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

Athens, 23 October 2014

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Tourism of the BSEC Member States was held in Athens, on 23 October 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mrs. Olga KEFALOGIANNI, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic.
3. The following BSEC Member States attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Albania
 - Republic of Armenia
 - Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Republic of Bulgaria
 - Georgia
 - Hellenic Republic
 - Republic of Moldova
 - Romania
 - Russian Federation
 - Republic of Serbia
 - Republic of Turkey
 - Ukraine
4. The following BSEC Related Body attended the Meeting:
 - International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)
5. The following BSEC Observers attended the Meeting:
 - Republic of Croatia
 - Czech Republic
 - French Republic
 - Federal Republic of Germany

- Republic of Poland
- Slovak Republic
- Republic of Tunisia

6. The following BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners attended the Meeting:

- Hungary
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Montenegro
- Republic of Slovenia
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)
- World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)

7. The list of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.

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

9. H.E. Mrs. Olga KEFALOGIANNI, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic, delivered an opening statement.

10. Mr. Panos LIVADAS, General Secretary of the Greek National Tourism Organization, addressed the Meeting.

11. Mr. Taleb RIFAI, Secretary General of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), addressed the Meeting.

12. Ambassador Dr. Victor TVIRCUN, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, also addressed the Meeting. The address is attached as **Annex III**.

13. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements reflecting the Agenda items.

14. The Director-General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) also delivered a statement.

15. The representatives of the BSEC Member States adopted “The Declaration of the Ministers in Charge of Tourism of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation”. The Declaration is attached as **Annex IV**.

16. The Participants welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The Memorandum was signed by Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador Dr. Victor TVIRCUN, and Secretary General of the UNWTO, Mr. Taleb RIFAI, in Athens on 23 October 2014.

17. The Participants expressed their gratitude to the Government and the Ministry of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic for the organization of the Meeting and for the hospitality extended.

18. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting and decided to present it to the 31st Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States.