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**REPORT  
OF THE MEETING OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP  
ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS  
ORGANIZED FORMS, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS  
ON COMBATING CRIME**

**Istanbul, 3-4 March 2009**

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in Particular in Its Organized Forms, with the participation of the Liaison Officers on Combating Crime, was held in Istanbul on 3-4 March 2009.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Armen KAPRIELIAN, the Deputy Head, Information Analysis, Planning and Control Unit, Organizational and Analytic Department, Headquarters of the Police of the Republic of Armenia, and Ms. Vilhelmina LUCINESCU, Under-Commissioner of the General Directorate for European Affairs and International Relations of the Ministry of Administration and Interior of Romania.

3. 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 Turkey  
Ukraine

4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of BSEC (PABSEC) also participated in the Meeting.

5. The representatives of the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) attended the Meeting as Guests.

The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

6. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR/PUBLIC ORDER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES (BUCHAREST, 24 MARCH 2006)**

7. The participants took note of the information provided by BSEC PERMIS on the status of implementation of the resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the Council.

8. The Working Group took note of the list of the national representatives appointed by the Member States as contact points in the Group in compliance with the relevant BSEC Council's resolution (Belgrade, 19 April 2007). The list is attached as Annex III.

9. The Member States that had not appointed their representatives to the Working Group yet, were invited to do so as soon as possible.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL ON COMBATING TERRORISM TO THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BSEC PARTICIPATING STATES ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS**

10. The participants noted the necessity to enhance their efforts in developing interaction within the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism as well as to respond more actively to the initiatives for organizing workshops and/or trainings in the field of combating terrorism. It was also agreed to continue deliberations on the issue of the Additional Protocol's implementation at its next meeting.

11. The delegation of Romania has informed that it is considering the possibility to take up again organization of a seminar in the field of preventing and combating terrorism in 2009.

**“GUIDELINES FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN ANNUAL REVIEW WITH THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TRENDS OF TRANS-NATIONAL CRIME IN THE BSEC REGION” AND PREPARATION PROCEDURES**

12. The Working Group finalized the “Guidelines for the Elaboration of an Annual Review with the Assessment of the Trends of Trans-National Crime in the BSEC Region” and exchanged the views on the possible preparation procedures. The final text of the Guidelines is attached as Annex IV.

13. It was agreed that the first Annual Review, to be prepared by the Country-Coordinator of the Working Group, should cover the period starting from 2009.

14. The delegation of Bulgaria stressed that preparation procedures of future Annual Reviews should be discussed and considered further.

## **ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK OF THE LIAISON OFFICERS ON COMBATING CRIME**

15. The participants took note that so far nine Member States had nominated their Liaison Officers on Combating Crime in compliance with the Additional Protocol to the Agreement Among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Participating States, on Cooperation on Combating Crime, in Particular in Its Organized Forms, done in Kyiv on 15 March 2002.

16. The Member States were invited to transmit the updated information on the new nominations and the Member States that had not appointed their Liaison Officers yet, were requested to do so as soon as possible.

17. The Working Group welcomed the expressed intention of the participants to undertake concrete actions with the use of the existing approved forms (Request for Information and Seizure Notification).

18. The Working Group invited the Member States to forward their suggestions and proposals on improvement of the Network's operation and decided to continue deliberations on the issue at its next meeting.

## **COUNTRY-COORDINATORSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS**

19. The participants took note that so far no Member State had transmitted its candidacy for Country-Coordinator of the Working Group for the next term-in-office.

20. The interested Member States were invited to submit their applications as soon as possible in view that the issue of appointing a Country-Coordinator for the Working Group would be discussed and considered at the Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials and at the Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to be held in Yerevan on 14-15 April 2009 and on 16 April 2009, respectively.

21. It was also agreed that by the end of July 2009 the Member States would transmit their proposals and ideas on the activities of the Working Group on Combating Crime, in Particular in Its Organized Forms, to the new draft Action Plan of the Working Group for 2009-2011.

## **FOLLOW-UP TO THE BSEC REGIONAL ACTION PLAN FOR STRENGTHENING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE BLACK SEA REGION**

22. The WG decided to evaluate the implementation of the BSEC Regional Action Plan for Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in the Black Sea Region at least once a year and expressed its appreciation to UNODC for its substantial contribution to the elaboration of this Action Plan.

23. The UNODC representative presented and distributed to the participants the hard copies of the Model Guide on Strengthening the Criminal Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in the Black Sea Region.

24. The WG also instructed BSEC PERMIS to explore together with UNODC the possibility to provide translation of the Model Guide into Russian.

**ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES (INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM), INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR MIGRATION POLICY DEVELOPMENT (ICMPD), BLACK SEA BORDER COORDINATION AND INFORMATION CENTER (BSBCIC))**

25. The participants took note of the presentation of the representative of the IOM on its Counter Trafficking Initiatives in the Black Sea Region and Recommendations for Joint Actions within BSEC. The presentation is attached as Annex V.

26. The International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) informed the WG on its activities, including the Budapest Process and ICMPD Anti-Trafficking Programme. The presentation is attached as Annex VI.

27. The WG took note of the presentation provided by the delegation of Bulgaria on the Black Sea Border Coordination and Information Center (BSBCIC) located in Burgas. The presentation is attached as Annex VII.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

28. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

**DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

29. The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated to the Member States in due course by BSEC PERMIS.

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE MEETING**

30. The present Report was adopted for submission to the next Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials and the Twentieth Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.