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PRESS RELEASE ON THE SIXTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı and Legal Advisor Ms. Nino Kajaia participated in the 63rd Meeting of the PABSEC Committee for Legal Affairs and International Cooperation held in Kachreti (Georgia), on 20-21 April 2024.

Main topics of the Agenda of the Committee consisted of the elections of the Leadership of the Committee, adoption of the Minutes of the 62nd Committee as well as discussions on the *"The Role of Parliaments in Promoting Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance in the Fight Against Hate Speech"*.

Ambassador Kavakcı delivered her speech under Agenda Item "BSEC Activities", and informed the participants on the achievements in the last six months as well as on the current activities of the BSEC Organization under the Albanian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office. She referred to the adoption of the BSEC Economic Agenda, as well as of the three BSEC Statutory Documents, namely the Rules of Procedure, Regulations for the BSEC Staff, and the Financial Regulations and Procedures, the re-activation of the BSEC Troika mechanism as well as of the Project Development Fund. Ambassador Kavakcı, while underlining the importance of the coordination between PABSEC and BSEC, mentioned that it is aimed at better coordinating efforts to enhance the regional cooperation in the BSEC area both at governmental and parliamentary levels.