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

Online, 31 October 2024

1. The Joint Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance, the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic was held online on 31 October 2024.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Raluca Georgiana ERDINÇ, Senior Expert, International Relations Unit, General Directorate for European Affairs Schengen and International Relations, Ministry of the Internal Affairs of Romania.
3. The Meeting was co-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 Internal Affairs of Romania.
4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
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: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF GOAL 17 OF THE UPDATED BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA “TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE OF THE WIDER BLACK SEA AREA”

8. The delegations took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS on Goal 17 of the updated BSEC Economic Agenda “Towards a Sustainable Future of the Wider Black Sea Area”.

9. The delegations exchanged views on ways and mechanisms on implementation of Goal 17 of the BSEC Economic Agenda on Cooperation in Emergency situations.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK FOR THE PERIOD OF 1 JULY 2024 – 30 JUNE 2025 PREPARED BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

10. The Working Group adopted the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk for the period of 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 presented by the Country-Coordinator, the Russian Federation. The Plan of Action is attached as **Annex III**.

AGENDA ITEM 5: COORDINATION AMONG THE BSEC MEMBER STATES IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL COOPERATION ON PROVIDING NECESSARY ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (EARTHQUAKES, FLOODS, TORRENTS, WILDFIRES) ON THE BASIS OF EXISTING AGREEMENT ON COLLABORATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO IT. PRESENTATIONS 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 Republic of Serbia provided information on humanitarian assistance provided during the wildfires to the Hellenic Republic, Republic of North Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROMOTION OF REGIONAL TRAININGS, SEMINARS, 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.

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

AGENDA ITEM 7: ANY OTHER BUSSINESS

15. PERMIS raised the issue on importance of the activities of the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance and requested the Member States to update its list.

AGENDA ITEM 8: DATE AND THE VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP

16. 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 9: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

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