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**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE ANNUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING OF
THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN INITIATIVE (CEI)**

Upon invitation by H.E. Mr. Igli Hasani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Central European Initiative (CEI) that took place in Tirana on 20 November 2024.

Ambassador Comanescu, in addressing the Meeting, informed the participants about BSEC activities in the course of 2024 and stressed the importance of better correlation and synergy among the organizations that are operating in the region. He highlighted in this context the fruitful BSEC-CEI collaboration.

The CEI Ministers endorsed the appointment of Franco Dal Maas (Italy) as the new CEI Secretary General. The CEI Chairmanship-in-Office for 2025 will be held by Serbia.