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## MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

## Baku, 4 November 2009

## REPORT

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Information and Communication Technologies of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) was held in Baku on 4 November 2009. The Meeting was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Information and Communication Technologies held in Baku on 2-3 November 2009.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Ali ABBASOV, Minister of Communications and IT of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and H.E. Mr. Mahmud MAMMAD-GULIYEV, Deputy Minister 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 Turkey Ukraine

4. The representatives of the United States of America attended the Meeting in the capacity of BSEC Observer.

5. Mr. Mukhiddin NURIDDINOV, Secretary General of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC), participated in the Meeting in the capacity of the BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner.

6. Dr. Hamadoun TOURE, Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), attended the Meeting as an official Guest.

7. The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

8. On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the welcoming speech was presented by the Deputy Minister, H.E. Mr. Mahmud MAMMAD-GULIYEV.

9. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Ali M. ABBASOV, Minister of Communication and Information Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

11. The participants were welcomed by Dr. Hamadoun TOURE, Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union.

10. An address of H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, was delivered.

11. Secretary General Mr. Mukhiddin NURIDDINOV welcomed the participants on behalf of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications.

12. The Heads of delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the Agenda items.

13. The Heads of delegation adopted the Declaration of the Ministers of Information and Communication Technologies of the BSEC Member States. The Declaration is attached as Annex II. The delegations of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania abstained from voting for technical reasons.

14. The Head of Georgian delegation made a special statement which is attached as Annex III.

15. The delegations supported the proposal of the Azerbaijani side to submit an official Communique to the UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-MOON, for his support in promotion of the Draft Resolution on Trans-Eurasian Information Super Highway The Communique is attached as Annex IV. The delegation of Romania requested additional time for consideration of the issue. Romania will inform about its decision with regard to the Letter in the nearest future.

16. The present Report was adopted for submission to the 22nd Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.