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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Sofia, 9 April 2010

1. The Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology of the BSEC Member States was held in Sofia on 9 April 2010.
 2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Petya EFTIMOVA, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Youth and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria.
 3. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations from the following BSEC Member States participated in the Meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
 4. Representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) participated at the Meeting, as BSEC Related Bodies.
 5. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the United States of America and the European Commission as Observers.
- The list of participants is attached as Annex I.
6. Ms. Petya EFTIMOVA, the Deputy Minister addressed the participants at the meeting.

7. Mr. Alexander BAKALOV, Head of Regional Cooperation Department of the Neighboring Countries Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, delivered a greeting address of H.E. Mr. Nickolay MLADENOV, the Minister of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

8. Ambassador Aliosha NEDELICHEV, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS welcomed the participants on behalf of BSEC PERMIS.

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

10. The Ministers, Heads of Delegations and representatives of the Related Bodies delivered their statements.

11. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations adopted “The Second BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology (2010-2014)”. The approved Action Plan is attached as Annex III.

12. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations adopted “The Declaration of the Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology of the BSEC Member States”. The approved Declaration is attached as Annex IV.

13. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria for the excellent organization of the Meeting and warm hospitality extended to the delegations.

14. The present Report was adopted and will be submitted to the 22nd Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Sofia, 28 May 2010)