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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TOURISM
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Rhodos, Greece, 31 March 2005

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Tourism of the BSEC Member States was held in Rhodos, Greece, on 31 March 2005.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic; Dr. Aristidis CALOGEROPOULOS-STRATIS, President of the National Tourism Organization of Greece; and H.E. Ambassador Dionyssios CODELLAS, General Director of the International Relations, Ministry of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic.
3. The representatives of the following BSEC Member States attended 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. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of BSEC (PABSEC), the BSEC Business Council and the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) also participated in the Meeting.
5. The Meeting was attended by Mr. Luigi CABRINI, Regional Representative for Europe of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) as an official Guest.

The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

6. H.E. Mr. Dimitris AVRAMOPOULOS, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic delivered an opening statement.
7. H.E. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, addressed the Participants of the Meeting.
8. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.
9. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed on the agenda items.
10. The Participants of the Meeting considered the Report of the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Tourism.
11. The Participants of the Meeting adopted the Rhodos Declaration of the Ministers of Tourism of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. The text of the Declaration is attached as Annex III.
12. The Participants expressed deep gratitude to the Government of the Hellenic Republic for its successful BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office and its contribution to the promotion of the BSEC goals as well as for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Rhodos.
13. The Participants of the Meeting exchanged their views and converged in establishing a special body - a forum or a permanent committee in charge of the elaboration of BSEC strategies on tourism and the implementation of respective projects.
14. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting of the Ministers of Tourism of the BSEC Member States and decided to present it to the Twelfth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Komotini, Hellenic Republic, on 23 April 2005.