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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK**

BSEC Headquarters, 2 June 2014

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk was held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 2 June 2014.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Ambassador Branimir RADEV, Coordinator of the Bulgarian Chairmanship of the Organization of BSEC, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.
3. The Meeting was attended by the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Republic of Bulgaria
Georgia
Hellenic Republic
Romania
Russian Federation
Republic of Turkey
Ukraine
4. The List of Participants is attached as **Annex I**.
5. The Draft Agenda of the Meeting was discussed, amended and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Ad Hoc Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS, DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE FOLLOW-UP OF THE DECLARATIONS AND JOINT STATEMENTS ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS FOR EMERGENCIES AND HEADS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

6. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the information presented by the BSEC PERMIS on the preparatory work in BSEC leading to the establishment of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk under the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.

7. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the Summary Proceedings of the Seminar on the Earthquake Risk Management within the framework of BSEC (Anapa, Russian Federation, 18-21 September 2013) and the Summary Proceedings of the Seminar on Disaster Prevention Measures in Japan (BSEC Headquarters, 20 November 2013).

8. The participants welcomed the nomination of the Republic of Turkey for the position of a Country-Coordinator of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk.

9. The Republic of Turkey is invited to elaborate a draft Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group to be considered at its next meeting. In this connection, the Member States are invited to communicate through the BSEC PERMIS their respective proposals and suggestions regarding the future work of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA: TOWARDS AN ENHANCED BSEC PARTNERSHIP”

10. The Ad Hoc Working Group took note of the information on measures to implement the “Way Forward for an Action Plan on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda” regarding the priorities on cooperation in emergency situations, delivered by BSEC PERMIS.

11. The Ad Hoc Working Group is invited to consider concrete proposals/projects in the area of seismic risk cooperation based on the “BSEC Economic Agenda 2012”.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SEISMIC RISK COOPERATION - PRESENTATIONS BY THE BSEC MEMBER STATES

12. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey informed on the structure, competencies and activities of AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Presidency of the Republic of Turkey) and delivered a presentation on “National Seismological Observation Network and Turkey AFAD-Earthquake Data Center”. The presentation is attached as **Annex III**.

13. The representative of the Hellenic Republic delivered a presentation on “Seismic Risk Management in Greece. The Role of E.P.P.O. - Recent Activities”. The presentation is attached as **Annex IV**.

14. The representative of Romania delivered a presentation on “Recent Results in the Field of Seismic Risk Cooperation”. The presentation is attached as **Annex V**.

15. The representative of Georgia delivered a presentation on “Seismic Risks in Georgia”. The presentation is attached as **Annex VI**.

16. The delegation of the Russian Federation delivered a presentation on “Technology Monitoring Individual Seismic Risk on the Example of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea”. The presentation is attached as **Annex VII**.

17. The representative of the Republic of Armenia informed on the cooperation between Armenia and Georgia on emergency assistance and seismic risk management.

18. BSEC PERMIS informed, following the recent consultations with the UNESCO, that an Exercise on Earthquake and Tsunami Scenario for the Black Sea region will be held on 28-29 October 2014. The Republic of Turkey informed that it will participate in this exercise and the Hellenic Republic expressed the readiness to attend as observer.

PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SEISMOLOGISTS OF THE BLACK SEA REGION. PROPOSAL ON DATA EXCHANGE ON SEISMOLOGY.

19. BSEC PERMIS recalled that at the International Conference on “Seismic Safety of the Countries of the Black Sea Region” (Rostov-on-Don, Russian Federation, 27-30 November 2011), it was proposed to establish an International Association of Seismologists of the Black Sea region.

20. The participants concluded that this proposal needs further consideration by the Member States.

21. The delegation of the Republic of Turkey proposed to exchange seismic data among the BSEC Member States and undertook to elaborate a proposal on the issue in advance of the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

22. The Member States were invited to communicate their observations on the above mentioned proposals, including following the draft of the Republic of Turkey, to BSEC PERMIS in advance of the next Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23. The delegation of the Russian Federation informed on the readiness to organize a Workshop on the large scale floods and fires, as well as a Meeting of Liaison Officers of the BSEC Network on Emergency Assistance, to be held in Anapa, Russian Federation, in September 2014.

24. BSEC PERMIS informed that the Conference on Earthquake Risk Management in the framework of BSEC, scheduled to be held on 3 June 2014, has been postponed.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

25. The date and venue of the next Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting will be communicated to the BSEC Member States through BSEC PERMIS in due course.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

26. The present Report was adopted and submitted to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials and to the next Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance.