

## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

## **Permanent International Secretariat**

## PRESS RELEASE ON THE LARGE-SCALE WILDFIRES IN THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE

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 are spreading rapidly due to the wind across the western Izmir province of the Republic of Türkiye causing at least two human casualties and huge material destruction.

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

BSEC PERMIS while expressing strong solidarity with the Government and the people of the Republic of Türkiye, conveys its full support and sympathy to all those whose lives were 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 rescue teams, firefighters, emergency services and volunteers.