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REGIONAL FORUM ON

“PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE BSEC REGION”

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and

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THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2005	
THE POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE BSEC REGION	
9.00 – 9.15	<p>WELCOME</p> <p><i>H.E. Evmepidis Stylianidis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece</i></p> <p><i>H.E. Mr Nikolaos Tsiartsionis, Minister of Macedonia and Thrace, Greece</i></p> <p><i>Mr Kiyo Akasaka, Deputy Secretary General, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Panayiotis Koutsikos, President, Hellenic Business Council and Chairman-in-Office, BSEC Business Council</i></p> <p><i>Prof Louka T. Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre</i></p>
SESSION I - THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OUTLOOK FOR THE BSEC REGION	
9.15 – 10.45	<p>Chair: <i>Prof Louka T. Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre</i></p> <p>Keynote speech: <i>H.E. Evmepidis Stylianidis, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece</i></p> <p>Lead speakers:</p> <p><i>Mr Cosmin Dobran, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania</i></p> <p><i>Mr Charalampos Tsarouchas, Secretary General, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank</i></p> <p><i>Mr Andrey Kondakov, Director, Economic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Andrew Vorkink, Country Director for Turkey, World Bank</i></p> <p><i>Mr Nikos Efthymiadis, President, Efthymiadis Group of Companies, Chairman, Business Advisory Council for South East Europe</i></p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee Break

SESSION II – PROSPECTS OF BUSINESS CO-OPERATION IN THE BSEC REGION	
11.00 – 13.00	<p>Chair: <i>Dr Costas Masmanidis, Secretary General of the BSEC Business Council</i></p> <p>Interventions from BSEC Business Council Board Members:</p> <p><i>Mr Panayiotis Koutsikos, President, Hellenic Business Council and Chairman-in-Office, BSEC Business Council, Greece</i></p> <p><i>Mr Edmond Karaxho, Secretary General Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Albania</i></p> <p><i>Mr Samson Özararat, BSEC Business Council Board Member, Armenia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Adil Husseinov, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Azerbaijan Republic</i></p> <p><i>Mr Vesselin Valchev, Managing Partner IMCA Associates Ltd, Member of the Managing Board of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Mr Mihail Bilba, Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr Constantin Rasnoveanu, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, BSEC Business Council</i></p> <p><i>Mr Aleksandr Amerkhanov, President, Taganrog Chamber of Commerce and Industry, BSEC Business Council Board Member, Russian Federation</i></p> <p><i>Mr Goran Vlaovic, Vice-President, Serbian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia and Montenegro</i></p> <p><i>Mr Halil Kulluk, President, Intekno, Chairman of Turkish-Georgian Business Council of Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEIK), Turkey</i></p> <p><i>Mr Gennady Chizhykov, President, Donetsk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ukraine</i></p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
13.00 – 14.30	<p>Lunch sponsored by the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank</p> <p>Keynote speaker: <i>Mr Mustafa Gürtin, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank</i></p>

SESSION III – THE BUSINESS CLIMATE: WHAT ROLE FOR POLICIES TO UNDERPIN TRADE AND INVESTMENT?	
14.30 – 16.30	<p>Chair: <i>H.E. Altai Efendiev, Ambassador, Deputy Secretary General, BSEC Permanent International Secretariat</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Mr Declan Murphy, Programme Director, Investment Compact for Southeast Europe, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Claudio Viezzoli, Southern and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus Business Group</i></p> <p><i>Mr Shota Makatsaria, Vice-President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Mike Ahern, President and Spokesman, Foreign Investors Council, Serbia and Montenegro</i></p> <p><i>Floor discussion</i></p>
16.30 – 16.45	Coffee Break
SESSION IV – INSTITUTION BUILDING AND GOOD GOVERNANCE. LESSONS OF EXPERIENCE	
16.45 - 18.30	<p>Chair: <i>Prof Thanos Veremis, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Mr Kartlos Kipiani, Head of Public Service Bureau, Republic of Georgia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Andreas Herdina, Head of Unit, European Neighbourhood Policy directorate, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Mr Stéphane Jacobzone, Principal Administrator, Regulatory Management and Reform Division, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate</i></p> <p><i>Dr Stanchev Krassen, Institute for Market Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Floor discussion</i></p>
20.30	<p>Dinner sponsored by the Municipality of Thessaloniki</p> <p>Keynote speaker: <i>Mr Vassileios Papageorgopoulos, Mayor of Thessaloniki</i></p>

FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2005	
ENHANCING BUSINESS CO-OPERATION IN SPECIFIC INDUSTRIES	
SESSION V – INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	
9.00 – 10.30	<p>Chair: <i>Mr Pierre Daures, Executive Vice President, Bouygues Group</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Mr Nick Barclay, Senior Loan Officer, European Investment Bank</i></p> <p><i>Mr Haydar Ozkan, Secretary General, BSEC Union of Road Transport Associations</i></p> <p><i>Mr Tony Pearce, Director General, International Road Federation, Geneva</i></p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
SESSION VI – THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR	
10.30 – 12.00	<p>Chair: <i>Mr Dimitros Simeonidis, President, Federation of Industries of Northern Greece</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Mr Odysseas Kyriakopoulos, Chairman of the Federation of Greek Industries</i></p> <p><i>Mr Turgut Soysal, Production and Technology Group Director, Arçelik A.Ş,</i></p> <p><i>Mrs Nina Cainarean, Economist, Centre for Social and Economic Research Foundation, Moldova</i></p> <p><i>Mr Vebi Velija, President VEVE Group, Albania</i></p> <p>Floor discussion</p>
12.00 - 12.15	Coffee Break

SESSION VII – THE ENERGY SECTOR	
12.15 – 13.45	<p>Chair: <i>Mr Raphael Moissis, Chairman of the Board, Public Gas Corporation S.A. (DEPA)</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Mr Emmanuel Bergasse, Administrator for Central and South East Europe, International Energy Agency</i></p> <p><i>Ms Jelena Radun, economist, International Advisory Board to the Pan European Oil Pipeline Project</i></p> <p><i>Dr Michael Myrianthis, Director-General, International Activities & Executive Member of the Board, Hellenic Petroleum S.A.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Veniamin Karakostanoglou, Head, Stability Pact for South- East Europe, Thessaloniki Office</i></p> <p><i>Mr Ozkan Agis, Member of the Board, ENKA group, Turkey</i></p> <p><i>Floor discussion</i></p>
13.45 – 15.30	<p>Lunch sponsored by the Hellenic Petroleum SA (HELPE)</p> <p>Keynote speaker: <i>Mr Efthimios N. Christodoulou, Chairman, Board of Directors, Hellenic Petroleum S.A.</i></p>
SESSION VIII – THE SERVICE SECTOR	
15.30 – 17.00	<p>Chair: <i>Mr Evgeny Sorokin, Chief of External Economic Relations Department of the Ryazan Chamber of Commerce, Russian Federation</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Ms Nora Dihel, Administrator, Trade Directorate, OECD</i></p> <p><i>Mr Alexander Poghossian, Managing Director, Alpha Plus Consulting, Armenia</i></p> <p><i>Mr Roberto Lorenzon, Head of New Europe Desk, Koçbank- Unicredit, Turkey</i></p> <p><i>Mr Umberto Del Panta, Director, Manufacturing, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank</i></p> <p><i>Floor discussion</i></p>
17.00 - 17.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
CONCLUSIONS	
17.15 – 18.00	<p>Chair: <i>Dr Dimitrios Germidis, President for Greece, Forum des Affaires Francophone, former Governor of the National Bank of Greece</i></p> <p>Lead speakers: <i>Dr Costas Masmanidis, Secretary General of the BSEC Business Council</i></p> <p><i>Prof Louka T. Katseli, Director, OECD Development Centre</i></p>
18.00	<i>End of the forum</i>