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**REPORT OF THE MEETING  
OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ECONOMY  
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

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1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy of the BSEC Member States was held in Istanbul on 11 May 2017.
2. 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  
Republic of Serbia  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
3. The following BSEC Related Bodies participated in the Meeting:  
  
Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC)  
Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)
4. The list of participants in 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**.

6. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Nihat ZEYBEKCI, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Turkey, who made the opening statement.

7. H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC delivered a statement.

8. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements.

9. The representative of the Turkish BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office introduced the draft Joint Declaration on “Increasing intra-trade in the BSEC Region via trade facilitation”, the text of which was agreed at the Meeting of the High Level Experts, held in Istanbul on 10 May 2017.

10. The representatives of the BSEC Member States adopted the Joint Declaration on “Increasing intra-trade in the BSEC region via trade facilitation”. The Joint Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.

11. The Participants expressed their deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Turkey for the warm hospitality extended to the delegations and excellent organization of the Meeting in Istanbul.

12. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting to be presented to the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Istanbul on 29 June 2017.

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