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PRESS RELEASE ON THE
ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UN AND THE
BSEC ORGANIZATION BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(New York, 21 November 2016)

The United Nations 71st General Assembly adopted, by consensus, on 21 November 2016, in New York, the Resolution on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization.

The Permanent Representation of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations, representing the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office, introduced the Draft Resolution to the General Assembly. The Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES also addressed the UN General Assembly on the occasion of the adoption of the Resolution, highlighting the importance attached by BSEC to enhancing cooperation with the UN and its Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programs in areas of common interest. Secretary General Ambassador CHRISTIDES invited the UN Agencies to strengthen their interaction with the BSEC family of institutions and to create new synergies based on existing agreements and memoranda. He underlined that BSEC, with its Related Bodies, has the knowledge and experience to support the UN Agencies to effectively implement their policies and programs in the Black Sea region.

As is known, every two years since 2000, after BSEC was granted Observer status by the UN in 1999, a Resolution titled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization" has been adopted by the UN General Assembly. BSEC is committed to promoting practical and result-oriented cooperation in areas of common interest with the UN and its Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programs, aimed at promoting sustainable development in the Black Sea region.