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PRESS RELEASE ON
THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
TO THE BSTDB BUSINESS FORUM
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The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES participated in the regional *Business Forum* titled “*Supporting Growth in Greece*”, organized by the BSEC Related Body *Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)* under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism of the Hellenic Republic, in Athens, on 30 May 2016.

The opening of the Business Forum was done by H.E. Mr. Georgios STATHAKIS, Minister of Economy, Development and Tourism of the Hellenic Republic.

Secretary General CHRISTIDES moderated the first panel of the Business Forum on “*Fostering Economic Growth: Regional Experience*”. During his moderation, he underlined the importance of the BSTDB in organizing similar tailor-made events in BSEC Member States, demonstrating the increased involvement of the Bank and of the BSEC family of institutions in economic topics of relevance to the BSEC Member States. Regional success stories and lessons learned by the Governments of the BSEC Member States and international institutions in devising and implementing policy measures that foster economic growth were shared by the panelists.

The Secretary General focused on measures and policies that could be helpful along the lines of the theme of the Forum. At the end, he formulated, together with the panelists, the main conclusions of the discussions.