1. The Meeting of the Ministers of Transport of the BSEC Member States was held in Bucharest, Romania, on 15 March 2006.

2. The Meeting was co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Gheorghe DOBRE, Minister of Transport, Constructions and Tourism of Romania and Mr. Alexandros GALIATATOS, Secretary of State, Ministry of Transport, Constructions and Tourism of Romania.

3. The representatives of 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
   Serbia and Montenegro
   Republic of Turkey
   Ukraine

4. Representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Croatia, the State of Israel, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Tunisia and the United States of America attended the Meeting as Observers.

5. The representative of the BSEC Business Council also participated in the Meeting.
6. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT), the International Road Federation (IRF) and Japan as Guests.

7. The representatives of the Black and Azov Seas Ports Association (BASPA), the Black Sea International Shipowners Association (BNSA), the Black Sea Region Association of Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers (BRASS), the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA) and the Coordinating Transport Meeting of the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CTM CIS) participated in the Meeting as Organizations having sectoral dialogue partnership with BSEC.

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

8. H.E. Mr. Gheorghe DOBRE, Minister of Transport, Constructions and Tourism of Romania and H.E. Mr Gheorghe POGEA, Vice - Prime Minister of Romania, welcomed the participants of the Meeting.

9. Ambassador Tedo JAPARIDZE, Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, Mr. Jack SHORT, Secretary General of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport and Mr. Jose CAPEL FERRER, Director of Transport Division of UNECE, addressed the High Participants of the Meeting.

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

11. The Heads of Delegations delivered their general statements and discussed on the Agenda items.

12. The Participants of the Meeting adopted the “Draft Joint Declaration on the further developments in the field of transport in the BSEC region”. The Declaration is attached as Annex III.

13. The Participants expressed deep gratitude to the Government of Romania for its successful BSEC Chairmanship-in-office and its contribution to the promotion of the BSEC goals as well as for the hospitality extended to the delegations and the excellent organization of the Meeting in Bucharest.