



## ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

### Permanent International Secretariat – The Secretary General

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*Your Excellency, Dear Mr. Minister,*

I am deeply distressed by the sad news that the wildfires sweeping across a number of our Member States fueled by a protracted heatwave are now also being experienced in yet another member, this time the Republic of North Macedonia.

I together with my colleagues at the BSEC Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) wish to wholeheartedly convey to Your Excellency and through You to the Government and people of North Macedonia our sympathy and support during this challenging period that has led to the declaration of a State of Emergency in the country.

Our prayers are with the firefighters boldly battling the scorching flames to limit the spread of the fires and protect lives, livelihoods and wildlife. Our thoughts are also with all the people whose lives have been tragically affected by the destruction left in the wake of these wildfires.

It is my earnest hope that with perseverance the Republic of North Macedonia will rapidly put out the fires raging across the country, including around the capital and swiftly begin the healing process from the devastation caused by this most unfortunate natural disaster.

*Yours sincerely,*

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

**To: H.E. Mr. Bujar OSMANI**  
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