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

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 8-9 April 2010

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 8-9 April 2010.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Andriy BEGA, Deputy Director, Main Department of the Civil Service of Ukraine, Center for Adaptation of the Civil Service to the Standards of the European Union.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Arab Republic of Egypt and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as Observers.

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, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATIONS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

6. PERMIS briefed the Working Group on the implementation status of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and the provisions of the Joint Declarations adopted by the Ministers in Charge of Public Administration of the BSEC Member States.

7. The participants took note of the list of the representatives to the Working Group. PERMIS reiterated its request to the Member States which had not appointed their representatives yet to do so as soon as possible. The list of the representatives is attached as Annex III.

DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE OF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CIVIL SERVANTS

8. The delegations of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Romania, the Republic of Turkey and Ukraine informed the Working Group on their performance evaluation of the civil servants' policies and practice. The presentations are attached as Annex IV.

9. Ukraine advised that the draft Information Background Paper on the issue had been prepared on the basis of the replies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Greece, Romania and Ukraine to the Questionnaire provided by the Country-Coordinator. The draft is attached as Annex V.

10. The Member States that have not yet forwarded their replies were invited to do so **by 8 May 2010** to enable the Country-Coordinator to finalize the Information Background Paper on Performance Evaluation of the Civil Servants in the BSEC Member States with the aim of its placing on the BSEC website.

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 OF IMPROVING THE GOVERNANCE CAPACITIES IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

11. The delegations of the Hellenic Republic, the Russian Federation and Ukraine informed the participants on the latest developments in their national policies in the field of reforming the public institutions and improving the governance capacities. The presentations are attached as Annex VI and will be placed on the BSEC website.

PROPOSALS OF THE ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

12. The Working Group agreed that at its next meeting the issues of administrative services, particularly charged services, as well as of development and introduction of the e-government in the Member States will be discussed on the basis of the questionnaires to be prepared by the Country-Coordinator.

13. It was also agreed that the topic of benefits and compensations for civil servants will be discussed at the first meeting to be held in 2011.

14. The participants were invited to forward their ideas and proposals for possible multilateral projects and workshops, including those in cooperation with other international organizations and institutions, such as the European Union, the Council of Europe, for discussion at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. The Working Group encouraged the Country-Coordinator to continue its work for implementation of the Plan of Action 2009-2011.

16. The participants were also invited to forward their suggestions to the Country-Coordinator for inviting guest speakers to the next Meeting.

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.
