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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE MEETING OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY
GENERAL, AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. CHRISTIDES WITH THE UNITED
NATIONS HIGH REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS,
H.E. AMBASSADOR NASSER ABDULAZIZ AL-NASSER.**

During his stay in New York, in order to participate at the Informal meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (29.09.2015), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. Christides, met with the United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Ambassador Nasser Abdulaziz Al-Nasser.

The two sides expressed their concern over the latest developments on the international scene, especially those in the wider Mediterranean region, which help bring to the surface new and emerging threats against efforts to promote tolerance, understanding and cooperation. They agreed that the activity of the two Organizations acquires today even greater importance, because, in their own way, both seek to prevent and resolve situations conducive to tensions and conflicts and to enhance dialogue and cooperation among States with different cultures and religions.

This is the reason the two Organizations have been working on preparing a draft Memorandum of Understanding, which will allow them to collaborate in a more concrete and effective way. It was agreed that this Memorandum will be officially signed until the end of the current year.