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PRESS RELEASE ON THE VISIT OF H.E. MR. MYKOLA SNITKO, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE OF UKRAINE, TO THE BSEC HEADQUARTERS

H.E. Mr. Mykola SNITKO, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine, paid a working visit to the BSEC Headquarters, on 4 March 2016. Deputy Minister SNITKO was received by the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES. During his visit, H.E. Mr. SNITKO was accompanied by the Head of the Ukrainian Railways Mr. Oleksandr ZAVGORODNII and the representatives of the leading Ukrainian public and private transport companies.

At the BSEC Headquarters, the two sides addressed the state of affairs and opportunities regarding transport cooperation in BSEC, as well as the role that BSEC can play in regional, Euro-Asian and North-South trade and transport facilitation. Particular attention was given to the ongoing projects of the Organization on the development of road and maritime infrastructure and the prospects for cooperation in the sphere of intermodal transportation.

Deputy Minister H.E. Mr. SNITKO noted the important role of BSEC and other international organizations in contributing to the development of international transport and the interest of Ukraine to contribute to this work. He informed the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General about the main objectives of Ukraine regarding the facilitation of transports, not only in Ukraine, but also in neighboring countries, underlining the complementarity of different means of transport in the efforts to obtain the best solutions at the most competitive prices.

At the conclusion of the discussions, the two sides expressed their willingness to further strengthen transport cooperation in the BSEC region. BSEC PERMIS Secretary General CHRISTIDES thanked for the visit of Deputy Minister SNITKO and emphasized the importance of Sectoral Ministers of the BSEC Member States paying working visits to the PERMIS Headquarters and acquainting them in more detail with the activities of the Organization, in order to ensure greater synergy.