**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE VISIT TO BELGRADE;
AND SIXTIETH SESSION OF THE PABSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated, upon the invitation by H.E. Mr. Vladimir Orlic, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and current President of the PABSEC, in the Sixtieth Session of the PABSEC General Assembly, which was held in Belgrade 7-8 December 2022. Participants were Members of the Parliaments of the Member States, as well as other prominent politicians from the host country and representatives of international organizations and institutions.

In his address to the participants the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, made a presentation on BSEC's activities since the previous session of the PABSEC General Assembly, highlighting the fact that during its thirty years of existence BSEC has asserted itself as a useful framework of multilateral cooperation and as a first-level confidence building mechanism in the very important geostrategic region of the Black Sea. He also referred to the valuable contribution the close cooperation with PABSEC as well as with the other BSEC related bodies has brought to the promotion of BSEC's objectives.

While in Belgrade, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General also had a bilateral meeting with H.E. Mr. Ivica Dacic, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia. A comprehensive exchange of views took place on this occasion on the developments in the BSEC region and on BSEC's priorities for the period ahead. Ambassador Comanescu expressed, in this context, his highest appreciation and thanks to Minister Dacic for Serbia' s most valuable contribution and strong support to BSEC' s activity as well as for the readiness of the Serbian side to work closely with PERMIS towards further strengthening BSEC's role in promoting economic cooperation in the region. The meeting took place in a very constructive and friendly atmosphere.