



**PRESS RELEASE
ON THE VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL
AMBASSADOR LAZAR COMANESCU TO TEHERAN**

Upon the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran (MFA), the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, visited Teheran to participate as key note speaker in the Conference “Iran & 30-year-old BSEC: Prospects for Cooperation” organized on 30 May 2022 by the MFA in dedication to the 30th BSEC Anniversary.

On this occasion, Ambassador Comanescu was received by H.E. Dr. Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The PERMIS Secretary General expressed his highest appreciation and thanks to the Iranian side for organizing such an event and for being invited there to as speaker. Foreign Minister Abdollahian congratulated the Secretary General on 30th BSEC Anniversary. The mutual interest was expressed in enhancing the already active cooperation developed between BSEC and Iran, since 2009 when the latter became a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of BSEC. Possible actions aimed at this objective were discussed as well.

Further exchanges of views there upon took place in working meetings with Mr. Mahdi Safari, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Diplomacy and Mr. Seyed Jalealudin Alavi Sabzevari, Director General for Multilateral and International Economic Cooperation at the MFA

While in Teheran, Ambassador Comanescu also met the Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Ambassador Khusrav Noziri, with the two interlocutors agreeing to an increased interaction between their organizations.”