



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE COURTESY VISIT OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES TO THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY**

The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu received H.E. Ms. Maria Elena P. ALGABRE, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to the Republic of Turkey and Mr. Arvin De LEON, Consul General in Istanbul, at the PERMIS Headquarters on 13 April 2022, on a courtesy visit.

During the friendly conversation which took place on this occasion, the Ambassador referring to the Philippines' status of founding member of the ASEAN, highlighted her country's wish of seeking possible modalities of cooperation with BSEC especially in the area of maritime transport and protection of marine environment. In this context she showed interest in being informed about the activities and the functioning of BSEC.

Secretary General Comanescu welcomed and appreciated the message conveyed by Ambassador Algabre and assured her of the readiness of the BSEC PERMIS to cooperate with her country. In this context he briefly informed the interlocutor on the activities and objectives of the BSEC Organization, including cooperation with Observer or Sectoral Dialogue Partners.