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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON  
THE MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH OF  
THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

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The Ministers in charge of Healthcare of the BSEC Member States convened in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, on 5 June 2015. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Mircea BUGA, Minister of Health of the Republic of Moldova, who delivered the opening statement.

Representatives from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey, Ukraine, the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat as well as the World Health Organization attended the meeting.

The participants discussed and adopted a Declaration on “Enhanced Tobacco Control Measures for Better Social and Economic Development.” The main focus of the Declaration is the promotion of regional cooperation in implementing effective regulatory measures in the field of tobacco control in line with the World Health Organization’s Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, as well as to ensure exchange of information among the BSEC Member States in the protection of health from tobacco.

During the meeting, the Republic of Moldova made a presentation on a project titled “National Register of Diabetes Patients with BSEC Regional Implementation and International Footprint.” The participants proposed that a decision be taken by the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to task the BSEC Working Group on Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals to further elaborate on the regional dimensions of the said project.