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PRESS RELEASE ON THE JOINT UNECE-BSEC SEMINAR ON “TRADE FACILITATION AND SINGLE WINDOW INTEROPERABILITY” (BSEC Headquarters, 21 September 2017)

A Joint UNECE-BSEC Seminar on “Trade Facilitation and Single Window Interoperability” was held at the BSEC Headquarters on 21 September 2017. The event was co-organized by the BSEC PERMIS and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and is the result of the continuing long-term cooperation between the two organizations on trade facilitation.

Representatives of institutions dealing with customs matters and relevant state entities, experts from the BSEC Member States and other States, as well as representatives of international organizations, BSEC PERMIS and UNECE were among the participants of the Seminar.

During the opening session, the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES and the Regional Adviser of the UNECE, Mr. Mario APOSTOLOV, delivered welcoming remarks.

The Seminar was held in different sessions whereby an exchange of country and international experiences concerning the Single Window systems and the necessary Interoperability between them took place. Participants made presentations on National Single Window systems and expressed their support for their interoperability in order to facilitate import, export and transit clearance of goods in the BSEC Region.

At the conclusion of the Seminar, participants formulated a number of relevant recommendations which were distributed to the appropriate authorities of the BSEC Member States.