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Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

Priority Communication

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The Secretariat of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) in Dhaka presents its compliments to the Ministries of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs/Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the BIMSTEC Member States and has the honour to refer to the **First Meeting of Inter-governmental Expert Group on Mountain Economy (1st IEG-ME)** held on 23-24 April 2024 in Thimphu, Bhutan.

In this regard, the Secretariat is pleased to enclose herewith the Report of the 1st IEG-ME Meeting along with the following Annexures.

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Therefore, the Secretariat would be grateful if the esteemed Ministries could kindly forward the above Report and the Annexures to the concerned authorities for further necessary action.

The BIMSTEC Secretariat in Dhaka avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of External Affairs/Foreign Affairs/ Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the BIMSTEC Member States the assurances of its highest consideration.



Dhaka, 29 April 2024

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of the BIMSTEC Member States**

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