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**CONCLUSIONS  
OF THE INFORMAL MEETING  
OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP  
ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES**

**BSEC Headquarters, 25 October 2018**

1. The Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 25 October 2018.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Tülay URAN, Engineer, International Relations and Humanitarian Aid Department, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Azerbaijan  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey

The Meeting was also attended by the representative of the BSEC Related Body:

PABSEC

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

4. 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 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT  
STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS FOR EMERGENCIES AND  
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5. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the recent Resolutions and Decisions of the Council of Ministers and the Joint Statement of Ministers and Heads of Emergencies and Rescue Governmental Agencies of the BSEC Member States adopted in Sochi on 8 June 2016.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”**

6. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF THE EVALUATION REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES (RUSSIAN FEDERATION) ON THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2018**

7. The participants took note of the information provided by the delegation of the Russian Federation on the activities of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires in the period of 1 July 2016 - 30 June 2018. The Evaluation Report will be submitted later on.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES PREPARED BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, COUNTRY-COORDINATOR FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2018 - 30 JUNE 2020**

8. The participants considered and agreed on the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires for the period of 1 July 2018 - 30 June 2020 elaborated by the Republic of Turkey in its capacity of the Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires. The Plan of Action is considered as a document open to any additional proposals by the Member States. The document is attached as **Annex III**.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ROLE OF BSEC (POSSIBLE CONCRETE ACTIONS AND INTERACTION) IN VIEW OF RECENT FOREST FIRE EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN MEMBER STATES**

9. The Participants decided to defer the consideration of the issue to the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: MASSIVE FOREST FIRES DEFENSE MEASURES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND CONCEPTUAL SOLUTIONS - PRESENTATIONS BY THE MEMBER STATES**

10. The representative of the Republic of Turkey delivered presentation on “*Forest Fire Management in Turkey*”. – Attached as **Annex IV**
11. The representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan delivered presentation on “*Activities on Massive Forest Fires defense measures in Azerbaijan*”.
12. The representative of Romania delivered presentation on “*Forest Fires in Romania – Level of Preparedness*” – Attached as **Annex V**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

13. No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

14. The date and venue of the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due course.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADOPTION OF THE CONCLUSIONS**

15. The present Conclusions were adopted and will be submitted to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.