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PRESS RELEASE ON THE 83rd SESSION OF THE INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (UNECE)

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On 23 February 2021 the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Michael. B. CHRISTIDES followed the 83rd Session of the UNECE *Inland Transport Committee* (ITC), which took place virtually with the purpose to address the weaknesses exposed by the Covid-19 pandemic that severely disrupted the supply chains of the inland transport systems which link economic activity worldwide and bridge national borders.

The High-level Policy segment was divided into two panel discussions with prominent speakers and contributors:

- Leveraging existing international transport connectivity solutions as enablers of economic growth and development: what room for enhanced international agreements?
- First or last response in a global emergency? International transport conventions as a catalyst of concerted national responses

The High-level event concluded with the endorsement of the *Ministerial Resolution on "Enhancing resilient inland transport connectivity in emergency situations: an urgent call for concerted action"* by participating Ministers, deputy Ministers and Heads of delegations of Contracting Parties to the United Nations Transport Conventions under the purview of the ITC. Among the first to express their endorsement to the above Resolution were five BSEC Member States.

As every year, the BSEC PERMIS will continue to follow the open events of the 3-day Program of the 83rd Session of the UNECE *Inland Transport Committee*.