



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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### REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE HEADS OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

**Baku, 26 November 2014**

1. The Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States was held in Baku on 26 November 2014. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Customs Matters, held on 25 November 2014.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Rza HASANALIYEV, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS.

3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

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

4. The following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner also participated in the Meeting:

Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA)

The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.

5. The Agenda of the Meeting was adopted and is attached as **Annex II**.

6. Opening and welcome addresses were made by:

- Mr. Rza HASANALIYEV, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS;
- Mr. Odyssefs PYLALIS, Head of International Economic Relations Directorate, Ministry of Finance of the Hellenic Republic.

## **CURRENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CUSTOMS IN THE BSEC REGION:**

### **a. CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES.**

### **b. PRESENTATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

7. Statements were made by representatives of the Republic of Bulgaria, Hellenic Republic, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey, Ukraine and of the BSEC-URTA.

## **ADOPTION OF THE BAKU DECLARATION OF THE MEETING OF THE HEADS OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON “INITIATIVES OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS FOR TRADE FACILITATION”**

8. The participants adopted the Baku Declaration of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States “Initiatives of Customs Administrations in Trade Facilitation”. The text of the Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

9. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

## **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

10. The Heads of Delegations expressed their sincere thanks to the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting in Baku.

## **ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

11. The present Report was adopted by the participants in the Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
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