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**Statement on the 18th Meeting of the Council
of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States**

As for delivery by Deputy Permanent Representative Oleh Herasymenko to the Permanent Council
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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to briefly inform you and the distinguished delegates of the 18th meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation which took place in Kyiv on 17 April 2008.

The meeting was the last one in the series of events organized under the Chairmanship of Ukraine in the Organization and was aimed at drawing conclusions of the progress achieved in the BSEC development in the last 6 months.

The Ministers reaffirmed their will to continue fostering a pragmatic, project and result-oriented co-operation, searching for synergies deriving from improved regional interaction for the benefit of the BSEC member states.

Special attention was dedicated to the progress achieved in deepening cooperation between the BSEC and the European Union. To enhance this relationship, the Ministers agreed on a number of follow-up activities to the Black Sea Synergy meeting, of which Ukraine already informed the Permanent Council earlier. One of such proposals would be to establish a practice of holding joint Ministerial meetings in different formats.

For information of the distinguished delegates, the Kyiv Declaration of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Co-operation will be distributed through the Conference Services.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.