



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

### Permanent International Secretariat – The Secretary General

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*Your Excellency, Dear Madam Minister,*

I would like to convey on behalf of all my colleagues in the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) and myself, our heartfelt solidarity with the Government and people of the Republic of Albania during this time of national distress due to the fires that are devastating forest land and wildlife in your country at the present time. I regret that the wildfires sweeping across a number of our Member States are also ravaging certain regions of Albania.

I would also like to express how deeply saddened we are by these tragic turn of events and wish strength to all those who have had to endure the devastating effects of the wildfires.

I hope that the fires will be extinguished rapidly with the efforts of the brave firefighters, military forces and volunteers battling to contain the blazing flames and that the country will recover quickly from the destruction left in their wake.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Albanian people during this challenging period which I believe Albania will overcome swiftly with strength and perseverance.

*Yours sincerely,*

**Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU**  
**Secretary General**

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