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**PRESS RELEASE
ON
THE VISIT OF THE BSEC SECRETARY GENERAL
TO THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

BSEC Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Dr. Victor TVIRCUN visited the Republic of Moldova on 12-14 February 2015.

During his visit, the Secretary General was received by H.E. Mr. Nicolae TIMOFTI, President of the Republic of Moldova and H.E. Mr. Andrian CANDU, Speaker of Parliament. Secretary General TVIRCUN also had meetings with H.E. Ms. Natalia GHERMAN, acting Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Mr. Igor SHAROV, Vice Minister of Culture and Mr. Alexei NISTREAN, Director of Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova.

During his meeting with H.E. Mr. Nicolae TIMOFTI, President of the Republic of Moldova, Secretary General TVIRCUN presented information on the state of affairs in the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation as well as the activities planned within the framework of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC. The Secretary General also provided information regarding the reform process within the Organization.

The priorities of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office and issues pertaining to BSEC reform were the main issues on the agenda during the meetings with H.E. Mr. Andrian CANDU, Speaker of Parliament and H.E. Ms. Natalia GHERMAN, acting Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

Secretary General's consultations with Mr. Igor SHAROV, Vice Minister of Culture, was dedicated to strengthening cooperation among the BSEC Member States in cultural and humanitarian spheres. Events planned within the framework of the Moldovan Chairmanship were also discussed.