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### **PRESS RELEASE ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL HIGH-LEVEL TRANSPORT CONFERENCE Odessa, 8 September 2017**

The Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, accompanied by the Project Coordinator, Mr. Yevgen KOZIY, participated at the *Second International High-Level Transport Conference*, which was held in Odessa on 8 September 2017.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES addressed the audience at the plenary session of the Conference with the participation of the Prime Ministers of Ukraine and Moldova, underlining the importance of the BSEC Organization in promoting transport and trade facilitation among its Member States and beyond.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES briefly informed participants on the past achievements of BSEC and on its plans for the immediate future. It is worth mentioning that many of the speakers at the Conference noted with appreciation the positive role of BSEC as a regional catalyst for facilitating trade and connectivity in the wider Black Sea area.

On the sidelines of the Conference, the PERMIS Secretary General had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Volodymyr OMELYAN, Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine, and exchanged views on the preparations for the Ministerial Meeting of BSEC Ministers responsible for Transports and Infrastructure, to be held in Kyiv, in early November, as well as on ways and means to promote the initiative concerning the further development of transport connections between Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Greece, in the framework of the promotion of the Black Sea Ring Highway.