1. The Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States was held in Baku on 26 November 2014. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Customs Matters, held on 25 November 2014.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Rza HASANALIYEV, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS.

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 following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partner also participated in the Meeting:

   Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA)

The List of Participants is attached as Annex I.

5. The Agenda of the Meeting was adopted and is attached as Annex II.

6. Opening and welcome addresses were made by:
- Mr. Rza HASANALIYEV, Deputy Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS;
- Mr. Odyssefs PYLALIS, Head of International Economic Relations Directorate, Ministry of Finance of the Hellenic Republic.

CURRENT SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CUSTOMS IN THE BSEC REGION:

a. CUSTOMS MODERNIZATION IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES.
b. PRESENTATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSIT TRAFFIC IN THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

7. Statements were made by representatives of the Republic of Bulgaria, Hellenic Republic, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey, Ukraine and of the BSEC-URTA.


8. The participants adopted the Baku Declaration of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States “Initiatives of Customs Administrations in Trade Facilitation”. The text of the Declaration is attached as Annex III.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

10. The Heads of Delegations expressed their sincere thanks to the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting in Baku.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

11. The present Report was adopted by the participants in the Meeting of the Heads of Customs Administrations of the BSEC Member States for its submission to the Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for their consideration.