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## PRESS RELEASE ON THE COURTESY VISIT OF THE CONSUL GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA TO THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL

The new Consul General of the Republic of Moldova in Istanbul Mr. Sergiu Gurduza paid a courtesy visit to the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu on 22 May 2023.

A very friendly exchange of views took place on this occasion on the latest developments in the Black Sea Region with focus on the important role BSEC has in enhancing the economic cooperation in the area.

The Secretary General thanked the interlocutor for Moldova's active contribution and support to the work of the Organization. In this context Ambassador Comanescu expressed his highest appreciation and gratitude for the way the Republic of Moldova carried out its mandate as BSEC's Chairmanship-in-Office for the whole year 2022, in particularly challenging circumstances. Thus, he further added it became possible to bring back an atmosphere of dialogue and understanding so much needed for the work of BSEC.

The Consul General emphasized the importance attached by the Government of the Republic of Moldova to BSEC as a valuable platform for promoting regional cooperation as well as the readiness of his country to support any initiative aimed at strengthening this cooperation.