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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE DELPHI ECONOMIC FORUM

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES attended the "Delphi Economic Forum – Outlook for Greece and the Region – Vision 2020 to 2030" which was held at the premises of the European Cultural Center of Delphi, Greece, on 25-28 February 2016.

During the three-day event, issues of importance that prevail on the everyday agenda of States, especially in the broader European region, were discussed by well-known personalities of the international political, economic and academic world.

Secretary General Ambassador CHRISTIDES participated in the panel under the title "East Mediterranean and South-East Europe: Disruption, Prospects, Challenges. What are the Prospects for Economic Growth and Political Cooperation in the Wider Region?" In the same panel, the Chairman of the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials and Chairman of the International Center for Black Sea Studies Dr. Sergei GONCHARENKO also took part, thus giving the opportunity to brief the numerous and distinguished audience not only on the priorities of the current Russian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC, but also on the significance of the BSEC family of institutions in promoting economic cooperation among the BSEC Member States.

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General CHRISTIDES underlined that, given the challenges faced in the wider Black Sea region today, the BSEC Organization should also be viewed as a welcome mechanism for building confidence among its Members and for promoting the concept of dialogue and understanding.

On the sidelines of the Delphi Economic Forum, Secretary General CHRISTIDES had the opportunity to discuss issues and exchange views with many dignitaries and participants, including Ministers, EU Commissioners, renowned entrepreneurs, academicians and representatives of the international press.