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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC PERMIS) and with reference to the PERMIS Note No: BS/INFO.2020.0230, dated 25 June 2020, has the honor to enclose herewith the letter of H.E. Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, addressed to H.E. Mr. Ambassador Michael Christides, Secretary General of BSEC.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ankara, 2 July 2020



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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Ankara, 30 June 2020

Dear Secretary General,

I thank you for your letter of 25 June 2020 on the occasion of the BSEC Day.

Allow me to return your congratulations with heartfelt sincerity and share your joy regarding the fact that the BSEC is now a 28 years old platform, which has made considerable achievements.

While it is our duty and responsibility to make the BSEC more efficient and project-oriented, in the last several months, we could not focus on this objective as we should have due to first organizational issues and then the pandemic. Now that we have resolved the uncertainty over the rotation of the Chairmanship-in-Office for the next years and as we cautiously proceed towards normalcy, it is high time to resume our activities in full force and focus on concrete deliverables.

I have every confidence that with our joint efforts the BSEC will strive to transform itself into an effective and result-oriented organization that meets the expectations of the day and flourish in the coming years for the best interests of the peoples of the wider Black Sea region.

In this regard, let me reiterate the importance Turkey attaches to the work of the BSEC and congratulate the BSEC Day of our fellow members and the Secretariat.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu

H.E. Mr. Ambassador Michael B. Christides
Secretary General
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