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REPORT
OF THE SEVENTH MEETING
OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR/PUBLIC ORDER
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Bucharest, 24 March 2006

1. The Seventh Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order of the BSEC Member States was held in Bucharest, on 24 March 2006.

2. The Meeting was attended by the Ministers and Heads of Delegations of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Albania
Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia and Montenegro
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine

3. Representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Federal Republic of Germany, the State of Israel, the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic and the United States of America attended the Meeting as Observers.

4. The representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) participated in the Meeting.

5. Representatives of Ireland, Japan, Portugal, Spain, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the European Commission, the International Organization for Migration, the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe and the SECI Regional Center for Combating Trans-Border Crime attended the Meeting as guests.

The list of participants of the Meeting is attached as Annex I.

6. The Meeting was chaired, on behalf of the host country by H.E. Mr. Vasile BLAGA, Minister of Administration and Interior of Romania, who addressed the participants with an opening Statement.

7. H.E. Mr. Anton NICULESCU, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania, made a welcoming address to the participants. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, and Mr. Brunson MCKINLEY, Director General of the International Organization for Migration, addressed the Meeting.

8. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda as adopted is attached as Annex II.

9. The Ministers and the Heads of Delegations took note of the Report of the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, held in Bucharest on 22-23 March 2006, which is attached as Annex III.

GENERAL ASSESSEMENT

10. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations assessed in a positive way the cooperation among the BSEC Member States in the field of combating crime.

11. They took note of the entering into force of the Additional Protocol to the BSEC Agreement establishing the Network of Liaison Officers with respect to nine BSEC Member States and the nomination of the Liaison Officers by seven of them. They welcomed the first Meeting of the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers, jointly organized with the Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms.

12. Furthermore, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations took note of the entering into force of the Additional Protocol on Combating Terrorism to the Agreement among the Governments of the BSEC Participating States on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, with respect to three BSEC Member States and called upon the other BSEC Member States to speed up their internal procedures in view of approval/ratification of the said Additional Protocol.

'TERMS OF REFERENCE' FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON COMBATING CRIME, IN PARTICULAR IN ITS ORGANIZED FORMS. "MODALITIES OF WORK' FOR THE ACTIVITY OF THE NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS ON COMBATING CRIME

13. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations appreciated the work accomplished by the Working Group on Cooperation in Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, in finalizing the amended Draft “Terms of Reference” of the Working Group on Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms, and recommended to the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to approve the said document. They also welcomed the process of elaboration of the “Modalities of Work” of the Network of Liaison Officers and requested it to become operational as soon as possible.

SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BSEC AND THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION

14. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation and the International Organization for Migration was signed by the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS and the Director General of IOM Secretariat, in the presence of the Ministers and the Heads of Delegations of the BSEC Member States.

ADOPTION OF THE JOINT DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF INTERIOR/PUBLIC ORDER OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE BSEC

15. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations adopted the Joint Declaration of the Ministers of Interior / Public Order of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) on Strengthening Cooperation in the Fight against Organized Crime, Corruption and Terrorism, submitted by the Working Group on Combating Crime, in particular in its Organized Forms. The Joint Declaration is attached as Annex IV.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

16. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations agreed that the date and venue of the Eighth Meeting of the Ministers of Interior/Public Order would be communicated to the Member States through BSEC PERMIS.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

17. The Participants expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Government of Romania for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

18. The present Report was adopted for submission to the Fourteenth Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Bucharest, 26 April 2006).
