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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF TOURISM
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Varna, Republic of Bulgaria, 14 June 2018

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States was held in Varna, the Republic of Bulgaria, on 14 June 2018.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mrs. Nikolina ANGELKOVA, Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The following BSEC Related Body attended the Meeting:
 - Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).
5. The Representative of the Parliament of the Republic of Bulgaria attended the Meeting as a Guest.
6. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
7. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted, is attached as **Annex II**.
8. Opening statements were delivered by H.E. Mrs. Nikolina ANGELKOVA, Minister of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria, H.E. Mr. Petar KANEV, Chairman of the Economics and Tourism Commission of the Bulgarian National Parliament, and H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS.

The statements of the Minister of Tourism and of the Secretary General are attached as **Annex III** and **Annex IV**, respectively.

9. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting the Agenda items.
10. The Secretary General of PABSEC also delivered a statement.
11. The Heads of Delegations of the BSEC Member States adopted “*The Joint Varna Declaration of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (Varna, 14 June 2018)*”. The Joint Declaration is attached as **Annex V**.
12. The Participants expressed their gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Bulgaria for the excellent organization of the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended.
13. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States and decided to present it to the next Meeting of the Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States (Yerevan, 27 June 2018).