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**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF
THE SECRETARY GENERAL IN
THE GEORGIA INTERNATIONAL MARITIME FORUM 2026 (GIMF 2026)**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the Georgia International Maritime Forum 2026 (GIMF 2026) held in Batumi on 7-8 September 2026.

Held under the theme "Where Seas Meet Corridors", the GIMF 2026 brought together ministers, heads of maritime administrations, international organizations, and senior representatives of the global maritime and logistics sectors, during which the participants held discussions on maritime connectivity, the increasing strategic importance of the Middle Corridor, digital transformation, sustainable shipping, and supply chain resilience.

Speaking in the high-level Panel II: International Cooperation in Maritime Governance, the Secretary General dwelled on the outstanding geostrategic importance of the Black Sea region, its huge economic potential and its role as real global hub linking Asia and Europe. He underlined that maritime cooperation has been and continues to be a top priority for BSEC and a series of initiatives and projects have been developed/promoted in this context.

On the sidelines of the Forum, Ambassador Comanescu held a short media doorstep at the Press Wall area.