ACTION PLAN ON COOPERATION IN COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS (MAY 2007 – APRIL 2009)

The coordination of the BSEC Member States efforts with a view to valorise all cooperation opportunities offered by the BSEC, in particular by the Agreement among the Governments of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, signed in Kerkyra, on October the 2nd, 1998 (BSEC Agreement).

OBJECTIVES ARE TO PROMOTE:

A. Implementation of the provisions of the Additional Protocol to the BSEC Agreement, done in Kyiv on March the 15th, 2002

1. Inviting BSEC Member States that have not signed the Additional Protocol to accede the document and the signatory States to undertake all necessary steps to enforce it.

2. Appointing by the BSEC Member States of the Liaison Officers as their representatives in the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers.

3. Organizing the Meetings of the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers.
    * *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group and the Chairmanships-in-Office of BSEC;
    * *Deadline:* Twice a year, organizing back-to-back meetings of the Network and of the Working Group.

4. Elaboration of an annual review of the trends of transnational crime in the BSEC Region.
    * *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group;
    * *Deadline:* To be agreed by the Working Group, subject to the progress to be made in the deliberation of the guidelines.

B. Implementation of the provisions of the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the BSEC Agreement, done in Athens on December the 3rd, 2004.

1. Inviting the signatory BSEC Member States to undertake all necessary steps to enforce it.

2. Organizing in Romania of a Seminar at expert level on *"Identifying the best practices in developing the cooperation instruments in the field of prevention and combating terrorism".*
   - *Responsible:* Romania – Romanian Intelligence Service;
   - *Deadline:* Until the end of April 2009, in coordination with the Calendars of Events of the Chairmanships-in-Office of BSEC.

C. Support and participation in the seminars and training courses organized by the Chairmanship-in-Office

- Training Course "Countering Organized Crime Investigative Techniques" (Ankara, 2-6 July 2007);
- Regional Seminar on Trafficking in Human Beings (Istanbul, 23-24 August 2007);

D. Development of the cooperation with international organisations

1. Organizing in Romania of the "*Regional Conference on Strengthening of the Criminal-Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in the Black Sea Region",* included in the BSEC – UNODC Project on "Strengthening of the Criminal-Justice Response to Trafficking in Persons in the Black Sea Region".
   - *Responsible:* Romania – Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform;
   - *Date:* Three days, to be established during June - July 2008.

2. Valorise the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between BSEC and IOM, signed in Bucharest, on March 24th, 2006, by supporting the Project "Black Sea Consultative Process on Migration Management" proposed by IOM to be implemented in the BSEC framework.

3. Examine the possibility to obtain the assistance from the European Commission for the elaboration and implementation of projects in the BSEC Member States in the fields of organized crime, corruption and terrorism prevention and control.
   - *Responsible:* BSEC Member States which are members of the European Union.

D. Examine the possibility of cooperation with the SECI Regional Centre for Combating Trans-border Crime aiming at building synergies, transferring expertise to the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Combating Crime and developing the specific operational capacities of the two bodies.

E. Preparing and organizing the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order of the BSEC Member States.
   - *Responsible:* Country - Coordinator of the Working Group and the Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC;
   - *Deadline:* 2008 (to be agreed by the Chairmanship-in-Office and the Country-Coordinator).

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