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

Kyiv, 17 November 2017

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in Charge of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Kyiv, Ukraine, on 17 November 2017. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, which was held on 16 November 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr OMELYAN, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC) participated at the Meeting as a BSEC Related Body.
5. The representatives of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as the BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners.
6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) as Guest.

The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

7. H.E. Mr. Volodymyr OMELYAN, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine, welcomed the participants.

8. H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, also welcomed the participants.
9. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as **Annex II**.
10. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.
11. The Heads of Delegation of the BSEC Member States adopted the Kyiv Joint Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Transport of the BSEC Member States “Development of Infrastructure in the BSEC Region and Effective Realization of Joint Projects”. The Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.
12. The delegations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Hellenic Republic and of the Russian Federation expressed their reservation on the Preamble Paragraph of the Declaration concerning the “BSEC PERMIT”, taking into account that they do not participate in this Project.
13. The Heads of Delegation encouraged the BSEC PERMIS in its initiative to operate a “BSEC stand” in the framework of the next International Transport Forum (Leipzig, 23-25 May 2018) and, in cooperation with the responsible Chairmanship-in-Office, to organize an informal meeting of the Heads of delegation of BSEC Member States present at the Forum, focused on the promotion of BSEC transport projects.
14. The representative of Ukraine made a special statement, attached as **Annex IV**.
15. The representative of the Russian Federation also made a special statement, attached as **Annex V**.
16. The Heads of Delegation invited the Working Groups on Customs Matters and Transport, with reference to the UN agreements and conventions related to the digitalization of procedures, including e-CMR and eTIR, to further promote discussion on the use of the above mechanisms.
17. The Heads of Delegation adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 37th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.
