



PRESS RELEASE
**ON THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE 84th SESSION OF THE INLAND
TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC
COMMISSION FOR EUROPE (UNECE)**

On 22 February 2022, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the Ministerial Meeting of the 84th Session of the UNECE *Inland Transport Committee* (ITC), taking place in Geneva from 21 to 25 February 2022 in a “hybrid format”, in commemoration of the seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Inland Transport Committee.

The Ministerial segment, entitled “75 Years of ITC: Connecting Countries and Driving Sustainable Mobility”, was organized in three successive panels and benefited of the participation of prominent speakers and contributors. It provided an opportunity for reflection on the Committee’s past achievements, current performance and future potential.

The traditional opening statements were followed by the official launch of the Anniversary Publication “75 Years of ITC – 75 Documents that Changed the World of Transport”, which highlights the key moments of the history of the Committee, from its establishment in 1947, including the key legal instruments that paved the way for sustainable inland transport systems and transformed the world of transport.

In his statement in the first Panel on “ITC – The United Nations Platform to promote inland transport connectivity”, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General congratulated the UNECE ITC on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary, pointing out that over the years this Committee has made the substantial difference to the European and Asian continents by facilitating trade and transportation and thus contributing to the prosperity and welfare of their peoples. In this context and reminding that year 2022 is a special one for BSEC itself - its 30th Anniversary, Ambassador Comanescu underlined that since 1996 the BSEC has been closely cooperating with the UNECE on trade and transport facilitation. On 2 July 2001 this cooperation was given a sound basis through the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between UNECE and BSEC.

The Ministerial Meeting concluded with the signing by Ministers and other Heads of Delegations of the Ministerial Resolution on “Ushering in a decade of delivery for sustainable inland transport and sustainable development”, recognizing the long-standing work and accomplishments of the ITC and its role in the achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.