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

Izmir, 28 November 2012

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Izmir, the Republic of Turkey, on 28 November 2012. It was preceded, by the Eighth Meeting of the Steering Committee on Facilitation of Road Transport of Goods in the BSEC Region and the BSEC Working Group on Transport, which were held, respectively, on 26 November and on 26-27 November 2012.

2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Binali YILDIRIM, the Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

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 representative of the Czech Republic attended the Meeting as BSEC Observer.

5. The representatives of the Black and Azov Sea Ports Association (BASPA), the Black Sea Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS), and the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners.

6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) as Guests.
7. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.
8. H.E. Mr. Binali YILDIRIM, the Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey welcomed the participants.
9. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegations is attached as **Annex II**.
10. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.
11. The Heads of Delegations of the BSEC Member States adopted the “The Izmir Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the Sphere of Transport in the BSEC Region”.

The Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.

12. The Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States were invited to the International Conference on Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Black Sea, Central Asia and Middle East Regions with participation of the Ministers from the mentioned regions, which was organized by the IRU and the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey, under the patronage of the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey.
13. The Heads of Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for its contribution to promotion of transport in the BSEC region, as well as for the warm hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the meeting.
14. The Heads of Delegations adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 27th Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, to be held in Istanbul on 15 December 2012.
