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**REPORT
OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP
ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME,
IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS**

Istanbul, 14-15 May 2001

1. The Third Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its organized forms, was held at the BSEC premises in Istanbul on 14-15 May 2001.
2. The Meeting was attended by the delegates from the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of France, Italy, Poland and Tunisia as Observers.
4. The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.
5. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Balkan Kızıldeli, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
6. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as Annex II.

ELABORATION OF THE DRAFT ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL

7. The delegations reached a consensus with regard to establishing a BSEC Central Network of Liaison Officers on Combating Crime as a first step for setting up an institution allowing the closer cooperation of the BSEC Member States in the field of combating transnational crime. In this respect the participants took up the elaboration of the draft Additional Protocol to the Agreement among the Governments of the BSEC Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its organized forms. They agreed on the contents of the Preamble and the first four Articles, the remaining provisions being subject for elaboration at a later stage. The draft Additional Protocol agreed so far is attached as Annex III.

8. Taking into account its domestic legal requirements, one delegation expressed its concern on the use of the term “Liaison Officers” in the Draft Additional Protocol.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

9. The participants agreed that another Meeting of the Working Group be convened by the end of July 2001 in order to finalize the draft Additional Protocol and to formulate its recommendations to the Meeting of the Ministers of Internal Affairs. The date and venue of the said Meeting will be communicated at a later stage through the BSEC PERMIS.

10. The present Report was adopted for submission to the forthcoming Meeting of the Ministers of Internal Affairs.
