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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP
ON INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 13-14 March 2012

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 13-14 March 2012.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Milisav PAIC, National Coordinator of the Serbian Chairmanship-in-Office of the BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The Meeting was attended by the representative of the Czech Republic as an Observer.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

5. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATIONS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

6. BSEC PERMIS briefed the participants on the status of implementation of the Resolutions, Decisions and Recommendations of the Council and follow-up to the Joint Declarations of the Ministers in Charge of Public Administration of the BSEC Member States Athens, February 2005 and April 2007).

7. The Working Group took note that so far nine Member States had appointed their representatives to it. The existing List of Representatives – National Contact Points to the Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance, is attached as **Annex III**.

8. The Member States were requested to forward the updated information regarding their appointees and those Member States which had not yet appointed their representatives to the Working Group were requested to do so as soon as possible.

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2011-2013

9. The Working Group discussed, amended and approved the Plan of Action for 2011-2013 elaborated by the Republic of Turkey in its capacity of the Country-Coordinator. The Plan of Action as approved is attached as **Annex IV**.

10. The participants commended the way Turkey displayed the draft Plan of Action which was presented in the shape of concrete proposals for the first time. The presentations delivered by the delegation of Turkey under this Agenda Item with regard to the relevant parts of the Plan are attached as **Annex V**.

11. The Working Group endorsed the proposal of the delegation of the Russian Federation to incorporate in the Part III of the Plan of Action the issue on the national systems of technical inspection of motor vehicles in the BSEC Member States. The participants agreed to exchange information about their national systems at the next meeting of the Working Group.

12. The representative of the Republic of Armenia noticed that the priority topics for cooperation in the field of institutional renewal and good governance, presented by the Republic of Armenia (BSEC Note No: BS/INFO.2011.0382 dated 23 May 2011), were not incorporated in the draft Plan of Action of the Working Group for 2011-2013.

13. The Country Coordinator of the Group informed that the Armenian proposals will be adequately incorporated in the Plan of Action of the Working Group.

REVIEW AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES, ON THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE PROCESS OF REFORMING THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND IMPROVING THE GOVERNANCE CAPACITIES IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE “BSEC FACT SHEET CONCEPT NOTE”

14. The delegations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Turkey informed the Working Group on the latest developments in national policies for reforming and improving the governance capacities in their countries. The presentations delivered are attached as **Annex VI**.

DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT MODALITIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE RELEVANT STRUCTURES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (WORKING GROUP COOPERATION STRATEGY)

15. The Working Group approved the draft Modalities on the possibility of partnership collaboration between the relevant structures of international organizations and the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance. The text of Modalities as approved is attached as **Annex VII**.

16. The Working Group instructed BSEC PERMIS to undertake follow-up steps for implementation of the Modalities with the aim to establish and expand interaction with the relevant bodies and structures of international organizations in the field of good governance.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND REGIONAL PROJECTS

17. It was agreed that the Member States will submit their proposals on the priority areas of PDF projects by the end of April 2012 to be considered at the next meeting.

18. The Member States were called upon to explore possibilities for collaboration with interested international organizations in initiating and co-financing projects eligible for PDF application.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

20. The dates and venue of the next Meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

21. The Working Group adopted the present Report for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.

