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**REPORT OF THE  
SECOND MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE MINISTRIES  
OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE BSEC PARTICIPATING STATES**

**Athens, 29 June – 1 July 1998**

1. The Second Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts of the Ministries of Internal Affairs of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Participating States on drafting the Agreement among the Governments of the BSEC Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms was held in Athens, on 29 June – 1 July 1998.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Nikolaos TASIPOULOS, Director of the International Police Cooperation Division of the Ministry of Public Order of the Hellenic Republic.

3. The Meeting was attended by the experts from the following Participating States of the BSEC:

The Republic of Albania  
The Republic of Armenia  
The Republic of Azerbaijan  
The Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
The Hellenic Republic  
The Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
The Russian Federation  
The Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

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

4. Mr. Nikolaos TASIPOULOS made an inaugural statement.

5. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Group of Experts, is attached as Annex II.

6. The experts discussed and finalized the remaining articles (4-10) of the draft Agreement among the Governments of the BSEC Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, made a general review of all articles elaborated during their First Meeting and reached consensus on the draft Agreement which is attached as Annex III.

7. The participants agreed to submit the draft Agreement among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms to the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Internal Affairs to be held prior to the Twelfth Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs (MMFA).

8. The delegations agreed unanimously to include into the draft Agreement (Article 6) the provision for the establishment of a Working Group in order to examine the ways of implementation and promotion of cooperation on the basis of the Agreement.

9. The Turkish Delegation proposed as a means of cooperation the idea of the establishment of the Black Sea Police Organization (BLACK SEA-POL) and a joint laboratory for identifying the origins and carrying out analysis of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

Several delegations were, in principle, in favor of, and others were not, in principle, opposed to the idea of the establishment of the above-mentioned structures and stated that the said projects are not mature enough and need further study, in particular as to the legal, financial, organizational, etc., problems.

10. The participants expressed their sincere gratitude to the Government of the Hellenic Republic, in particular to the Ministry of Public Order, for the hospitality extended to the delegations and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

11. The Report was adopted for submission to the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Internal Affairs to be held in Greece on 1-2 October 1998.

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