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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
TO THE BSEC HEADQUARTERS**

The Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES received on 22 September 2015 the visit of H.E. Mr. Evgeny A. STANISLAVOV, Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. The Consul General of the Russian Federation in Istanbul Mr. Andrey PODELYSHEV, Deputy Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr. Sergey GONCHARENKO and Attaché Mr. Alexey CHEKMAREV from the Russian Consulate General in Istanbul also attended the meeting.

The two sides exchanged views and discussed various issues related to the everyday management and functioning of the BSEC PERMIS, as well as the upcoming Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs which is scheduled to take place in New York, on 29 September 2015.

In view of the forthcoming BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office of the Russian Federation which will cover the first half of 2016, the two sides agreed to coordinate efforts in order to secure the success of the said Chairmanship as well as to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of BSEC activities.