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

Sofia, 4 May 2017

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held in Sofia, on 4 May 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Guenoveva JETCHEVA, Head of Department on Science, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria, Representative of the Country-Coordinator.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
4. The representatives of the Council of Ministers, the Institute of Public Administration and the State e-Government Agency were invited as Guests.
5. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I** to the present Report.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE JOINT STATEMENTS (DECLARATIONS) ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

7. The 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).
8. The issue of appointment of representatives to the Working Groups on a long term basis and the attendance of them at the meetings was raised by BSEC PERMIS.
9. The Working Group agreed that long term representatives of the Working Group should be nominated by the Member States. The esteemed Member States are invited to provide the updated information about their national representatives through the Secretariat by sending a Verbal Note before the next meeting of the Working Group.
10. The Working Group took note of the information on the developments with regard to the implementation of the “BSEC Economic Agenda 2012”.
11. The Working Group noted that up to this moment there are no signed Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding in the sphere of Institutional Renewal and Good Governance among the BSEC Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 3: EXAMINATION OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2016-2017, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION ON PREPARATION FOR CONDUCTING A HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE IN 2017

12. The Country-Coordinator made a comprehensive presentation on progress achieved so far in implementing the Plan of Action for 2016-2017. The written presentation will be distributed in short period of time.
13. Upon the CMFA resolution (1 November, 2006, Moscow) the Country-Coordinator presented an evaluation report on the strengths, weaknesses and lessons learned in the

activity of the Working Groups for the period June 2015- June 2017. The report will be sent shortly to the Member States.

14. The Working Group appreciated the work done by the Republic of Bulgaria in its capacity as a Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance for the period of two years /2015-2017/ and approved its evaluation report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE POSITION OF COUNTRY-COORDINATOR WHICH WILL BE VACANT FROM 1st OF JULY 2017

15. The Member States exchanged views on the possibility to take over the coordination role of the Working Group for the next period of two years /2017-2019/. No country expressed officially its willingness to take over the coordination of the Working Group.

AGENDA ITEM 5: 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. SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP

16. The representative of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria made a presentation on the Priorities in the Public Administration Development Strategy 2014 - 2020, attached as **Annex III.**
17. The representative of the Institute of Public Administration of the Republic of Bulgaria made a presentation on the Training Programmes for Professional Developments. The presentation will be sent in short time.
18. The representative of the State e-Government Agency made a presentation on recent developments in e-Government in the Republic of Bulgaria, attached as **Annex IV.**
19. The representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan presented information on recent developments in the national administration reform. The presentation will be sent shortly to the Member States.
20. The representatives of the Republic of Moldova presented information on recent developments in the national administration reform. The presentation is attached as **Annex V.**

21. The representative of the Russian Federation presented information on recent developments in the national administration reform. The presentation will be sent shortly to the Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. No other issue was raised by the Member States under this Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

23. The Working Group adopted the present Report and submitted it for consideration to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BSEC Member States (Istanbul, 27-28 June 2017).