



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE MEETING OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE
OF UKRAINE**

The Secretary General of the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES received the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine Mr. Mikhail TITARCHUK at the BSEC Headquarters, on 18 September 2017.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES informed the guest on the latest activities of the Organization and its plans for the immediate future, stressing the important role Ukraine could play in its current capacity as the Chairman-in-Office for their achievement.

Deputy Minister TITARCHUK emphasized the importance his Ministry attaches to the cooperation with and within BSEC and expressed his support to the work of the Organization. Mr. TITARCHUK underlined the importance of cooperation in the sphere of Trade and Economic Development, making a special emphasis on the constant need to further develop cooperation in the field of Tourism.

Seizing this opportunity, the Secretary General informed his interlocutor on forthcoming BSEC activities related to cooperation in Tourism, on partnership relations established between BSEC and UNWTO as well as on BSEC's initiative to reinvigorate Cruise Tourism in the Black Sea basin and beyond.

The two men also exchanged views on other important issues related to the cooperation among the BSEC Member States.

The meeting took place in a constructive and friendly atmosphere.