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ON THE 46th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Upon invitation by the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 46th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, held in Cappadocia on 9 October 2025.

The agenda of the Assembly included, among others, the review of the BSEC-URTA activities since its previous Meeting (16 May 2025), the approval of the Minutes there of, as well as the report of BSEC-URTA Management Council that preceded the General Assembly.

Addressing the Assembly, Ambassador Comanescu, expressed his appreciation for cooperation between BSEC and BSEC-URTA, particularly its focus on finding appropriate answers to the challenges road transport faces. He emphasized in this context, the relevance of concrete joint projects, like the BSEC Permit System as well as the need of further resolute steps aimed at the facilitation of border crossings in the region, with special attention to visa issuance for professional drivers, nationals of BSEC Member States.

Ambassador Comanescu also took part in an informal round table with the participation of: IRU Secretary General Umberto de Pretto; BSEC-URTA President Eduart Kasa and Secretary General Mehmet Uylukçu; TOBB Vice president Tamer Kıran; senior officials of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure and the Ministry of Trade; as well as other high-level participants.

The next Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be held in spring 2026 in Greece.