



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Permanent International Secretariat – The Secretary General

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Your Excellency, Dear Mr. Minister,

I wish to convey my profound sympathies to the Hellenic Government and its citizens due to the ongoing wildfires in the outskirts of Athens and around the country, including the Island of Rhodes, which are being compounded by the major heatwave felt across Greece.

On behalf of all my colleagues in the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) and myself, I want to express how deeply saddened we are by the widespread material damage to homes, forests and wildlife and to wish strength to all those families whose lives have been tragically affected by these devastating forest fires.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Greek people and the firefighters who are battling to contain the blazes and the collateral damage. I am confident that the Hellenic Republic will overcome and fully recover from this tragic turn of events with fortitude in the earliest possible time.

Yours sincerely,

Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU
Secretary General

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ATHENS