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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY**

BSEC Headquarters, 4 December 2018

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 4 December 2018.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Gadir KHALILOV, Head of the International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC attended the Meeting as the BSEC Related Body.
5. The Representative of Hungary attended the Meeting as the BSEC Observer.
6. The following Special Guest attended the Meeting:
 - Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
7. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

8. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex 2**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

9. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the status of the implementation of the Resolutions and Decisions of the BSEC Council related to the work of the Working Group on Energy and the follow-up of the Declarations and Joint Statements adopted by the Ministers in charge of Energy.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016–2018) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP” AND SELECTION OF PRIORITIES FOR THE THIRD MEDIUM-TERM (2019-2021).

10. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the implementation of the priorities for the second medium-term (2016–2018) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”.

11. The Participants discussed and adopted the following priorities for the third medium-term (2019–2021) of the “BSEC Economic Agenda towards an Enhanced BSEC Partnership”:

1. *Enhancing cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the energy sector, including through the elaboration of common approaches and projects, where possible.*
2. *Developing a competitive regional energy market through supporting investments in energy infrastructure, with the view to increase energy security, interconnectivity and further diversify energy sources and routes.*
3. *Engaging in exchange of experience and best practices, including through the organization of joint educational programmes among the energy authorities in BSEC Member States.*

12. The Delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan expressed its consent on the second priority, with the understanding that the implementation of the mentioned priority will not pave the way for future deliberations on creation of an integrated Black Sea energy market, by referring to the Agenda Item 3, para 9 of the Report of the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Energy adopted on 15 June 2017.

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION ELABORATED BY THE NEW COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY (UKRAINE) FOR THE PERIOD 2018–2019

13. The Working Group discussed, amended and agreed on the text of the Plan of Action of the Working Group on Energy for the period 2018–2019. The Plan of Action, as adopted by the Working Group on Energy, is attached as **Annex 3** to the Report.

AGENDA ITEM 5: GREEN ENERGY

a) *Implementation of the provisions of the BSEC Green Energy Strategy*

14. The Participants exchanged views on the issue.

b) *Activities of the BSEC Green Energy Network of Cooperation between national administrative bodies and/or centers and organizations mandated to promote Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency measures and policies*

15. The Working Group took note of the information on the activities of the BSEC Green Energy Network and the presentation made by Special Guest Prof. Dimitrios MAVRAKIS, Director of the Energy Policy and Development Centre (KEPA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Coordinator of the BSEC Green Energy Network. The presentation is attached as **Annex 4** to the Report.

c) *Consideration of the “Conclusions and Recommendations of the 3rd BSEC Green Energy Investment Forum”, held in Athens on 10 October 2018*

16. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the issue.

AGENDA ITEM 6: REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE BSEC FRAMEWORK FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 7: “ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL”

17. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on the issue. The Participants exchanged views and decided to continue consideration of this issue at its next meeting, excluding Sustainable Development Goal 13 “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”.

18. The Participants agreed to consider the possibility of organizing special events (conferences, seminars, workshops) for exchange of information on the activities of BSEC Member States in implementing the Sustainable Development Goal 7.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

19. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 8: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

20. The Delegations of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Georgia presented information on ongoing activities in the field of Energy and regional projects with neighbouring countries. The information provided by the delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan is attached as **Annex 4** to the Report.

21. The Representative of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria informed the Participants on the forthcoming events in the field of Energy and invited the Member States experts to take part in those gatherings. More detailed information will be provided in due time.

22. The Representative of the Russian Federation informed on the organization of the Second International Conference “Risk Management in Energy – 2019” to be held on May 2019. More detailed information will be provided in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23. No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

24. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Working Group will be communicated to the Member States through the BSEC PERMIS in due time.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

25. The Working Group adopted the present Report for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.