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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON INSTITUTIONAL RENEWAL AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

Online, 12 April 2023

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance was held online, on 12 April 2023.

2. The Meeting was chaired by Ms. Turana Gasimova, Head of International Cooperation Division, Deputy Head of International Relations Department, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations, under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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

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

4. The following BSEC Related Body also participated in the Meeting:

Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC)

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

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6. The Opening Remarks were made by:

- Mr. Abdul Aliyev, Head of International Relations Department of the State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations, under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Country-Coordinator;
- Ambassador Dr. Merve Safa Kavakcı, First Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS on behalf of the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES, ON PROGRESS ACHIEVED AND ON BEST PRACTICES IN THE PROCESS OF REFORMING THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND IMPROVING THE GOVERNANCE CAPACITIES IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES. SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE WORK OF THE WG

8. The representatives of the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Azerbaijan shared their contributions about their countries experiences on different areas, such as improved delivery and efficiency of government services through digitalization and innovation, more efficient government management, greater convenience to citizens and businesses, improved relations between the public authorities, Open Government, etc.

9. The presentation from the Republic of Azerbaijan is attached as **Annex III**.

AGENDA ITEM 3: PRESENTATION OF THE WEBINAR ON “EXPERIENCE SHARING AT A BROADER SCOPE WITH A FOCUS ON ROLE OF INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SECTOR”

10. The Representative of the Country-Coordinator, Republic of Azerbaijan, informed the participants on the agenda of the webinar on “*Experience Sharing at a Broader Scope With a Focus on Role of Innovations in Public Sector*”, to be organized online in the first week of June 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PRESENTATION OF REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE WORKING GROUP FOR 2021-2023 BY THE COUNTRY-COORDINATOR, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS

11. The representative of the Country-Coordinator, the Republic of Azerbaijan made a report on the implementation of the Plan of Action.

12. She informed the participants that during their two years term of Country-Coordinatorship, the Working Group has been reactivated and starting meeting regularly. In addition of the regular Working Group meetings, a webinar “*The Role of E-Governance as the Citizen-Centric and Effective Approach to Public Service Delivery*”, was held online on 03

November 2022 and another webinar on “*Experience Sharing at a Broader Scope With a Focus on Role of Innovations in Public Sector*” will be organized online in the first week of June 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 5: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE POSITION OF COUNTRY-COORDINATOR WHICH WILL BE VACANT FROM 1ST OF JULY 2023

13. The Secretariat informed the participants on the current situation.

14. The BSEC Committee of Senior Officials, held in Istanbul on 4-5 April 2023, decided to submit to the BSEC Council of Ministers a draft decision to appoint the Republic of Azerbaijan, upon its appeal, as the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance for the period of two years, as of 1 July 2023.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15. No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

AGENDA ITEM 7: DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

16. The date and venue of the next meeting will be agreed in consultation between the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, the Country-Coordinator and the BSEC PERMIS.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING

17. 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.