



PRESS RELEASE
ON THE WORKING VISIT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO BUCHAREST

In consultation with the Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador M.B. CHRISTIDES visited Bucharest on February 6, 2020 and had a series of meetings with various dignitaries.

1. Ambassador CHRISTIDES was received by H.E. Mr. Bodgan AURESCU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, with whom he had a lengthy exchange of views and discussion on recent issues affecting the smooth functioning of the BSEC Organization. The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General assured Minister AURESCU that the Permanent International Secretariat remains at the disposal of the Romanian Chairmanship in order to render any support and assistance for successfully addressing the above issues.
2. Ambassador CHRISTIDES also met with Mr. Laszlo BORBELY, Coordinator of the Department of Sustainable Development at the General Secretariat of the Romanian Government. The two men informed each other on the activities of their respective entities concerning the implementation of the UN SDGs 2030; they agreed to remain in close contact in order to mutually support and attend the respective events promoted by the Romanian and the BSEC PERMIS sides.
3. The PERMIS Secretary General also visited the Headquarters of the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, where he was received by Mr. Mihai DARABAN, President of the Chamber, and other high-ranking dignitaries. The two sides exchanged views on how to improve the efficiency and usefulness of the BSEC Business Council and how to better coordinate synergies between the latter and the BSEC PERMIS.
4. With the Romanian delegation at the Ministry of Transports, headed by Mr. Dragoş PREDA, State Secretary, the two sides exchanged views on the preparation of the planned Meeting of the BSEC Ministers of Transport, an event scheduled to take place in Constanta at a still to-be-determined date.
5. The meeting of the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General with Minister AURESCU was preceded by a working lunch offered by Mrs. Iulia MATEI, State Secretary, and Mrs. Antoaneta BARTA, Director General at the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Their discussions were preliminary and preparatory in view of the meeting of the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General with H.E. Minister AURESCU.

All meetings were held in a friendly and constructive spirit and atmosphere.