PRESS RELEASE
ON THE PARTICIPATION AT
THE 7th WORLD FORUM ON INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, participated in the **7th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue**, held in Baku, on 27–29 October 2026, under the theme *"Dialogue for a Shared Future: Building Bridges in a Fractured World."*

The Forum was opened and addressed by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev. Under the overarching message *"Moving Dialogue into Action for a More Cohesive and Peaceful Global Community"*, the Forum brought together ministers of culture, other political leaders, high representatives of international organizations (UNOAC, UNESCO, UN Tourism, Council of Europe, etc.) academics, religious representatives and other stakeholders to discuss ways of strengthening international partnerships and translating intercultural dialogue into practical cooperation.

Addressing the Meeting, Ambassador Comanescu reaffirmed BSEC's commitment to regional dialogue and practical cooperation as means of building trust and strengthening ties among societies. He stressed that, amid growing global fragmentation, dialogue must be translated into concrete action to contribute to a more cohesive, peaceful and sustainable future in the wider Black Sea region and beyond.

He also highlighted the opportunities offered by artificial intelligence and digital technologies to facilitate cross-border exchanges and knowledge-sharing, stressing the need for their responsible and human-centered use. The 7th edition also marked the 15th anniversary of the World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue.