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**REPORT OF THE  
NINTH MEETING OF THE  
AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS ON  
BSEC-EU INTERACTION**

**Thessaloniki, 9 December 2014**

1. The Ninth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on BSEC-EU Interaction was held in Thessaloniki on 9 December 2014.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Coordinator of the Hellenic BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Member States:

Republic of Albania  
Republic of Azerbaijan  
Republic of Bulgaria  
Hellenic Republic  
Republic of Moldova  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Republic of Turkey  
Ukraine

4. The following BSEC Related Bodies participated in the Meeting:

Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)  
International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

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**.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BSEC COUNCIL AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND THE BSEC COUNCIL**

6. The AHGE took note of the information on the Conclusions of the discussions on BSEC-EU Interaction, during the Informal Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (New York, 25 September 2014).

7. The AHGE agreed on the need to promote a project-oriented, flexible and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two parties, putting into profit BSEC's unique experience as the oldest, most representative and institutionally mature regional economic organization in the wider Black Sea area, and taking advantage of the establishment of the Project Management Unit (PMU) within the BSEC PERMIS.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AHGE**

8. The AHGE continued consideration of its new Terms of Reference. The revised draft of the Terms of Reference is attached as **Annex III**.

9. The AHGE agreed to continue discussion on its new Terms of Reference at its next Meeting.

10. Some delegations expressed the view that the above discussion should take into consideration the ongoing process for the updating of the Terms of Reference of the BSEC subsidiary organs.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE MEETING OF BSEC WITH THE COEST WORKING PARTY (BRUSSELS, 17 DECEMBER 2014)**

11. The AHGE took note of the information presented by the BSEC PERMIS on the format and preparation of the forthcoming BSEC Meeting with the COEST Working Party (Brussels, 17 December 2014).

12. In view of the said meeting and in order to facilitate the relevant exchange of information, the AHGE requested the BSEC PERMIS to prepare for their consideration and information a working document containing concrete ideas for enhanced cooperation with the European Union, in particular in the areas of research and development, fisheries and environment protection, tourism, and renewable energy sources.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

13. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

14. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated in due time through the BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

15. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials to be held in Thessaloniki on 10-11 December 2014.

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