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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF ENERGY OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

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1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Energy of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), with the main theme "Development of the Regional Gas Infrastructure", was held in Belgrade on 11 April 2012.

2. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Milutin MRKONJIC, Minister of Infrastructure and Energy of the Republic of Serbia, the text of which is attached as <u>Annex I</u>.

3. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Zoran FILIPOVIC, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Energy of the Republic of Serbia.

4. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:

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

5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:

Arab Republic of Egypt Republic of Belarus Czech Republic French Republic Federal Republic of Germany Republic of Italy Slovak Republic United States of America

6. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as <u>Annex II</u>.

7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as <u>Annex III</u>.

8. Professor Petar SKUNDRIC, Special Advisor for Infrastructure and Energy to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, delivered an introductory statement on "Development of the Regional Gas Infrastructure", the text of which is attached as <u>Annex IV</u>.

9. Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), delivered a statement, the text of which is attached as <u>Annex V</u>.

10. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting the agenda items.

11. The Heads of Delegations discussed and adopted "The Declaration on the Enhancement of the Gas Infrastructure Development". The Declaration is attached as <u>Annex VI</u>.

12. The Participants expressed sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry for Infrastructure and Energy of the Republic of Serbia for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Belgrade.

13. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting and decided to present it to the Twenty-Sixth Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Belgrade on 8 June 2012.