



**PRESS RELEASE ON "BSEC DAY"**

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Today, 25 June, like every other year, we celebrate the *BSEC Day*. On this occasion we are proud to confirm that "our" Organization has achieved a lot in its efforts to promote regional cooperation and economic development in the wider Black Sea area, as well as to establish a spirit of good neighborliness and understanding among its Member States and beyond.

At this moment of solemn celebration, we are also very much aware that more needs to be done in order to fulfill the aims and objectives set forward by our founding fathers.

Times have changed and our Organization, as every other active entity on the international scene, has to adapt to the new, demanding and challenging circumstances and developments, not to mention the "new reality" imposed by the recent Covid-19 pandemic.

We firmly believe that the best answer to all new challenges is increased interaction, enhanced coordination, constructive dialogue and focused result-oriented cooperation. The BSEC Organization is the perfect, if not the only, regional vehicle for achieving the above! The *Permanent International Secretariat* (PERMIS) is committed to vigorously continue serving the BSEC Member States in its efforts to achieve the noble aims and objectives of the BSEC Organization.

Happy "BSEC Day" to all!