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PRESS RELEASE ON
BSEC-SESRIC RELATIONS

H.E. Ambassador Musa KULAKLIKAYA, the Director General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), paid a working visit to the BSEC Headquarters, on 14 March 2016. Director General Ambassador KULAKLIKAYA was received by the Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES.

At the BSEC Headquarters, the two sides exchanged information about their objectives, priorities and organizational structure, as well as their current and upcoming activities. They also discussed the possibilities for establishing cooperation between BSEC and the Ankara-based SESRIC which was founded as a subsidiary organ of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in 1977.

During the meeting, the Director General of SESRIC informed Secretary General CHRISTIDES that the mandate of SESRIC is threefold, namely, to collect, process and disseminate socio-economic statistics and information on and for the use of the OIC Members States; to study and evaluate the economic and social developments in the Member States to help generate proposals that will enhance co-operation among them; and to organize training programmes in selected fields geared towards the needs of the Member States as well as the general objectives of the OIC.

SESRIC Director General KULAKLIKAYA underlined that in addition to the implementation of its mandate, the Centre has also assumed the role of focal point for technical co-operation activities and projects between the OIC system and the UN agencies. He stated that SESRIC also acts as the research pillar of the OIC whereby it prepares the main economic and social reports and background documents for economic, social and technical co-operation meetings and conferences held at different levels under the umbrella of the OIC every year.

At the conclusion of the meeting, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General CHRISTIDES and SESRIC Director General KULAKLIKAYA expressed their willingness to continue consultations on the possibility of establishing mutually beneficial relations between BSEC and SESRIC.