



**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT
FROM COUNTRIES OF THE
BLACK AND CASPIAN SEAS REGION**

Baky, 3 October 2003

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport from Countries of the Black and Caspian Seas Region was held in Baky, Azerbaijan, on 3 October 2003.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Musa PANAKHOV, Deputy Head of Railways of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
3. H.E.Mr. Makhmud MAMMAD-GULIYEV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan welcomed the Participants of the Meeting on behalf of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office.
4. The representatives of the following countries attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Kazakhstan
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
5. The representatives of the Republic of France, State of Israel, Republic of Italy and the Republic of Poland attended the Meeting.
6. Ambassador of the Republic of Italy addressed the Meeting in the capacity of the EU Presidency.
7. The representatives of the BSEC Business Council, the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) and the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) also participated in the Meeting.

8. The representative of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) also participated in the Meeting.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

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

10. The Participants of the Meeting adopted the “Baky Declaration on the Development of Transport Cooperation in the Black and Caspian Seas Region”. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

11. The Participants adopted the present Report of the Meeting.

12. The Heads of the Delegations expressed deep gratitude to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Heydar ALIYEV for the promotion of this valuable initiative and to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. İlham ALIYEV for the excellent organization of the Meeting and warm hospitality extended.
