



**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE WORKING MEETING BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE BSEC PERMIS AND
THE MEMBERS OF THE PABSEC INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT
(Istanbul, 28 January 2019)**

A Working Meeting between the Members of the BSEC PERMIS and the Members of the PABSEC International Secretariat took place at the BSEC Headquarters in Istanbul on 28 January 2019, upon the initiative of the Secretaries General of the BSEC PERMIS and the PABSEC.

The Meeting was aimed to bring the cooperation between the two International Secretariats to a qualitatively new level and to expand the daily working contacts among their staff members.

Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General of the BSEC PERMIS, expressed his hope that the Meeting will contribute to finding the best possible modalities in the relations and communication between the staff of the BSEC PERMIS and that of the PABSEC International Secretariat. He underlined the necessity to enhance interaction especially in the process of the preparation of the respective documents and to coordinate the dates of each other's meetings, as well as topics of common interest, in more effective way.

Mr. Asaf Hajiyev, PABSEC Secretary General, welcomed the initiative of hosting this reunion and highlighted the importance of organizing joint meetings between the BSEC PERMIS and the PABSEC International Secretariat on a regular basis. He added that the members of the PABSEC International Secretariat take part in the meetings of the BSEC Working Groups to the extent possible and underlined that there are too many meetings of the BSEC Working Groups during one year. Mr. Hajiyev proposed to coordinate the dates of the BSEC Ministerial meetings and the PABSEC General Assemblies at the beginning of each chairmanship. He emphasized the need for regular consultations between the members of the two Secretariats, especially with regard to the preparation of the PABSEC Reports and Recommendations. He also expressed the opinion to increase cooperation and interaction between all organisations of the BSEC family.

During the Meeting, there was an exchange of views concerning the prospects for further developing the cooperation between the BSEC PERMIS and the PABSEC International Secretariat. The participants noted the need to increase coordination in cooperation and exchange of information and to strengthen working communication and dialogue between the two Secretariats.