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**REPORT OF THE
MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Istanbul, 5 July 2007

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey, on 5 July 2007. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport on 3-4 July 2007.

2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. İsmet YILMAZ, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Turkey.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

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

4. The representative of the BSEC Business Council (BC) also participated in the Meeting.

5. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Transport Forum (ITF), the International Road Federation (IRF) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) as Guests.

6. The representatives of the Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), the Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSIA) and the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as Organizations having Sectoral Dialogue Partnership with BSEC.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

7. H.E. Mr. İsmet YILMAZ, Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Turkey addressed the participants of the Meeting.

8. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of the Delegations, is attached as Annex II.

9. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.

10. The Ministers adopted the Joint Declaration on Cooperation in the Sphere of Transport in the BSEC Region on the Occasion of the 15th Anniversary of BSEC. The Joint Declaration is attached as Annex III.

11. The Ministers expressed their sincere congratulations to the Russian Federation with the decision of the International Olympic Committee to hold the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi. Ministers also stressed that in line with this decision full advantage should be taken of new development opportunities in the BSEC region transport system by all the BSEC Member States.

12. The Ministers expressed deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for its successful BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office and its contribution to the promotion of the BSEC goals as well as for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Istanbul.

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14. The Ministers adopted the present Report of the Meeting.