

ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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PRESS RELEASE ON THE LARGE-SCALE WILDFIRES IN THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) follows with grave concern the developments relating to the large-scale devastating wildfires which swept through areas near Athens, the capital of the Hellenic Republic, causing at least one human casualty and huge material destruction.

The BSEC PERMIS highly commends the valuable efforts of the local authorities for their immediate actions aimed at organization of evacuation of people from the residential areas and containing massive wildfires.

The BSEC PERMIS while expressing strong solidarity with the Government and the people of the Hellenic Republic, conveys its full support and sympathy to all those whose life was shattered as a result of these deadly fires, fervently wishes a speedy recovery to all injured and hopes that the fires will be extinguished rapidly with the brave efforts of both local and international rescue teams, firefighters, emergency services and volunteers.