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**REPORT
OF THE MEETING
OF THE BSEC WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION
IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND LIAISON OFFICERS
OF THE BSEC NETWORK ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

BSEC Headquarters, 12 April 2017

1. The Meeting of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Emergency Assistance and Liaison Officers of the BSEC Network on Emergency Assistance was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 12 April 2017.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Ms. Serap ÖZCOŞKUN, Special Representative of the Turkish Chairmanship-in-Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
3. The Meeting of the Working Group was attended by the following BSEC Member States:

Republic of Armenia
Republic of Azerbaijan
Georgia
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 and adopted. The Agenda, as adopted by the Working Group, is attached as **Annex II**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: 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 Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE SECOND MEDIUM-TERM (2016-2018) OF THE “BSEC ECONOMIC AGENDA 2012”

7. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS in the context of this item.

AGENDA ITEM 4: MODALITIES OF WORK OF THE BSEC NETWORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS ON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. SUGGESTIONS AND PROPOSALS BY THE MEMBER STATES ON PROMOTING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK.

8. The Working Group took note of the information provided by the BSEC PERMIS and agreed to convene a special meeting of the Network of the Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance, in consultation with the Country-Coordinator and the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

9. The Working Group invited the Member States that have not yet done so, to nominate or update the information on their representatives: a) to the Working Group and b) to the BSEC Network of Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance **by 1 June 2017.**

10. The Working Group stressed the importance of establishing permanent interconnection of Liaison Officers, making use of every available means of communication. The Member States are invited to come up with project proposals on issues promoting the activities of the Network Liaison Officers on Emergency Assistance, as envisaged in the Modalities of Work for this Network.

AGENDA ITEM 5: THE OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON MASSIVE FOREST FIRES (ANAPA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 12 OCTOBER 2016)

11. The Working Group took note of the Report of the Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires, held in Anapa on 12 October 2016.

12. The Working Group agreed on the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Massive Forest Fires elaborated by the Russian Federation as the Country-Coordinator. The Working Group also agreed that the Plan of Action should be considered as an open document for future proposals by Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 6: THE OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON FLOODS AND TORRENTS (ANAPA, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, 13 OCTOBER 2016)

13. The Working Group took note of the Report of the Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents, held in Anapa on 13 October 2016.

14. The Working Group agreed on the Plan of Action of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Floods and Torrents elaborated by the Russian Federation as the Country-Coordinator. The Working Group also agreed that the Plan of Action should be considered as an open document for future proposals by Member States.

AGENDA ITEM 7: THE OUTCOME OF THE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE BSEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS IN SEISMIC RISK (BSEC HEADQUARTERS, 11 April 2017)

15. The Working Group took note of the Conclusions of the Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts in Seismic Risk, held at the BSEC Headquarters, on 11 April 2017.

AGENDA ITEM 8: COORDINATIONSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON COOPERATION IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

16. The Working Group supported the assignment of Romania as Country-Coordinator for the next two-year term (*1 July 2017–30 June 2019*).

AGENDA ITEM 9: RESPONSE TO EMERGENCIES - PRESENTATIONS BY THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES TO PREVENT/OVERCOME EMERGENCIES

17. The representative of the Republic of Turkey made a presentation on “*Disaster and Emergency Management Systems and Emergency Assistance Activities*”. The presentation is attached as **Annex III**.

18. The representative of the Republic of Turkey made a video presentation on “*Turkey’s National Disaster Response Plan*”. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCNTx3Yg-1Y>)

19. The representative of Romania made a video presentation on “*EURO Modex Exercise 2017*”. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLNy4VGyD6A>)

AGENDA ITEM 10: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

20. No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM 11: DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

21. The date and the venue of the next Meeting will be communicated in due course through the BSEC PERMIS, after consultations with the Chairman-in-Office.

AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

22. The present Report was adopted and submitted to the next Meeting of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials for consideration.