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ON THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA AS THE 13TH
MEMBER STATE TO THE BSEC
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BSEC is expanding its territory!

The BSEC PERMIS has the honour to announce that the Republic of North Macedonia has completed its domestic procedures on ratifying the BSEC Charter and fulfilled all the requirements to now accede to membership of the BSEC Organization as its 13th Member State.

This is a historic moment in the BSEC Organization's 28 years of existence. BSEC PERMIS welcomes the people of North Macedonia to its community of states in the Black Sea region. We believe that by joining BSEC as a fully-fledged member and extending the Organisation's territory in Southern Europe it will give a fresh impetus to cooperation between countries in the region during this challenging period.

Commenting on the Republic of North Macedonia becoming BSEC's 13th member, the Secretary General of BSEC PERMIS, Ambassador Michael B. Christides said: *"We are delighted to welcome the Republic of North Macedonia to the BSEC family of States. We are sure that North Macedonia can make a valuable additional contribution to our Organization and that membership will be of benefit to its people, their economic prosperity and to the enhancement of economic cooperation in a pivotal region of our small Globe. I look forward to personally convey my sincere congratulations to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Northern Macedonia H.E. Mr. Bujar Osmani and reassure him of the unreserved support of all colleagues in PERMIS for the effective participation of the Republic's representatives in all BSEC governing bodies. I hope that Minister Osmani will be able to attend the next online meeting of the BSEC Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, which the Romanian Chairmanship-in-Office will host on 27 November 2020."*