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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL AMBASSADOR MICHAEL B. CHRISTIDES TO THE MAYOR OF SARIYER MR. ŞÜKRÜ GENÇ

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES visited Mr. Şükrü GENÇ, the Mayor of Sarıyer, on 7 January 2016, to exchange best wishes for the new year and to renew gratitude for the hospitality extended to the BSEC PERMIS Headquarters in his area of mandate.

Mayor Mr. GENÇ welcomed any proposal for making the work of the BSEC PERMIS, as well as the everyday life of the members of its staff, easier.

Stating his willingness in cooperating with the municipalities in the Black Sea region, Mayor Mr. GENÇ proposed the idea of BSEC offering a forum for meetings among the interested municipalities of the BSEC Member States. The two sides expressed their certainty that such meetings could be successful, as the trend in international cooperation is placing increased emphasis on regional cooperation among the local administrations of States.

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador CHRISTIDES confirmed that the BSEC PERMIS would explore ways to implement this proposal which could prove another milestone in the overall cooperation among the BSEC Member States.