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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

Odessa, 29 May 2013

1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Odessa, Ukraine on 29 May 2013. It was preceded by the Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Transport, which was held on 28 May 2013.
2. The BSEC events took part within the Transport Week in Odessa from 27 to 31 May 2013. Prior to their meeting, the Ministers participated in the opening of the exhibition "Inter-TRANSPORT". In accordance with the Program, the Transport Week also included several other events promoting transport and cooperation in the BSEC Region.
3. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Volodymyr KOZAK, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine.
4. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
5. The representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt attended the Meeting as BSEC Observer.
6. The Vice Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania also participated as Guest.

7. The representatives of the Black and Azov Sea Ports Association (BASPA), Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BINSAs), the Black Sea Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS), and the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) participated in the Meeting as BSEC Sectoral Dialogue Partners.

8. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the International Road Transport Union (IRU) as Guests.

The List of Participants of the Meeting is attached as **Annex I**.

9. H.E. Mr. Volodymyr KOZAK, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine welcomed the participants.

10. H.E. Ambassador Victor TVIRCUN, Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS welcomed the participants.

11. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted by the Heads of Delegations is attached as **Annex II**.

12. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed the agenda items.

13. The Heads of Delegations of the BSEC Member States adopted the “Odessa Joint Declaration on the Development of Cooperation in the field of Transport in the BSEC Region, Opportunities and Challenges for intermodal transport in the BSEC Region”.

The Declaration is attached as **Annex III**.

14. The Heads of Delegations adopted the present Report and submitted it to the 28th Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States, to be held in Odessa on 21 June 2013.
