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**CONCLUSIONS
OF THE INFORMAL MEETING
OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP
ON FLOODS AND TORENTS**

BSEC Headquarters, 26 October 2018

1. The Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 26 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
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey

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
HEADS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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.

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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 FLOODS AND TORRENTS (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 Floods and Torrents 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 FLOODS AND TORRENTS PREPARED BY THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, COUNTRY-COORDINATOR FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2018-30 JUNE 2020

8. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey delivered a presentation on the priorities of the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents. The presentation is attached as **Annex III**.
9. The participants considered and agreed on the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents 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 Floods and Torrents. The Plan of Action is considered as a document open to any additional proposals by the Member States. The document is attached as **Annex IV**.

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

10. The Participants exchanged views on the issue and agreed to continue the consideration of that issue during the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents.

AGENDA ITEM 7: FLOODS AND TORRENTS DEFENSE MEASURES, DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND CONCEPTUAL SOLUTIONS - PRESENTATIONS BY THE MEMBER STATES

11. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey delivered presentation on “Flood Management in Turkey”. The presentation is attached as **Annex V**.
12. The representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan provided presentation on “Floods and Torrents in Azerbaijan”. The presentation is attached as **Annex VI**.

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 Floods and Torrents 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.