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

Odessa, Ukraine, 10 April 2008

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Odessa, Ukraine, on 10 April 2008. It was preceded by the Special Meeting for the Preparation of a Joint Declaration on 9 April 2008.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Iosyp VINSKIY, the Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:
 - 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
4. The representatives of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Italy and the Republic of Poland also attended the Meeting as the BSEC Observers.
5. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) also participated in the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.

6. The representatives of the Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), the Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs), the Black Sea Region Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS) and the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as Sectoral Dialogue Partners with BSEC.
7. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the International Road Federation (IRF), the International Road Transport Union (IRU), the European Union Border Assistance Mission to Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova and IGC TRACECA as Guests.
8. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.
9. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Iosyp VINSKIY, the Minister of Transport and Communications of Ukraine.
10. H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC delivered a statement.
11. The address of H.E. Mr. Volodymyr OGRYZKO, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, was delivered to the Participants of the Meeting.
12. Mr. Nikolay SERDIUK, the Head of the State Administration of Ukraine in Odessa Region, delivered a welcoming address to the Participants of the Meeting.
13. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex II.
14. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.¹
15. The Ministers adopted the “Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the Sphere of Transport in the BSEC Region”. The Joint Declaration is attached as Annex V.
16. The Heads of Delegation expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Ukraine and personally to H.E. Mr. Iosyp VINSKIY for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Odessa.
17. The Heads of Delegation adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 18th Meeting of the BSEC Council of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, to be held in Kyiv on 17 April 2008.

¹ The reservations by the Republic of Azerbaijan and by the Republic of Armenia are attached as Annex III and IV.