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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY

BSEC Headquarters, 2-3 December 2015

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group (WG) on Energy was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 2-3 December 2015.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Brandusa PREDESCU, Special Representative of the Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization of BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

6. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the status of the implementation of the previous Decision of the Council related to the work of the Working Group on Energy and the follow-up of the Declarations and Joint Statements adopted by the Meetings of the Ministers in charge of Energy.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

a) Proposals for new priorities of cooperation in the field within the 2nd Action Plan of the BSEC 2012 Economic Agenda (2016-2018)

7. The Working Group discussed and selected in particular the following three main priorities for the 2nd Action Plan of the BSEC 2012 Economic Agenda (2016-2018)

- *Enhancing cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the energy sector, including through the elaboration of common approaches and projects, where possible.*
- *Developing a competitive regional energy market through supporting investments in energy infrastructure, with the view to increase energy security, interconnectivity and further diversify energy sources and routes.*
- *Encouraging cooperation among the Member States to define a Green Energy Strategy with the view to promoting renewable energy sources, clean technologies and energy efficiency.*

b) Consideration of the Draft Medium-Term Achievements Report on the Implementation of the “Economic Agenda 2012” (2013-2015)

8. The Working Group considered and agreed on the Medium-Term Achievements Report on the Implementation of the “Economic Agenda 2012” (2013-2015). The document is attached as **Annex III** to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PROGRESS IN THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK SEA ENERGY MARKET

9. The Working Group:

- exchanged views on the discussions held so far in its previous meetings on the issue of developing of the Black Sea Energy Market, which is the goal set by the Economic Agenda 2012;
- agreed to devote a special session of the next meeting of the Working Group on Energy to come to a common understanding on the specific objectives to be pursued jointly in developing the regional Energy Market of the BSEC Member States;

- expressed the wish that this special session should be held with the participation of experts and specialists from Member States, who could give the necessary technical guidance and advice to the representatives in the Working Group on Energy;

- instructed the BSEC PERMIS in consultation with the Country-Coordinator to elaborate the necessary background paper for the experts that will attend the special session, and put them at their disposal well in advance.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR (REPUBLIC OF TURKEY) ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY IN THE PERIOD 2013-2015

10. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey, in its capacity of previous Country-Coordinator, made a presentation on the Evaluation Report of the activities of the Working Group on Energy for the period 2013-2015. The document is attached as **Annex IV** to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION, ELABORATED BY THE NEW COUNTRY-COORDINATOR (RUSSIAN FEDERATION) AND ADOPTION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2017

11. The Working Group discussed, amended and agreed on the Plan of Action of the Working Group on Energy for 2015-2017, elaborated by the Russian Federation in its capacity of Country-Coordinator. The document is attached as **Annex V** to the Report.

12. The Republic of Azerbaijan stated that it agrees with the above mentioned Plan of Action with the reservation made in a form of Statement, attached as **Annex VI** to the Report.

13. The Republic of Armenia made a statement, attached as **Annex VII** to the Report.

14. The Republic of Azerbaijan made another statement, attached as **Annex VIII** to the Report.

15. The Republic of Armenia made another statement, attached as **Annex IX** to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 7: GREEN ENERGY

a) Development of a Green Energy Strategy Paper of the BSEC Member States

16. The participants exchanged views on the draft document and agreed that it needs to be finalized as soon as possible.

17. The participants took note of the comments of the Ministry of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Azerbaijan to the draft Green Energy Strategy Paper.

18. The Working Group decided to consider the document at its next meeting and invited the Member States to continue to contribute to the development of the document and to assure the presence of their experts at the forthcoming Meeting of the Working Group.

b) Creation of a Network of cooperation between national administrative bodies and/or centers and organizations mandated to promote Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency measures and policies

19. The participants took note of the information provided by PERMIS.

20. The Working Group recalled its decision to invite Energy Policy and Development Centre of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (KEPA) to develop the Network under the supervision of the BSEC PERMIS.

21. The Working Group invited the Member States to nominate by **15 February 2016** national governmental bodies, academia and research institutions active in the area of Green Energy to participate in the Network and in particular to confirm their agreement with the inclusion in the Network of the research institutes and universities which expressed their interest for participating in the Network in their direct contacts with KEPA. The list of these research institutes and universities is attached as **Annex X**.

c) Cooperation of the Member States in promoting Green Energy investments and the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency projects

22. The participants took note of the information provided by PERMIS.

23. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey confirmed that a BSEC Conference on Investment Promotion in Green Energy is planned to be convened in 2016.

24. The Member States were invited to inform through the BSEC PERMIS on their national renewable energy resource mapping if such mappings have been developed.

AGENDA ITEM 8: COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION OF HYDROCARBON RESOURCES OF THE BLACK SEA

25. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey presented information about the activities in their country in exploration and extraction of hydrocarbon resources.

AGENDA ITEM 9: IMPROVEMENT OF INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES FOR UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN THE BSEC REGION

26. The participants took note of the information provided by PERMIS on the relevant provisions of Belgrade Declaration of the Ministers of the BSEC Member States in charge of Energy (11 April 2012).

AGENDA ITEM 10: COOPERATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN DEVELOPING ELECTRICAL INTERCONNECTIONS

27. The participants exchanged views on the issue.

28. The Working Group requested the BSEC PERMIS to update the Project Proposal on elaboration of a Study on developing electrical interconnection in the BSEC Region, including the cost estimate of the project, and to circulate it to the Member States for their approval.

29. The delegation of Romania informed the participants on electrical interconnection projects being constructed with the Republic of Serbia in the framework of the East-South Corridor.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

30. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

31. The BSEC PERMIS was asked to establish contacts with other international organizations active in the field of energy and explore possibilities of exchange of information and of developing cooperation in projects of common interest.

AGENDA ITEM 12: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

a) Exchange of information on the development of projects having regional impact

32. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey made a presentation titled “General Overview of Energy Sector in Turkey”. The presentation is attached as **Annex XI** to the Report.

b) Exchange of views on the Project Proposal on “Launching a BSEC Energy Conservation Campaign” submitted by the BSEC PERMIS

33. The BSEC PERMIS provided information on the Project Proposal on “Launching a BSEC Energy Conservation Campaign”, elaborated by the BSEC PERMIS.

34. The participants agreed to continue discussing this issue during the next meeting of the Working Group.

c) Gas infrastructure development

35. The participants exchanged views on the issue.

AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

36. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 14: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

37. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 15: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

38. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
