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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK SEA RING HIGHWAY**

(Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 15-16 October 2007)

1. The Meeting of the Steering Committee on the Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway (BSRH) was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 15-16 October 2007.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Alexander TOLPAROV, Vice-Consul, Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Istanbul.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

4. At the beginning of the meeting, the delegations discussed the issue with regard to Article 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Coordinated Development of the Black Sea Ring Highway. Taking into account that, according to Article 7, the Member States should complete their internal procedures and notify respectively BSEC PERMIS, the delegations agreed nevertheless to work informally. At the same time, they expressed common opinion that the Parties to the MoU should continue working on the draft documents foreseen by the MoU, in order to finalize them and avoid any delay in its implementation after the completion of the above mentioned procedures. They also agreed to undertake the necessary arrangements at national level, in order to speed up the completion of the said internal procedures.
5. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.

DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE BSRH STEERING COMMITTEE

6. The Draft Rules of Procedure of the BSRH Steering Committee were discussed, amended and agreed, with the exception of Rule 2, provision (m), related to the possibility of using, for promotion and publicity reasons, the term “Road of Argonauts”. The text as agreed is attached as Annex III. The delegations will submit this text to their authorities for further consideration.

7. The participants agreed to communicate to BSEC PERMIS their proposals and comments to the Draft Rules concerning the documents to be submitted to the Steering Committee of the BSRH and the Draft Standard Format for Documents for the next Meeting.

DRAFT REGULATIONS OF THE BSRH JOINT PERMANENT TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

8. The Draft Regulations of the BSRH JPTS were discussed, amended and agreed, with the exception of provision 2.15, related to the modalities of further dissemination by the future BSRH JPTS of documents and information submitted by the Parties. The delegations agreed to submit their proposals in this regard to BSEC PERMIS, in order to facilitate the discussion on the issue at the next meeting. The text, as agreed, is attached as Annex IV. The delegations will submit this text to their authorities for further consideration.

9. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic informed that the public company “Egnatia Odos A.E” (hereinafter EOAE), located in Thessaloniki and represented during the Meeting, was designated to carry out the tasks of BSRH JPTS. A special unit to perform these tasks will be set up within EOAE. The BSRH JPTS will become operational after the ratification by the Parliament of the Hellenic Republic of the relevant Memorandum and legislation.

DRAFT MODEL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR THE COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE BSRH

10. The Draft Model Recommendations on the Appointment of a National Coordinator for the Coordinated Development of the BSRH was discussed, amended and agreed. The agreed text is attached as Annex V. The delegations will submit this text to their authorities for further consideration.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BSRH PROJECT SPECIAL PURPOSE COOPERATION FUND AND ITS CHARTER

11. The delegations agreed to consider the Draft Agreement on the Establishment of the BSRH Project Special Purpose Cooperation Fund and its Charter at their next meeting, with the participation of relevant experts. To this end, they will send their proposals to the Draft document through BSEC PERMIS to the Presidency by the end of November 2007.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12. PERMIS disseminated the Note of Georgia informing about the appointment of its representative to the Steering Committee.

13. The participants were also informed about the notifications by the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Bulgaria on the appointments of their representatives to the BSRH Steering Committee.

14. Moreover, the participants invited the three Member States which have not yet done so, to proceed with the appointments of their representatives to the BSRH Steering Committee.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

15. The exact date and venue of the next Meeting of the Steering Committee will be communicated by BSEC PERMIS after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office and the BSRH Presidency.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

16. The Steering Committee adopted the present Report.
