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**PRESS RELEASE
ON
THE MEETING OF THE BSEC SECRETARY GENERAL WITH
THE GOVERNOR OF ISTANBUL**

BSEC Secretary General H.E. Ambassador Dr. Victor TVIRCUN paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of Istanbul Mr. Vasip ŞAHİN on 30 January 2015.

During his visit, Secretary General TVIRCUN provided general information on the activities of the Organization as well as the BSEC Economic Agenda which was endorsed at the level of the Heads of State and Government of the BSEC Member States on the occasion of the Organization's 20th Anniversary Summit held in Istanbul, in 2012.

Secretary General TVIRCUN also informed Governor ŞAHİN of the newly announced priorities of the Moldovan Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC and the upcoming highlight events of the Organization during the first half of 2015. In this context, he stated that transport, trade and economic development, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, tourism and culture were identified as the sectoral priorities of the Chairmanship-in-Office of the Republic of Moldova. He referred to the meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as well as the meetings of the BSEC Ministers of Economy, Transport, Health and Tourism among the high level events being planned by the Chairmanship.

At the conclusion of his visit, BSEC Secretary General Ambassador Dr. TVIRCUN expressed his gratitude to Governor Mr. Vasip ŞAHİN for the traditional support extended by the authorities of the Republic of Turkey, as the Host Country of the Headquarters of the Organization, in providing the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat a conducive working environment.