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

Istanbul, 11 May 2017

1. The Meeting of the Ministers in charge of Economy of the BSEC Member States was held in Istanbul on 11 May 2017.

2. 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

3. The following BSEC Related Bodies participated in the Meeting:
   - Parliamentary Assembly of the BSEC (PABSEC)
   - Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)

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

5. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.
6. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Nihat ZEYBEKCİ, Minister of Economy of the Republic of Turkey, who made the opening statement.

7. H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of BSEC delivered a statement.

8. The Heads of Delegations delivered their national statements.

9. The representative of the Turkish BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office introduced the draft Joint Declaration on “Increasing intra-trade in the BSEC Region via trade facilitation”, the text of which was agreed at the Meeting of the High Level Experts, held in Istanbul on 10 May 2017.

10. The representatives of the BSEC Member States adopted the Joint Declaration on “Increasing intra-trade in the BSEC region via trade facilitation”. The Joint Declaration is attached as Annex III.

11. The Participants expressed their deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Turkey for the warm hospitality extended to the delegations and excellent organization of the Meeting in Istanbul.

12. The Participants adopted the Report of the Meeting to be presented to the 36th Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States to be held in Istanbul on 29 June 2017.

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