



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat

PRESS RELEASE ON THE OFFICIAL START OF THE ARMENIAN CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE OF BSEC

The Armenian Chairmanship-in-Office got officially underway during the “*Coordination Meetings for the Presentation of the Priorities and the Calendar of Events of the Armenian BSEC Chairmanship-In-Office*”, which took place at the BSEC Headquarters in Istanbul, on 24 January 2018.

H.E. Mr. Ashot KOCHARIAN, Director, Department for Multilateral and Bilateral Economic Cooperation, from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, presented the Priorities of the Chairmanship to the BSEC Member States, to the Related Bodies, Observers and to the Sectoral Dialogue Partners of the Organization during the above-mentioned meetings.

H.E. Mr. KOCHARIAN was welcomed by the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, who conveyed the best wishes of the Secretariat for the success and the fulfillment of the priorities announced by the Armenian Chairmanship, reiterating that PERMIS will spare no effort to provide its full support and involvement during the entire period.

In his opening statement, H.E. Mr. KOCHARIAN underlined that among the most important priorities of the new Chairmanship remain the strengthening of regional economic cooperation in the BSEC region and the improved interaction among all Organizations-Members of the BSEC “family”. For more information please refer to the text of the relevant Statement available online:

<http://www.bsec-organization.org/CHAIRMANSHIP/Pages/default.aspx>

The Armenian Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC will cover the period from 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018. In addition to the Meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Yerevan, 21 July 2018), the Meetings of the Ministers of Tourism, Education, as well as the BSEC High-Level International ICT Conference: “*General aspects of data management within the global digital transformation challenge*” will constitute the highlights of the calendar of events of the Armenian Chairmanship. The BSEC Calendar of Events is available on the following link: <http://www.bsec-organization.org/Pages/CalendarEvents.aspx>