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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

BSEC Headquarters, 15 May 2018

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 15 May 2018.
2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Arsen AVAGYAN, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Armenia to the Organization of BSEC, and Mr. Oleksandr DANYLEIKO, Head of Department for Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Hellenic Republic
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The following Guest attended the Meeting:

Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
5. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

7. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the status of the implementation of the Resolutions and Decisions of the BSEC Council related to the work of the Working Group on Energy and the follow-up of the Declarations and Joint Statements adopted by the Ministers in charge of Energy.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016–2018) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

8. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the priorities for the second medium-term (2016–2018) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.

9. The participants discussed the priorities for the third medium-term (2019–2021) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”. The delegation of the Russian Federation proposed to keep the previous priorities and 2 other delegations proposed the following priorities for the next medium-term:

Hellenic Republic

- *Developing a competitive regional energy market through supporting investments in energy infrastructure, with the view to increase energy security, interconnectivity and further diversify energy sources and routes.*
- *Encouraging cooperation among the Member States to define a Green Energy Strategy with the view to promoting renewable energy sources, clean technologies and energy efficiency.*
- *Enhancing further cooperation with the EU and other relevant international organizations and institutions in the field of energy production and consumption.*

Republic of Turkey

- *Enhancing cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the energy sector, including through the elaboration of common approaches and projects, where possible.*
- *Achieving efficiency in the use of energy resources through closer cooperation and coordination between energy producers and consumers of the BSEC Region.*
- *Engaging in exchange of experience and best practices, including through the organization of joint educational programmes among the energy authorities in BSEC Member States.*

10. The Working Group decided to consider the priorities for the third medium-term of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership” (2019–2021) at its next Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION ELABORATED BY THE NEW COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY (UKRAINE) FOR THE PERIOD 2018–2019

11. The Working Group discussed the draft Plan of Action of the Working Group on Energy for the period 2018–2019. The delegations of the Republic of Turkey and the Russian Federation

made various proposals to the text. The Working Group proposed to the Country-Coordinator to present an updated version of the draft Plan of Action *as soon as possible*. The draft Plan of Action is attached as **Annex III** to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 5: GREEN ENERGY

12. The Working Group discussed, amended and finalized the text of the Draft BSEC Green Energy Strategy Paper and agreed to submit it to the Committee of Senior Officials for its consideration. The document is attached as **Annex IV** to the Report.

13. The Working Group took note of the information on the activities of the BSEC Green Energy Network and the presentation made by Special Guest Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Coordinator of the BSEC Green Energy Network. (The presentation is attached as **Annex V** to the Report).

14. The Working Group expressed interest in the activities undertaken so far in the BSEC Green Energy Network, in particular:

- a) promotion of deep energy efficiency retrofits through a structured policy dialogue;
- b) promoting regional cooperation by organizing periodic Green Energy Investment Fora;
- c) efforts to elaborate bankable project proposals to be funded from Green Climate Fund and explore the possible accreditation of the BSTDB to GCF.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF OIL AND GAS

15. The Working Group exchanged views and decided to revert to consideration of this issue at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BSEC FRAMEWORK FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7: “ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL”

16. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the issue. The Participants exchanged views and decided to continue consideration of this issue at its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

17. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

18. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic informed participants on recent developments of cooperation with some international organizations, in particular with International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

19. BSEC PERMIS was invited to establish working contacts with other international organizations active in the area of energy and explore possibilities of cooperation between BSEC and the respective organizations in order to promote the objectives and the priorities established by the Working Group, informing the Member States accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM 9: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

20. The delegations of the Republic of Turkey, the Hellenic Republic and Ukraine presented information on ongoing activities in the field of energy and regional projects with neighbouring countries.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

21. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

22. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

23. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.