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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE MEETING OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL WITH JOURNALISTS

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES gave a briefing to Turkish journalists at the BSEC Headquarters, on 1 December 2015.

During the briefing, Secretary General CHRISTIDES provided information on the history, structure, activities, flagship projects and added value of BSEC. He underlined the emphasis given to the elaboration of regional projects and the increased project management capacity of the BSEC PERMIS with the establishment of the Project Management Unit in 2014.

The Secretary General shared information regarding upcoming key events, including the Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Bucharest, 11 December 2015) and the 25th Anniversary of the Organization which will be marked in 2017.

Secretary General CHRISTIDES also gave a general overview of the mandate and activities of the BSEC Related Bodies, namely, the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC (PABSEC), the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC), the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) and the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS).

The briefing was followed by a question and answer session.

The event was concluded with a working lunch hosted by the Secretary General at the BSEC PERMIS.