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ON THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 48th MEETING OF THE BSEC-URTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Upon invitation by the Union of Road Transport Associations in the BSEC Region (BSEC-URTA), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated in the 48th Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly, held in Istanbul on 24 October 2026, which marked the 25th Anniversary of BSEC-URTA.

The General Assembly brought together high-level representatives of the international road transport industry in the BSEC region. It reviewed the BSEC-URTA activities since its previous Meeting (Thessaloniki, 22 May 2026), providing also the opportunity to assess recent regional and global developments affecting road transport and logistics.

Addressing the Assembly, Ambassador Comanescu highlighted that since 2001 the BSEC-URTA has been substantially contributing to the development of the road transport sector in the BSEC Region and beyond, by effectively facilitating trade and international transport, and all these years, BSEC-URTA has played a significant role in bringing transport communities closer together. He further expressed his appreciation to BSEC-URTA and its Member Associations for the years of creative work aimed at facilitating trade and transportation in the BSEC region.

Ambassador Comanescu also underlined that the fruitful work of BSEC with BSEC-URTA offers a best evidence of how joint efforts of the public and private sectors can being concrete and beneficial results and projects such as the BSEC Permit System, border-crossing facilitation, digitalization of transport documents.

On the sidelines of the General Assembly Ambassador Comanescu had a bilateral meeting with the newly appointed Secretary General of the International Road Transport Union (IRU), Mr. Habib Turki. Both sides expressed their interest in further strengthening the cooperation between the two Organizations, in particular, as regards the facilitation of border-crossings in the BSEC region, development of road infrastructure and digitalization of transport documents.

The next Meeting of the BSEC-URTA General Assembly will be held in spring 2027 in Uzbekistan.