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REPORT OF THE **MEETING OF THE** GREEN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

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- The Meeting of the Green Energy Development Task Force was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters, on 12 November 2012.
- The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Hayati ÇETİN, Deputy Director General, General Directorate of Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey.
- 3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

Republic of Armenia Republic of Azerbaijan Hellenic Republic Romania Russian Federation Republic of Turkey Ukraine

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

International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

The List of Participants is attached as <u>Annex I.</u>

The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by 5. the Task Force, is attached as Annex II.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY

6. The participants took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE "BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP"

7. The participants exchanged views on this issue and agreed that all the activities of the Task Force will seek the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Economic Agenda and that the Plan of Action of the Task Force will include measures to this effect.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATIONAL POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES HAVING REGIONAL IMPACT

8. The representatives of the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Turkey presented information on national policies in the field of Green Energy and on the development of projects and initiatives having regional impact. The presentation made by the Republic of Turkey is attached as Annex III.

ORGANIZING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOW-HOW BETWEEN THE MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A NETWORK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES AND/OR CENTRES AND ORGANIZATIONS MANDATED TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AND POLICIES

- 9. The participants agreed that the creation of a Network of cooperation between national administrative bodies and/or centres and organizations mandated to promote renewable energy sources and energy efficiency measures and policies is essential for exchanging information and for sharing know-how and good practices among the BSEC Member States.
- 10. They took note that six Member States nominated experts on a permanent basis in the Task Force, which would form the basis of the Network, and called upon the Member States that had not yet done so to nominate their experts on Green Energy as soon as possible.
- 11. In this regard, the participants agreed to invite experts from the BSEC Related Bodies, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners, and from international organizations, institutions and NGOs to participate in this Network.
- 12. The participants agreed to discuss at the next meeting of the Task Force the modalities in which this Network will function in order to ensure an effective and prompt exchange of information and sharing experience and know-how.

COOPERATION OF THE MEMBER STATES IN PROMOTING GREEN ENERGY INVESTMENTS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS

- 13. The participants considered the possibility of holding a BSEC Conference on Investment Promotion in Green Energy with the purpose to stimulate investments in the development of environmentally friendly energy technologies, renewable energy sources and Energy Efficiency projects.
- 14. The main function of this conference would be to provide a framework for comprehensive discussions with the participation of governmental officials and legal experts, and also of representatives of business and financial communities, of the private sector, and of international organizations and institutions.
- 15. The Republic of Turkey offered to organize such a conference in 2013 and to elaborate proposals regarding the concept and the format of the conference and the participants to be invited. These proposals will be communicated, through the BSEC PERMIS, to the Member States for comments and suggestions, and, on this basis, will be considered at the next meeting of the Task Force.
- 16. The representative of the Republic of Turkey also proposed to organize BSEC workshops on energy efficiency and renewable energy. The main purpose of these workshops would be to formulate regional Green Energy projects to be undertaken in the BSEC framework.
- 17. It is proposed that the Workshops would be organized every two years and the BSEC Member States are invited to consider the possibility of hosting them in their respective countries.

<u>DEVELOPMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY STRATEGY PAPER OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES</u>

- 18. The participants exchanged views on this issue and noted the initiative of the Republic of Turkey to elaborate a Questionnaire on the development of the Green Energy Strategy Paper. They took note that five countries the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Hellenic Republic and the Republic of Moldova sent their answers to the BSEC PERMIS and invited the Member States that had not yet done so to convey their answers to the Questionnaire as early as possible, and not later than 31 December 2012.
- 19. The participants agreed that:
 - a) based on the answers of the Member States to the Questionnaire and on the contributions submitted by the BSEC Related Bodies and the institutions with which BSEC cooperates in the field, the Republic of Turkey and the Hellenic Republic, as Country-Coordinators of the Task Force, will elaborate a draft Green Strategy Paper;
 - b) the draft Green Strategy Paper will be examined at the next meeting of the Task Force.

STRENGTHENING COOPERATION BETWEEN BSEC AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

- 20. After an exchange of views on this issue, the participants agreed:
 - a) to invite the Member States to exchange information through BSEC PERMIS on the international events in their respective countries relevant to the cooperation in the BSEC framework in the field of green energy;
 - b) to ask the BSEC PERMIS to explore the possibilities of establishing cooperation relationships between the BSEC Organization and other international organizations and institutions in the areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Task Force.

BSEC PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE BSEC HELLENIC DEVELOPMENT FUND: PROJECT APPLICATIONS IN THE FIELD OF GREEN ENERGY

- 21. The participants took note of the information provided by the Manager of the BSEC Hellenic Development Fund (HDF) regarding the state of implementation of three projects in Renewable Energy Sources and Energy Efficiency, currently implemented with the support from BSEC-HDF.
- 22. In this regard, presentations were made by a) the representative of ICBSS on the project for the establishment of a "Green Cluster of Knowledge Institutions"; b) the representative of the Greek Center for Renewable Energy and Savings (CRES) for the project "Greening of Public Buildings in Azerbaijan" implemented in Baku; and c) the representative of the company Beyaz Gemi for the project "Energy Smart School" implemented in the Istanbul area.
- 23. The Task Force took note of the preliminary results of the said projects and discussed ways to promote their technological achievements as regional examples of BSEC with a view to increasing awareness in the sector. After the projects are finalized, the results will be presented at the respective BSEC Working Groups as best practices on renewable energy and energy savings technologies.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BSEC PUBLIC COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

24. The participants took note of information provided by the BSEC PERMIS Executive Manager in charge of media and public relations regarding the newly adopted BSEC Public Communication Strategy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

25. The representative of the Republic of Turkey informed of the possible participation of the Turkish Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) and NGOs in undertaking feasibility studies for energy efficiency projects in public and commercial buildings in the BSEC Member States.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

26. The date and venue of the next meeting of the Task Force will be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

27. The participants adopted the present Report for its submission to the BSEC Working Group on Energy, Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.
