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### **PRESS RELEASE ON REGIONAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION 2018 Geneva, 1-2 March 2018**

Ambassador Traian CHEBELEU, Deputy Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS attended the “*Regional Forum for Sustainable Development (RFSD)*” which took place in Geneva, on 1-2 March 2018.

The purpose of the Forum is to create a regional space for sharing policy solutions, best practices and challenges in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to identify major regional and sub-regional trends.

The Forum was chaired by Ambassador Michael GERBER, Chairman of the RFSD, Special Envoy for Global Sustainable Development of Switzerland. Ms. Olga ALGAYEROVA, Executive Secretary of UNECE as well as other high officials of the United Nations addressed the opening session.

The Forum was attended by over 600 participants; government representatives of the Member States of the UNECE and from other States, representatives of international organizations belonging to the UN system and of regional organizations from the area covered by the UNECE, representatives of civil society and other non-governmental organizations.

The participants shared experiences and expressed views of how cooperation within the UNECE region and its different sub-regions can help advance SDGs. They were followed by comments, questions and answer sessions.

Ambassador CHEBELEU attended the three plenary sessions and the two Round Tables discussing the “*the Affordable and Clean Energy*” He made an intervention in the third plenary meeting informing about the activities of BSEC endeavouring to foster cooperation, knowledge sharing, and cross-border work between its Member States in key areas related to the achievement of the SDGs, in particular in the fields of Energy and Agriculture and Agro-Industry.