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”.

6. So far eleven Member States have appointed their representatives to the Group. The list of the Member States’ representatives, as of 30 May 2016, is attached as **Annex III**. The Member States who have not done so yet are invited to appoint their permanent representatives to the Working Group.

7. BSEC PERMIS informed of the accomplishments of the meetings of the Ministers in Charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States (Athens, 29 September 2014 and Chisinau, 5 June, 2015)

8. Upon an application from the Hellenic Republic for renewal of their status as Country Coordinator of the WG for the period July 2016 – June 2018, the WG submitted for consideration of the forthcoming BSEC Committee of Senior Officials the following draft CMFA Decision:

*“The Council re-appointed the Hellenic Republic as the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Healthcare and Pharmaceutics as of 1 July 2016 for a period of two years.”*

9. Following the guidelines of the Resolution on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda 2012 adopted by the 32nd Meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Chisinau, 18 June 2015) the Working Group agreed on the priority areas for cooperation in Healthcare and Pharmaceutics for the next medium-term (2016-2018)”, attached as **Annex IV**.

***A. Network for the Emergency Preparedness and Response within the BSEC Region (NET-EPR) in the field of healthcare – implementation.***

10. The Hellenic Republic presented the modalities for the implementation of the Network for the Emergency Preparedness and Response within the BSEC Region (NET-EPR) in the field of healthcare.

11. The representatives of the Member States in generally supported the presented project.

12. The Member States agreed to study the said project and to inform at the next meeting of the Working Group on Healthcare and Pharmaceutics of their position on it. The project is attached as **Annex V**.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 DISCUSSIONS AND ADOPTION (PREPARATION FOR SIGNING)  
OF THE DOCUMENT FILE FOR THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICS OF THE BSEC  
MEMBER STATES (28 JUNE, 2016, MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION):**

***A. Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Sanitary Protection of the Territories of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation.***

13. The Hellenic Republic and Romania pointed the fact that their membership in the European Union restrains them from adhering to the Agreement.

14. Other participants at the Meeting expressed their support to the Agreement.

15. The Working Group decided to disseminate the Draft Agreement to the Member States so that those wishing to sign it to do it at the forthcoming Ministerial Meeting on 28 June 2016 in Moscow. The Member States are invited to inform the Russian Chairmanship-in-Office via the BSEC PERMIS of their position by 15 June 2016. The Draft Agreement is attached as **Annex VI**.

***B. Memorandum of Understanding on Information Exchange and Cooperation in the Sphere of Quality Assurance of Medicines.***

16. The Memorandum of Understanding was discussed, amended and agreed upon. The Memorandum as agreed is attached as **Annex VII**.

***C. Draft Declaration of the Ministers in charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States on Cooperation in the Sphere of Quality, Effectiveness and Safety Assurance of Medicines***

17. The Working Group discussed the text of the Draft Declaration proposed by the Russian Chairmanship-in-Office on 27 May 2016.

18. Upon suggestion by Member States the Working Group agreed to take note of the Draft Declaration for the moment and to inform the Russian Chairmanship-in-Office via the BSEC PERMIS of their final position on it by 15 June 2016. The Draft Declaration is attached as **Annex VIII**.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

19. The Chairmanship-in-Office presented the Draft Agenda of the forthcoming Meeting of the Ministers of Healthcare to be held in Moscow on 28 June 2016. For the adoption of the discussed document silence procedure will be applied. The Draft Agenda is attached as **Annex IX**.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

20. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials to be held in Sochi on 29-30 June 2016.

