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**REPORT  
OF THE EIGHTH MEETING  
OF THE  
AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS  
ON BSEC-EU INTERACTION**

**Istanbul, 22 January 2014**

1. The Eighth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on BSEC-EU Interaction was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 22 January 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Branimir RADEV, Minister Plenipotentiary, Coordinator of the Bulgarian Chairmanship of BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria as a representative of the Chairman-in-Office.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following 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 representatives of the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC), the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) and the International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) participated in the Meeting in the capacity of a BSEC Related Bodies.

The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

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

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL, AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND THE BSEC COUNCIL**

6. The AHGE took note of the information, presented by the BSEC PERMIS, concerning recent developments in BSEC-EU cooperation and the general guidelines of its activities, in this field, in 2014.

**NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AHGE**

7. The AHGE continued consideration of the new Terms of Reference of the Group, prepared by the BSEC PERMIS, in cooperation with the ICBSS. The revised draft of the Terms of Reference is attached as **Annex III**.

8. The AHGE agreed to continue discussion on the new Terms of Reference of the Group at its next Meeting.

**CONSEQUENCES OF THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE LISBON TREATY FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN BSEC**

9. The AHGE exchanged views on the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty for the representation of the European Union in BSEC and agreed to defer further discussion on the issue to the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.

10. The Bulgarian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office shall prepare a Legal Analysis on the consequences of the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty for the representation of the European Union, in consultation with the relevant EU legal authorities, to be considered by the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials with eventual participation of legal experts at its next meeting on 29-30 April 2014.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

12. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

13. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated in due time through the BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

14. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials to be held in Istanbul on 29-30 April 2014.