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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF TOURISM OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Athens, 15 November 2010

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States was held in Athens on 15 November 2010.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Georgios NIKITIADIS, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Hellenic Republic.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended 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. The following BSEC Related Bodies also participated in the Meeting:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)
BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC)
International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:

Republic of Croatia
Czech Republic
French Republic

State of Israel
Republic of Italy
Republic of Poland
Slovak Republic
United States of America

6. The following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners also participated in the Meeting:

Republic of Hungary
Islamic Republic of Iran
Japan
Montenegro
Republic of Slovenia

7. The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

8. H.E. Mr. Mr. Georgios NIKITIADIS, Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Hellenic Republic delivered an opening statement.

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

10. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, addressed the Meeting.

11. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting the Agenda items.

12. The representatives of the BSEC Related Bodies and the Islamic Republic of Iran delivered their statements.

13. The representatives of the BSEC Member States adopted “The Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States”. The Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.

14. The representative of Romania expressed the intention of his authorities to submit a proposal on “Wine Routes of Romania” to be included in the next Ministerial Declaration.

15. The representative of Georgia made a Special Statement, which is attached as **Annex IV**.

16. The representative of the Russian Federation enclosed the Special Statement, which is attached as **Annex V**.

17. The Participants expressed their deep gratitude to the Government of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Hellenic Republic for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Athens.

18. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting and decided to present it to the 23rd Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Thessaloniki, the Hellenic Republic, on 26 November 2010.
