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

*Antalya, the Republic of Turkey, 26-27 September 2019*

1. The Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents was held in Antalya, the Republic of Turkey, on 26-27 September 2019.
2. The Informal Meeting was chaired by Mrs. Tülay URAN, Engineer, International Relations and Humanitarian Aid Department, Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency, Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Informal Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Georgia  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

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

4. The Draft Agenda of the Informal 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 this Agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA  
TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP” IN RELATION TO  
EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

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6. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on this Agenda item.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: FINALIZATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FLOODS AND TORRENTS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY, FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2020**

7. The participants agreed on the Plan of Action and suggested to present it to the consideration of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: SHARING OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE AMONG MEMBER STATES ON REDUCING AND PREVENTING FLOODS AND TORRENTS AS WELL AS ON PRACTICAL STEPS AND IMMEDIATE SOLUTIONS (PRESENTATIONS OF MEMBER STATES)**

8. The delegation of Ukraine made a presentation on “Combatting Floods and Torrents in the Carpathian Region of Ukraine”. The presentation is attached to the Conclusions as **Annex III**. The English version of the presentation will be submitted in due course.

9. The representative of Georgia presented the information on the activities on the newly established Emergency Management Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) of Georgia.

10. The representative of the Republic of Turkey provided information about the latest developments in the area of flood management.

11. The representative of the Hellenic Republic mentioned the importance of the issue of flash floods.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE MECHANISMS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION IN CASE OF FLOODS AND TORRENTS PARTICULARLY ON ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL COMMUNICATION MULTI-PURPOSE PLATFORM FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, PUBLIC AWARENESS ETC**

12. The participants agreed to continue consideration of the issue at the next Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents and to inform in due way the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ROLE OF BSEC (POSSIBLE CONCRETE ACTIONS AND INTERACTIONS) IN THE CONTEXT OF FLOODS AND TORRENTS EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN MEMBER STATES**

13. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on this Agenda item.

14. The participants exchanged views on this agenda item and suggested to continue discussions at the next meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Floods and Torrents.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

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15. The representative of the Republic of Turkey in her presentation stressed the importance of elaboration of the Joint Project on Flash Flood Management as it is envisaged by the Plan of Action submitted by the Country-Coordinator. The presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

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

16. 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: CONCLUSIONS OF THE INFORMAL MEETING**

17. The present Conclusions will be submitted to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.