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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 16-17 May 2013

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 16-17 May 2013.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Sergii KOPAN, Head of the International Cooperation Projects Sector of the Center for Adaptation of the Civil Service to the Standards of the European Union, National Agency of Ukraine on Civil Service.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The Meeting was attended by the representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt as an Observer.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

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

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

6. BSEC PERMIS briefed the participants on the status of implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and follow-up to the Joint Declarations of the Ministers in Charge of Public Administration of the BSEC Member States (Athens, February 2005 and April 2007).

7. BSEC PERMIS briefed the participants on the BSEC Economic Agenda: Towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership adopted by the BSEC Council (Belgrade, 11 June 2012) and endorsed by the Summit (Istanbul, June 2012). Furthermore, the participants were informed of the (Istanbul, 15 December 2012) Document “Way Forward for an Action Plan on the Implementation of the Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”, approved by the BSEC Council, as guidelines for enhancing cooperation in the field of good governance.

8. BSEC PERMIS briefed the participants on the BSEC Public Communication Strategy, adopted by the BSEC Council (Belgrade, 11 June 2012) and the need to integrate it in the WG Manual.

9. The Member States are of the opinion that the enhancement for cooperation with international organizations, *inter alia*, in the form of workshops, conferences, seminars which will strengthen the project oriented agenda of BSEC.

10. The representative of Ukraine informed of the 7th Annual Regional Conference for Institutional Building in autumn 2013.

EXAMINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2011-2013

11. The representatives of the Republic of Turkey informed on the implementation process of the Plan of Action and made five presentations as follows:

- Study Visit, Online Vehicle Registration Service;
- Review of the Responses regarding the Questionnaire on Law Drafting and Management of Stock of Legislation;
- Review of the Responses regarding the Questionnaire for Right of Access to Information;
- Review of the responses regarding the Questionnaire for Ethics.

The presentations are attached as **Annex III**.

12. The Working Group submitted for consideration of the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials the following draft Council Recommendation:

“The Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs took note of the meeting of the WG on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance held on 16-17 May, 2013 and recommend it to proceed further with the execution of the Plan of Action 2011-2013”.

REVIEW AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES, ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE PROCESS OF REFORMING THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND IMPROVING THE GOVERNANCE CAPACITIES IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

13. The representatives of the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Armenia, Ukraine and the Russian Federation made presentations on the national policies and progress achieved on the best practices in the process of reforming the public institutions and improving the governance capacities in their respective countries.

14. The presentations of the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine are attached as **Annex IV**. The presentations of the Republic of Armenia and the Russian Federation will be delivered in due course.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND REGIONAL PROJECTS

15. BSEC PERMIS informed that the PDF applications, submitted up to date, are pending due to the reforming of the Fund.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16. The issue of a high level meeting of the institutions responsible for the Institutional Renewal and Good Governance would be further discussed with the Country Coordinator and the incoming BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

17. The dates and venue of the next Meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

18. The Working Group adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.
