



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE COURTESY VISIT OF
THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL TO ANKARA**

The Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey H.E. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu on 3 September 2021 in Ankara. Prior to the meeting with the Minister he also met with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Director for EU Affairs Ambassador Faruk Kaymakçı and the Director General for Multilateral Economic Affairs Ambassador Esen Altuğ. The Secretary General was accompanied by the First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Ebru Barutçu Gökdenizler during his contacts at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The two sides exchanged views and discussed various issues related to BSEC, mainly the forthcoming Informal Meeting of the BSEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs to be held in New York this fall. Another subject of high importance was the 30th BSEC Anniversary to be celebrated in 2022 with a Summit.

Budgetary issues as well as efforts on making certain changes that will render BSEC more effective and efficient were also discussed. PERMIS Secretary General informed the representatives of the Turkish Ministry on various other issues pertaining to the day-to-day management and functioning of the PERMIS.

The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere. Minister Çavuşoğlu reassured on Turkey's strong support to the BSEC activities and continued dialogue on permanent basis, and assured the Secretary General that he would pay a visit to PERMIS in the nearest future.