



**PRESS RELEASE ON  
THE WORKING VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY  
(BSEC Headquarters, 6 January 2020)**

The Ambassador of the Republic of Italy accredited to the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Massimo GAIANI, paid a working visit to the Headquarters of the BSEC PERMIS on 6 January 2020, where he was received by the Secretary General Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES.

It is herewith reminded that Italy enjoys the Observer status to the BSEC Organization from 1995 and consistently follows the activity of the latter.

Ambassador CHRISTIDES had the opportunity to inform his visitor on the recent activities of BSEC and on its plans for the immediate future. Ambassador GAIANI expressed his appreciation for the positive role the Organization is playing in the important yet unstable region of the wider Black Sea and reiterated his Government's interest in reviving the cooperation relationship between the two sides. Both interlocutors agreed to further explore ways and means for the timely and focused realization of their above common aspiration.

The meeting took place in a friendly and constructive atmosphere.