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**REPORT
OF THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP
ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK
AND THE BSEC NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS
ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

22 February 2024, BSEC PERMIS Headquarters

1. The Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance, the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk and the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 22 February 2024.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Marian-Cosmin BUNOIU, Acting Head of EU-NATO Policies, and Civil Protection Strategic Partnerships Unit, Department for Emergency Situations, Ministry of the Interior Affairs of Romania.
3. The Meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Raluca Georgiana ERDINÇ, Senior Expert, International Relations Unit, General Directorate for European Affairs Schengen and International Relations, Ministry of the Interior Affairs of Romania.
4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Serbia
Republic of Türkiye
Ukraine

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

5. The BSEC PERMIS Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dimitrios RALLIS made opening remarks.

6. 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 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

7. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 3: INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES WHICH STRUCK THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE IN FEBRUARY 2023. LESSONS IDENTIFIED AND EXPERIENCE GAINED

8. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

9. The delegations of the Hellenic Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation, Romania, the Republic of Serbia and Ukraine made presentations/statements on this particular agenda item. The presentations/statements are attached as **Annex III, Annex IV, Annex V, Annex VI and Annex VII**, respectively.

10. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye made a presentation on “*Kahramanmaraş Pazarcık – Elbistan Earthquake*” (attached as **Annex VIII**) and expressed its gratitude to all BSEC Member States which provided humanitarian assistance.

AGENDA ITEM 4: COORDINATION AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL COOPERATION ON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING AGREEMENT ON COLLABORATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO IT. PRESENTATION BY MEMBER STATES ON BEST PRACTICES IN LIGHT OF PRESENT CHALLENGES

11. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS.

12. The delegation of the Russian Federation made a presentation on “*Monitoring of Individual Seismic Risk at All Stages of Development of a Possible Earthquake Source*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex IX**.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PROMOTION OF REGIONAL TRAININGS, SEMINARS AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES WITH THE PURPOSE TO ACHIEVE BETTER APPLICATION OF JOINT EFFORTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

13. The delegations stressed the importance of promoting organization of regional trainings, seminars and scientific conferences aimed at the achievement of better application of joint efforts in case of emergency and increase of awareness about the best practices used in emergency situations.

AGENDA ITEM 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

14. PERMIS provided detailed information of its participation in different meetings on emergency assistance issues.

AGENDA ITEM 7: EVALUATION REPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE, THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2021 – 30 JUNE 2023

15. The delegation of the Republic of Türkiye presented the Evaluation Report of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance for the period of its Country-Coordinatorship (1 July 2021 – 30 June 2023) (attached as **Annex X**) and made presentations on “*Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment Methodology*”, “*Monitoring of Implementation of Flood Risk Management Plans in Türkiye*” and “*National Flood Forecasting and Early Warning System*”. The presentations are attached as **Annex XI** and **Annex XII**.

16. The delegations took note of the Evaluation Report of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance presented by the Turkish delegation.

AGENDA ITEM 8: EVALUATION REPORT OF ROMANIA, THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JANUARY 2021 – 31 DECEMBER 2022

17. The delegation of Romania, Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk, presented the Evaluation Report for the period of 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2022 (attached as **Annex XIII**) and made a presentation “*NIEP Involvement in Education and Raising Awareness*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex XIV**.

18. The Working Group note of the Evaluation Report presented by Romania.

19. The delegation of the Hellenic Republic proposed to organize a separate Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

AGENDA ITEM 9: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION BY ROMANIA, THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

20. The delegation of Romania, Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance, introduced the draft Plan of Action for the period of its Country-Coordinatorship (1 July 2023 – 30 June 2025).

21. The Draft Plan of Action of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance presented by the delegation of Romania has been discussed and adopted by the Working Group. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex XV**.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

22. No specific issue was raised under this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

23. It was decided that the date and the venue of the next meeting will be communicated by the BSEC PERMIS to the Member States in due course.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

24. The Working Group adopted the Report of the Meeting for its submission to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials.