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PRESS RELEASE ON THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE BSEC PERMIS WITH THE DELEGATION OF HUNGARY (BSEC HQ, 6 November 2017)

A Hungarian Delegation headed by Ambassador Ivan GYURCSIK, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Danube Commission and holder of the BSEC portfolio at the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, together with Mr. Balazs HENDRICH, Consul General of Hungary in Istanbul and other representatives from the Consulate, paid a visit to the BSEC PERMIS on 6 November 2017 and were received by a PERMIS Staff led by the Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES.

The meeting was held on the occasion of the request of Hungary to obtain the *Observer Status* in BSEC. The parties discussed the results of cooperation between BSEC and Hungary in the latter's present capacity of *Sectoral Dialogue Partner* of the organization and the prospects for its broadening under its possible new status in BSEC, the application for which will be considered by the BSEC Committee of Senior Officials and the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

The participants of the meeting expressed their hope for the favourable decision of the BSEC bodies on the matter and observed that such a decision will facilitate intensified cooperation between BSEC and Hungary to the mutual benefit of both.