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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE FIFTY-SECOND MEETING OF
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CMFA)

The Fifty-second Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (CMFA) of the BSEC Member States was held online on 15 June 2026, and was chaired by H.E. Mr. Alexander Khvtisiashvili, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, the Georgian BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office.

Opening addresses were delivered by H.E. Mr. Alexander Khvtisiashvili on behalf of the Chairmanship, and by BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu.

In his address H.E. Khvtisiashvili highlighted the importance of the BSEC Organization and dwelled on the fact the Georgian Chairmanship focused on advancing practical cooperation among Member States as well as enhancing the visibility and effectiveness of the Organization, with a vision to transform the Black Sea into a sea of connectivity – a space for cooperation, development, and shared progress.

In his turn, Ambassador Comanescu expressed highest appreciation to the CIO for its guidance of and contribution to the activity of the Organization and enabling it important achievements. In this context he briefly overviewed the activities of the Organization during the first semester of 2026 with focus on the implementation of the BSEC Economic Agenda.

The Ministers adopted resolutions on financial issues as well as on the BSEC-EU Interaction; agreed to renew the Sectoral Dialogue Partnership Status of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN). The decisions on the appointments of country-coordinators of seven BSEC working groups, as well as the appointment of the post of Executive Manager in the BSEC PERMIS were also taken during the Meeting.

During the debates that followed, the Heads of Delegations made statements related to the latest developments in the region and within the Organization, emphasizing on the important role BSEC Organization plays in the area. They expressed their high appreciation to Georgia for its successful Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC and wished the forthcoming Chairmanship of the Hellenic Republic all the success in its activities.

The Meeting was concluded with the transfer of the Chairmanship-in-Office of BSEC to the Hellenic Republic for the period of 1 July – 31December 2026.