



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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### PRESS RELEASE ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> EURASIAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

(Istanbul, 11-12 April 2018)

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. Christides, was invited and participated in the “21<sup>st</sup> Eurasian Economic Summit” organized by the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation on 11-12 April 2018 in Istanbul.

The Summit focused on topics such as energy, economy, technology, climate change, dialogue and peace, as well as exploring ways of enhancing relations between countries of the Eurasian region.

Prominent personalities such as current and former Presidents, Heads of Government, Parliamentarians, Religious Leaders, as well as Academicians attended the Summit, which has evolved in one of the most important international meeting platforms.

During his intervention, Ambassador Christides informed the participants on the activities of BSEC, its contribution to regional peace, its presence as a vehicle of cooperation in many sectors as well as its role in establishing a culture of dialogue among its Member States. Ambassador Christides also emphasized the necessity of joining efforts and mutual commitments in order to overcome challenges and asymmetric threats faced in today’s highly globalized and multipolar world.

He further drew the attention of the audience on the importance of technology as a priceless instrument of improvement in almost every sector of human activity; yet he cautioned that for this to occur politics and politicians should learn to accept and make use of the technological achievements and, vice versa, scientists and technology should accept and respect the limits dictated by human values, fundamental freedoms and by human rights. In conclusion, he appealed to participants to help make technology an instrument for peace and for the sustainable development of our globe.