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**REPORT OF THE  
JOINT MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUPS  
ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ON CUSTOMS MATTERS  
(BSEC Headquarters, 21 September 2017)**

1. The Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Groups (WGs) on Trade and Economic Development and on Customs Matters was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 21 September 2017.
2. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:  
  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Georgia  
Republic of Moldova  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine
3. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:  
  
Arab Republic of Egypt  
European Commission
4. The following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner also participated in the Meeting:  
  
Union of Road Transport Associations in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region (BSEC-URTA)
5. The representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and International Road Transport Union (IRU) participated in the Meeting as Guests.
6. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.

7. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Sergii KRAVCHENKO, Consul in charge of BSEC, Consulate General of Ukraine in Istanbul.

**AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

8. The Draft Agenda of the Joint Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REGIONAL TRADE FACILITATION STRATEGY FOR THE BSEC REGION**

9. The participants of the Joint Meeting discussed and amended the text of the Draft Regional Trade Facilitation Strategy for the BSEC Region. The text of the Draft Strategy is attached as **Annex III**. The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan requested the attachment of a Declaration as an Annex to the Draft Strategy. The text of the Declaration is attached to the Report as **Annex IV**. As no consensus was reached, the participants of the Joint Meeting decided to submit the issue for consideration of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

10. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING**

11. The participants of the Joint Meeting adopted the Report to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.

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