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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> GLOBAL FORUM OF**  
**THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS (UNAOC)**

Following the joint invitation by HE Miguel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and H.E. Paulo Rangel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Portugal, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) held in Cascais, Portugal on 25–27 November 2024.

Participants in the event were Heads of state/government and of international organizations, other high-level political leaders, as well as eminent personalities from various sectors. The main topic of this celebratory edition of the Forum was “United in Peace: Restoring Trust, Reshaping the Future”.

In his intervention, Ambassador Comanescu referring to the fruitful cooperation between BSEC and UNAOC and the opportunities deriving there for from the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two organizations in 2016, elaborated on the concrete activities carried out within this framework and prospects for further extending them particularly via joint projects and initiatives in the area of education and culture, to the benefit of the BSEC region.

Besides participating in the Forum, Ambassador Comanescu also had a meeting with H.E. Miguel Moratinos where the two interlocutors reviewed the state of play of the bilateral collaboration and agreed to continue to closely work for further enhancing it.