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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Yerevan, 27 March 2009

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Yerevan, Republic of Armenia on 27 March 2009. It was preceded by the Meeting of Experts for the Preparation of a Final Document for the Ministers of Transport on 26 March 2009.

2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Gurgen SARGSYAN, the Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Armenia.

3. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

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

4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) also participated in the Meeting as a BSEC Related Body.

5. The representatives of the Republic of Belarus, Arab Republic of Egypt, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, the Republic of Poland, the United States of America and the Commission of the European Communities also attended the Meeting as BSEC Observers.

6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Nations (UN), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), IGC TRACECA and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as Guests.

7. The representatives of the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as having Sectoral Dialogue Partnership with BSEC.

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

9. The opening statement was delivered by H.E. Mr. Gurgen SARGSYAN, the Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Armenia.

10. The address of H.E. Mr. Arman KIRAKOSSIAN, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, was delivered to the Participants of the Meeting.

11. H.E. Ambassador Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, the Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC delivered a statement.

12. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegation, is attached as Annex II.

13. The Heads of Delegation delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.

14. The Ministers adopted the "Yerevan Declaration on Prospects of Cooperation in the Field of Transport in the BSEC Region". The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

15. The Heads of Delegation expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Armenia and personally to H.E. Mr. Gurgen SARGSYAN for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Yerevan.

16. The Heads of Delegation adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 20th Meeting of the BSEC Council of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, to be held in Yerevan on 16 April 2009.