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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Online, 22 November 2023

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies was held online on 22 November 2023.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Bakhtiyar MAMMADOV, Deputy Head of Administration, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Türkiye
Ukraine
4. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC) attended the meeting as a BSEC Related Body.
5. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.
6. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: REVIEW OF THE RECENT ICT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

7. The representatives of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Hellenic Republic, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Türkiye informed the meeting about the recent developments and activities in their countries in the field of ICT. The presentations and statements are attached as a combined document in **Annex III**.

8. The Working Group agreed to continue the discussion about the recent developments and activities in the field of ICT with a view to consider the possible prospects of cooperation among the Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELABORATION AND PROMOTION OF THE PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ICT

9. The Working Group took note of the activities of the Project Development Fund (PDF) aimed at financing the project proposals in various fields of cooperation, including in the field of ICT.

10. The Working Group agreed to submit in a written format to the PERMIS until its next Meeting any potential project proposals in the field of ICT for consideration and for examination of possible sources of their financing.

AGENDA ITEM 4: COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

11. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on its interaction with the Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (BRAAF), including of the information on the annual meeting of Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum (BRAAF) and the Workshop on Disinformation and Digital Media Literacy organized in Antalya on 18-19 September 2023.

12. The participants agreed to submit to PERMIS in a written format any proposal on the potential cooperation and interaction with international and regional organizations.

AGENDA ITEM 5. KOREA-BSEC ICT COOPERATION PROGRAM

13. The Working Group took note of the information provided by BSEC PERMIS on the outcome of the the 12th Korea-BSEC ICT Cooperation Program which was held in Seoul from 30 October to 3 November 2023.

14. The Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its long-standing contribution to the activities of BSEC, in particular for organizing the 12th Korea-BSEC ICT Cooperation Program in Seoul from 30 October to 3 November 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. The Working Group expressed its appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for the contribution to the activities of the Working Group in its capacity of the Country Coordinator for the past 2 years and welcomed the Republic of Armenia as the next Country Coordinator of the Working Group for the period 1 January 2024-31 December 2025.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

16. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated in due time by the BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Chairmanship-in-Office and the Country-Coordinator.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

17. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials.