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## MEETING OF THE MINISTERS AND HEADS OF AGENCIES ON EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

## Baku, 18 September 2009

## REPORT

- 1. The Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) was held in Baku on 18 September 2009. The Meeting was preceded by the Meeting of Experts held in Baku on 17 September 2009.
- 2. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Kamaladdin HEYDAROV, Minister of Emergency Situations, and Ambassador Altai EFENDIEV, Head of the Department of Economic Cooperation and Development within Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

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

- 4. The representatives of the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC) participated in the Meeting as Related Body.
- 5. The Meeting was attended by the representative of the Commission of the European Communities as Observer.
- 6. The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) attended the Meeting as official Guest.

- 7. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.
- 8. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Kamaladdin HEYDAROV, Minister of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 9. On behalf of the County-Coordinator the Participants were welcomed by Mr. Vladimir PUCHKOV, State Secretary Deputy Minister of the Russian Federation for Civil Defense, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters.
- 10. Mr. Yevgen KOZIY, the BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager, delivered address of H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC, to the Participants of the Meeting.
- 11. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex II.
- 12. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.
- 13. The Heads of Delegations adopted the "Declaration of Ministers and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations of the BSEC Member States". The Declaration is attached as Annex III.
- 14. At the Meeting of Experts the Delegation of Ukraine expressed willingness of its country to assume the next Country-Coordinatorship in the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.
- 15. The Delegation of the Russian Federation in its capacity of the Country-Coordinator provided information about the forthcoming "Scientific and Practical Seminar on Seismic Problems and Postcrisis Operations" to be held in Krasnaya Polyana, the Russian Federation, on 29 September 2 October 2009.
- 16. Official invitations to the Seminar have been sent to the BSEC Member States through the BSEC PERMIS. It is planned that the participants of the Seminar will consider the follow-up actions of the BSEC Member States after the Meeting of the Ministers and Heads of Agencies on Emergency Situations of the BSEC Member States (Baku, 18 September 2009).
- 17. The participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent organization of the Meeting.
- 18. The present Report was adopted for submission to the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Baku, on 22 October 2009.