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PRESS RELEASE ON THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONFERENCE

The **Second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference**, under the theme of *"Sustainable Transport, Sustainable Development"* was held from 14 to 16 October in Beijing, China, in a "hybrid format" with both virtual and in-person participation.

The three-day event brought together key stakeholders from the UN system, governments, international organizations, private sector and civil society and discussed the opportunities, challenges and solutions towards achieving sustainable transport worldwide, to help achieve the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change in the Decade of Action.

Invited by the organizers, the BSEC PERMIS followed this event virtually and contributed to its work by sharing the experience of BSEC in developing better transports between its Member States and beyond for achieving the UN *Sustainable Development Goals*.

In his pre-recorded video message, delivered at the third plenary session on 16 October, *Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu*, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, informed on BSEC's efforts in the transport sector and its regional projects, as the contribution of the BSEC Organization to other greater projects covering the Eurasian region. In this regard, he underlined the geostrategic importance of the BSEC region, especially in view of the new initiatives promoting better connectivity between Europe and Asia.

The Second UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference, which brought together more than 100 countries along with thousands of experts, activists and business leaders, called on to accelerate progress towards achieving sustainable transport that would result in major reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and in improving the lives of millions of people. The Conference participants agreed that without a profound shift to sustainable mobility, achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals would be impossible.

The Conference concluded with the *Beijing Statement*, which called for adopting integrated, interdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral approaches, supported by greater international cooperation.