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PRESS RELEASE ON
THE CANCELLATION OF THE WORKING VISIT OF H.E. MR. VASSILY NEBENZIA,
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION,
TO THE BSEC HEADQUARTERS

The BSEC Permanent International Secretariat regrets to inform that H.E. Mr. Vassily NEBENZIA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, who was scheduled to visit the BSEC Headquarters on 22 January 2016 to present the priorities of the Russian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC, will be unable to travel to Istanbul due to health reasons.

Deputy Minister H.E. Mr. Vassily NEBENZIA called the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES by phone on 21 January 2016, expressing his deep regret for not being able to travel to Istanbul due to a severe case of flu. The two agreed that efforts will be made to identify another occasion on which Deputy Minister NEBENZIA will visit the BSEC Headquarters in the nearest future.

On behalf of the Russian Chairmanship-in-Office, Mr. Evgeny STANISLAVOV, Director of the Department of Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, will announce the priorities of the Russian Chairmanship at the BSEC Headquarters, on 22 January 2016, with the participation of the representatives of the BSEC Member States, Related Bodies, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners. These priorities will constitute the roadmap for the Organization during the first semester of 2016.

As is known, the Russian Federation has assumed the Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC as of 1 January 2016, for a term of six months ending on 30 June 2016. During this period, the Russian Chairmanship envisages to implement a comprehensive calendar of events which is expected to contribute to enhancing regional cooperation in a number of key areas.