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PRESS RELEASE ON THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL TO KYIV

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES paid a working visit to Kyiv, from 5 to 7 September 2017, in order to consult with the leadership of the Ukrainian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office (2nd semester of 2017).

Ambassador CHRISTIDES was received by H.E. Mr. Stepan KUBIV, First Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, and met with H.E. Mr. Vadym PRYSTAIKO, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and H.E. Mr. Maksym STRIKHA, Deputy Minister of Education and Science.

Main topics of the discussions held were the priorities - and their implementation - of the Ukrainian BSEC Chairmanship, as well as the better preparation of the forthcoming Meetings of BSEC Working Groups. The Secretary General had also the opportunity to inform his high interlocutors on the latest activities of PERMIS, on its plans of action in the near future and on its initiatives already in the stage of realization.

Moreover, the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS visited the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he was hosted to a working lunch by the President of the Chamber Mr. Gennadiy CHYZHYKOV, with the presence of other members of the Chamber's Board.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES underlined the importance of the Ukrainian Chairmanship in the BSEC Business Council (BSEC BC), given the latest efforts to revitalize the functioning and activity of the latter. The two sides exchanged views on how to improve the performance of the BSEC BC, in order for it to successfully assume its role as the "vehicle" connecting BSEC to private business. -