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ON THE VISIT OF BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL TO SOFIA

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu visited Sofia on 1 July 2025 for consultations in the context of the assumption by Bulgaria of the BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office (CiO) during the second semester of 2025.

The program of the visit included:

- Meeting with Ms. Natalia Kiselova, Speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament and President of PABSEC, and Members of the Bulgarian delegation to PABSEC;
- Working meeting with Mr. Yordan Parvanov, Director General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Republic of Bulgaria, and Ms. Rositsa Stoeva, National coordinator for the Bulgarian CiO and her team;
- Lecture at the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute on BSEC's role in facing challenges in the wider Black Sea area.

In his meetings both at the Parliament and with the MFA representatives, Ambassador Comanescu conveyed his thanks and highest appreciation for Bulgaria's active support and contribution to BSEC activities. While expressing the confidence that under the guidance of the Bulgarian CiO, BSEC will make further progress in advancing cooperation and tackling the current challenges in the region, the Secretary General assured of PERMIS's commitment to closely work with and give all possible support to the CiO in fulfilling its objectives. Ambassador Comanescu referring in this context to the happy coincidence of Bulgaria having simultaneously the BSEC CiO and the PABSEC Presidency, stressed that it offers a very good opportunity for further enhancing the already fruitful collaboration and synergies between the two institutions and in general among the members of the BSEC Family.

During the event at the Diplomatic Institute, the Secretary General elaborated on the current state of play and complex challenges in the Black Sea region and the BSEC efforts and activities towards tackling them. The lecture was followed by a dynamic and fruitful dialogue with the participants.