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**REPORT**  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC**  
**GROUP OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT NETWORK**  
**IN THE BSEC PARTICIPATING STATES**

**Kyiv, 16 October 1995**

1. The Meeting of the ad hoc Group of Experts (GE) on Transport Network in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) Participating States was held on 16 October 1995 in Kyiv.
2. The Meeting was attended by the following Participating States of the BSEC:
  - Republic of Armenia
  - Republic of Azerbaijan
  - Republic of Bulgaria
  - Republic of Georgia
  - Hellenic Republic
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Republic of Turkey
  - Ukraine
3. The representatives of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the BSEC Council attended the Meeting as Observers.

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

4. H.E. Valeri I. TSYBUCH, First Deputy Minister of Transport of Ukraine, delivered an inaugural speech to the Meeting. The text of the speech is attached as Annex II.

5. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Vladimir G. CHEPAK, Director of the Ukrainian State Research Institute, Ministry of Transport of Ukraine, President of the firm "TransPolis Ltd.," and Member of the Ukrainian Transport Academy.

6. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted with amendments. The agenda, as adopted by the GE, is attached as Annex III.

#### **EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE BSEC PARTICIPATING STATES**

7. The experts had an exchange of relevant updated information regarding the existing infrastructure in the field of transport in the BSEC Participating States which is to be reflected in the detailed map on transport network.

8. The experts took note with interest of the study prepared by the Ukrainian side on the transport network in the BSEC region on the understanding that a further examination of its contents is needed on the national level. Remarks on the said study will be sent to the BSEC Secretariat for circulation among experts of all the Participating States prior to the next meeting of the GE.

#### **DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT IN THE BSEC REGION IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANS-EUROPEAN TRANSPORT SYSTEM**

9. The experts emphasized the necessity of interconnecting the projects in the field of the BSEC transport network with the Trans-European Transport System.

10. The Secretariat was invited to maintain its working contacts with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and to seek possible assistance in the preparation of the map.

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK FOR PREPARING THE DETAILED MAP ON TRANSPORT NETWORK**

11. The GE invited the appropriate national authorities in the BSEC Participating States to assist the work of their experts in collecting relevant data on the existing infrastructure and future projects for its development.

12. The GE recommended that each Participating State through its appropriate national authorities send to the Secretariat, at their earliest convenience but not later than 1 December 1995, a map in A4 format incorporating the existing infrastructure and the preferred links. Those maps will be circulated to all the Participating States.

13. The need for establishing specific common criteria and terminology in the process of preparing the map was stressed. It was decided by the GE to use the terminology already applied for the Trans-European Transport System both in English and in Russian.

### **STRUCTURE AND COORDINATION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS**

14. The experts expressed the common view that their nomination should be on a permanent basis in order to ensure the appropriate continuity of the work of the GE.

All the Participating States were invited to send to the Secretariat as soon as possible the names of their experts and it was recommended that the Secretariat circulate them.

15. The view was expressed that the coordinating role of the Secretariat is very important for speeding up the process of preparing the transportation network map, but that its role could be fulfilled only with the active cooperation of the experts of all the Participating States.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16. None of the experts raised any questions under this item.

### **EXPRESSION OF THANKS**

17. The GE expressed sincere gratitude to the Government of Ukraine for hosting the Meeting and for the excellent arrangements as well as the warm hospitality extended to the participants of the Meeting.

### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

18. The Hellenic Republic expressed its readiness to host the next meeting of the GE between January and February 1996.

19. The exact date of the meeting will be communicated to the Participating States through the Secretariat.

20. It was decided that the draft agenda of the said meeting should include, inter alia, the following subjects: consideration of the maps prepared by each BSEC Participating State, establishment of the common criteria for the common map on transport network and the economic role and significance of the proposed infrastructure projects.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT FOR ITS SUBMISSION TO THE WG ON TRANSPORT**

21. The GE adopted the report for submission to the WG on Transport for consideration at its meeting in Anapa on 18-19 October 1995.

The experts expressed their wishes of success to the meeting of the WG on Transport.

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