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

**Thessaloniki, 28 January 2005**

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Thessaloniki, Greece, on 28 January 2005.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Michalis LIAPIS, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Hellenic Republic.
3. H.E. Mr. Evripidis STYLIANIDIS, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic welcomed the Participants of the Meeting on behalf of the BSEC Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. Petros MOLYVIATIS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic.
4. 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
5. The representative of the State of Israel attended the Meeting.
6. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC), 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.

7. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the European Commission (EC) and the International Road Federation (IRF) as official Guests.

8. 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) also participated in the Meeting.

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

9. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, Mr. Edgar THIELMANN, Head of Unit B2 of DG TREN of the European Commission and Mr. Jose Capel FERRER, Director of Transport Division of UNECE addressed the High Participants of the Meeting.

10. 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.

11. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed on the Agenda items.

12. The Participants of the Meeting adopted the “Joint Declaration on the Connection of the Black Sea Transport Network with Trans – European Transport Network within the framework of the Euro-Asian Transport Links”. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

13. 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 Thessaloniki.

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

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