



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES
(New York, 26 September 2019)**

The Hellenic BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office hosted on the 26th September 2019 in New York an Informal Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.

This was the first Informal Meeting after the one held in Kyiv in December 2017 and offered the useful opportunity to the Ministers to openly evaluate, in an informal atmosphere, BSEC activities and performance up to this day.

The general theme of the Informal Agenda focused on “*BSEC, the Way Forward: Reforms as a Gear of Enhanced Regional Cooperation*”.

The many and useful conclusions of the above Meeting will be placed under the further consideration of the relevant BSEC bodies in order to assure their further development and implementation.

The overall appreciation of the participating Ministers and Heads of Delegation was that, despite some of its shortcomings which have to be redressed, the BSEC Organization has developed into a trusted, sought-after interlocutor and partner on the regional and international scene. -