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**PRESS RELEASE ON THE WORKING VISIT OF
THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL TO ANKARA**

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES paid a working visit to Ankara on 11-12 September 2015.

During his visit, Secretary General CHRISTIDES met with H.E. Ambassador Ms. Ayse SINIRLIOGLU, Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Emre YUNT, Director General for Economic Affairs and Mr. Tolga BERMEK, Head of Department at the Deputy Directorate General for Multilateral Economic Affairs dealing with BSEC affairs, also attended the meeting from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides exchanged views and discussed issues related to BSEC, mainly the forthcoming Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs in New York on 29 September 2015 and expectations from it. Budgetary issues as well as efforts on making certain changes that will render BSEC more effective and efficient were also discussed.

The Secretary General informed Deputy Undersecretary Ambassador Ms. SINIRLIOGLU on various other issues pertaining to the day-to-day management and functioning of the PERMIS, including the relocation process of the BSEC PERMIS headquarters which is underway. On the sidelines of his meeting with the Deputy Undersecretary, Secretary General CHRISTIDES also met with the team in the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is dealing with this process.