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

Athens, 28 September 2005

1. The Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Science and Technology of the BSEC Member States was held in Athens, on 28 September 2005.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Deputy Minister of Development of the Hellenic Republic, H.E. Mr. Yannis PAPATHANASSIOU.

3. Ministers and Head of Delegations from the following BSEC Member States participated in the Meeting:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia and Montenegro
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

4. Representatives of the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC), and the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) took part in the Meeting.

5. The Meeting was attended by the representative of the Tunisian Republic as Observer.

6. The Meeting was also attended by representatives of the European Commission and the European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) as official guests.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

7. H.E. Mr. Yannis PAPATHANASSIOU and Professor Thanos VEREMIS welcomed the participants on behalf of the Hellenic Ministry of Development and the ICBSS.

8. Professor Ion TIGHINEANU, Representative of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, Mr. Andras SIEGLER, Director of Directorate N “International Scientific Cooperation”, European Commission, and Ambassador Andrey URNOV, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS delivered opening statements.
9. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.
10. The Ministers and Head 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 III.
11. The Ministers and Head of Delegations adopted the “BSEC Action Plan on Cooperation in Science and Technology”. The approved Action Plan is attached as Annex IV.
12. The Ministers and Head of Delegations agreed to forward the Declaration and the Action Plan for endorsement to the forthcoming Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Chisinau, 28 October 2005).
13. The Ministers and Head of Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Hellenic Ministry of Development and the ICBSS for their hospitality and excellent arrangements for the Meeting, as well as to the European Commission for supporting the organisation of this series of Meetings.