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PRESS RELEASE
ON THE LARGE-SCALE WILDFIRES IN THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) follows with grave concern the developments relating to the large-scale wildfires that have broken out across the Hellenic Republic.

The BSEC PERMIS extends its strong solidarity and support to the Government and the people of the Hellenic Republic, and conveys its deepest condolences to the families of the three firefighters who tragically have died while battling wildfires on the island Crete, and in the southern peninsula of the Peloponnese.

The BSEC PERMIS highly commends the firefighting efforts of the local authorities and their prompt actions undertaken for evacuation of several villages and hopes that the fires raging on the islands of Paros and Lesbos and across the Aegean Sea will soon be extinguished thanks to the courageous and dedicated efforts of rescue teams, firefighters and emergency services.