1. The Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on BSEC-EU Interaction was held in Thessaloniki on 9 December 2014.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Coordinator of the Hellenic BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

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

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

4. The following BSEC Related Bodies participated in the Meeting:

   Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)  
   International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

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.
AGENDA ITEM 2: 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 on the Conclusions of the discussions on
BSEC-EU Interaction, during the Informal Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign
Affairs of the BSEC Member States (New York, 25 September 2014).

7. The AHGE agreed on the need to promote a project-oriented, flexible and mutually
beneficial cooperation between the two parties, putting into profit BSEC’s unique experience
as the oldest, most representative and institutionally mature regional economic organization in
the wider Black Sea area, and taking advantage of the establishment of the Project
Management Unit (PMU) within the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 3: NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AHGE

8. The AHGE continued consideration of its new Terms of Reference. The revised draft
of the Terms of Reference is attached as Annex III.

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

10. Some delegations expressed the view that the above discussion should take into
consideration the ongoing process for the updating of the Terms of Reference of the BSEC
subsidiary organs.

AGENDA ITEM 4: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE
MEETING OF BSEC WITH THE COEST WORKING PARTY (BRUSSELS, 17
DECEMBER 2014)

11. The AHGE took note of the information presented by the BSEC PERMIS on the
format and preparation of the forthcoming BSEC Meeting with the COEST Working Party
(Brussels, 17 December 2014).

12. In view of the said meeting and in order to facilitate the relevant exchange of
information, the AHGE requested the BSEC PERMIS to prepare for their consideration and
information a working document containing concrete ideas for enhanced cooperation with the
European Union, in particular in the areas of research and development, fisheries and
environment protection, tourism, and renewable energy sources.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14. 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.
AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

15. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials to be held in Thessaloniki on 10-11 December 2014.