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REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF CULTURE
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Belgrade, 23 November 2018

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Culture of the BSEC Member States was held in Belgrade, the Republic of Serbia, on 23 November 2018.

2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Vladan VUKOSAVLJEVIĆ, Minister of Culture and Media of the Republic of Serbia.

3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Turkey

4. The following BSEC Related Body attended the Meeting:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:

Republic of Austria
Republic of Belarus
Republic of Croatia
Czech Republic
Arab Republic of Egypt
French Republic

The following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners attended the Meeting:

Montenegro

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

5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.
6. Opening statements were delivered by H.E. Mr. Vladan VUKOSAVLJEVIĆ, Minister of Culture and Media of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Zoltan PEK, Vice-Chairman of the PABSEC Cultural, Educational and Social Affairs Committee, Member of the PABSEC Serbian Delegation, and Dr. Sergei GONCHARENKO, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS. The statements of the Minister and of the Deputy Secretary General are attached as **Annex III** and **Annex IV**, respectively.
7. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting the Agenda items.
8. The Heads of Delegations of the BSEC Member States adopted “*The Belgrade Declaration of the Ministers in charge of Culture of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (Belgrade, 23 November 2018)*”. The Declaration is attached as **Annex V**.
9. The delegation of Georgia delivered, under Agenda Item “Any Other Business”, a presentation on the Project proposal on the establishment of a “*Black Sea Youth Symphony Orchestra*”.
10. The Participants expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Culture and Media of the Republic of Serbia for the excellent organization of the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended.
11. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Culture of the BSEC Member States and decided to present it to the next Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.