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**PRESS RELEASE
ON
THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC SECRETARY GENERAL TO ROMANIA**

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS H.E. Ambassador Dr. Victor TVIRCUN visited Romania, on 14-17 April 2015. During his visit, he held consultations in Bucharest with the representatives of the incoming Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC.

In this context, the Secretary General met with H.E. Mr. Bogdan AURESCU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania and the Secretary of State Mr. George CIAMBA. The priorities and the planned events of the incoming Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office, the BSEC reform process, BSEC-EU interaction, strengthening cooperation with the BSEC Related Bodies, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners, as well as organizational issues were discussed.

In Bucharest, Secretary General Dr. TVIRCUN also met with Mr. Florin VODIȚĂ, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Tourism, Mr. Gigel PARASCHIV, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, Mr. Florea OPREA, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Mr. Daniel BOTĂNOIU, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Exchange of views took place on the activities of the Organization in the respective areas of cooperation as well as possible new initiatives during the Romanian Chairmanship which will cover the July-December 2015 period. The importance of elaborating new projects and making use of the potential of the Project Management Unit within the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat was also underlined.

In Bucharest, the Secretary General also had a meeting with Mr. Mihai DARABAN, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania. The ways and means of restoring the functionality of the BSEC Business Council was discussed. The President of the Chamber proposed exploring the idea of organizing under the BSEC aegis public auctions open to public or private companies in the BSEC Member States.