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**REPORT OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
BSEC MEMBER STATES**

Istanbul, BSEC Headquarters, 25 June 2004

1. The Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs was held in Istanbul, at the BSEC Headquarters on 25 June 2004. It was preceded by the Special Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials on 23-24 June 2004.

2. The following Member States of the BSEC 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

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

3. The draft agenda of the Meeting was discussed and adopted. The agenda, as adopted, is attached as Annex II.

4. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Mikhael UKLEBA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

"DRAFT STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES ON THE BSEC CONTRIBUTION TO SECURITY AND STABILITY"

5. The Special Council adopted the "Statement of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States on the BSEC Contribution to Security and Stability". The text of the Statement is attached as Annex III.

NEED OF REFORMS FOR INCREASING THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OF THE DIRECTORIAL STAFF OF THE BSEC PERMIS (BY ADDING A POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WITH RUSSIAN DELEGATION PROPOSING A CANDIDATE)

6. The Council decided the following:

1. Proceeding from the consensus agreement reached at the 10th Meeting of the Council on the need of reforms for increasing the efficiency of the Organization, the Council agreed on the expansion of the Directorial Staff of the BSEC PERMIS by adding a post of Deputy Secretary General with Russian delegation proposing a candidate (Mr. Andrey URNOV, Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation).

Mr. Andrey URNOV is appointed as a Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS on a personal basis as of 1 November 2004 until the end of his term of office.

All relevant aspects of work at this newly introduced post of a Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS shall be regulated by the appropriate provisions of the relevant BSEC documents.

2. A new clause to be inserted in paragraph 4 of Rule VI of "The Regulations for the Staff of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation" as follows:

"The post for the First Deputy Secretary General shall be allocated to the nationals of the Host Country where the Permanent International Secretariat is located."

3. To insert new Article 24 in the BSEC Charter:

"Article 24

International Center for Black Sea Studies

The International Center for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) is an organization of international character acting as the think-tank of the Organization of BSEC and governed by a Board of Directors, whose members are nationals of the BSEC Member States.

The main goals of the ICBSS are to study practical ways of widening and deepening regional cooperation among the Member States of the BSEC, as well as the BSEC-EU relationship and to promote the application of the latest achievements of science and technology to concrete fields of multilateral cooperation, based on the principles of the present Charter and the priorities set by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs."

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

7. The Council decided to designate the 25th of June as the BSFC Day, to be commemorated each year in the BSEC Member States.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

8. The Heads of Delegations expressed their sincere thanks to BSFC PLRMHs for good organization of the Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

9. This report was adopted by the Special Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSFC Member States.