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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Baku, 1-2 December 2014

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology (WGCST) was held in Baku, on 1-2 December 2014.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Elchin BABAYEV, Executive Director of the Science Development Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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

Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Republic of Serbia
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey

4. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC) and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) participated as BSEC Related Bodies.

The list of participants of the Meeting 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**.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL, AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

6. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and the follow up of the Declarations and the Statements of the Ministers in charge of Science and Technology since the last Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology (BSEC Headquarters, 14 May 2014).

7. The BSEC PERMIS informed on possible ways and means of future institutional cooperation on youth and sports issues within BSEC. The Working Group agreed to include the issues related to young scientists on the agenda of its next meeting, and invited the Member States to present their comments and proposals in advance of that meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP (2014-2016)

8. The Working Group considered, amended and adopted the Plan of Action of the Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology for the period 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2016, elaborated by the Country-Coordinator (Republic of Azerbaijan). The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex III**.

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS (AGENDA, THIRD BSEC ACTION PLAN ON COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND DECLARATION) FOR THE MEETING OF MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (BAKU, 3 DECEMBER 2014)

9. The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan introduced the draft documents and informed on the arrangements for the forthcoming Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Science and Technology (Baku, 3 December 2014).

10. The Working Group considered and finalized the following draft documents of the Meeting of Ministers:

- Agenda (attached as **Annex IV**);
- Third BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology (2014-2018) (attached as **Annex V**);
- Declaration of the Ministers in charge of Science and Technology (attached as **Annex VI**).

11. The Working Group took note of the draft Report of the Meeting of Ministers, prepared by BSEC PERMIS (attached as **Annex VII**).

12. The Working Group acknowledged the work done by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) on the elaboration of the first draft of the third BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology.

THE “WAY FORWARD FOR AN ACTION PLAN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP” AND THE GUIDELINES FOR THE BSEC PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT

13. The Working Group took note of the information contained in the draft Report on the activities of the Working Group on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda 2012, prepared by BSEC PERMIS in consultation with the Country-Coordinator, and suggested that it be incorporated in the overall BSEC PERMIS report on the issue, to be submitted to the Committee of Senior Officials. The information is attached as **Annex VIII**.

14. The Working Group took note of the willingness of the Republic of Turkey to prepare, in collaboration with the Country-Coordinator, guidelines for filling the Questionnaire on developing of national innovation related structures for other BSEC Member States' use.

15. The Working Group reiterated its call on the Member States to reply to the Questionnaire as soon as possible. The text of the Questionnaire is attached as **Annex IX**.

16. The delegation of the Russian Federation delivered a presentation on enhancement of BSEC partnership "The perspective of the Russian Federation collaboration within BSEC", attached as **Annex X**.

17. The Working Group took note of the presentation on the Guidelines of the BSEC Project Management Unit, delivered by BSEC PERMIS and invited the Member States to submit project proposals in compliance with the Guidelines.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF)

18. The Working Group decided to defer the consideration of this item to its next meeting.

MEMORANDUM OF INTENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BSEC-USA

19. The Working Group reiterated its call to the Member States to present concrete proposals for consideration at its next meeting.

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (OVERALL EVALUATION, CONCRETE PROJECT PROPOSALS)

20. The Working Group decided to defer the consideration of this item to its next meeting.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

21. The participants expressed their gratitude to the Science and Development Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the organization of the Meeting and the hospitality extended.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The Working Group adopted the present Report for the submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the BSEC Member States.
