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ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE 26th EURASIAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Upon invitation by Dr. Akkan Suver, President of the Marmara Group Strategic and Social Research Foundation, the BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as a keynote speaker to the 26th Eurasian Economic Summit, held in Istanbul on 14-15 March 2023.

Organized in the context of the 100th Anniversary of the Republic of Türkiye, the Summit gathered former heads of State or Government, ministers, heads, representatives of international organizations, high level experts and academics from 44 countries. Its opening session was held under the generic topic “End the Distrust, Begin the Cooperation”.

In his address to the participants, Ambassador Comanescu, while referring to the significance of the celebratory year of 2023 for the Turkish people, highlighted the position of the Republic of Türkiye as a most relevant actor in the region and beyond and its outstanding role as the host country of BSEC in the activity of and support to this Organization. He further elaborated on the topic of the opening session stressing that given the developments at global level and in our region, it has become of urgent necessity to bring back trust and resume the spirit of cooperation which enabled, inter alia, the establishment in 1992, of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation. Ambassador Comanescu also briefly referred to important initiatives and projects that have been launched or implemented within BSEC in areas such as trade and development, transport, connectivity, energy and environment, etc. He concluded by expressing the hope that reason and wisdom will prevail, and a cooperative atmosphere in full respect of the international law will reign again in the BSEC region.

The participants of the Summit exchanged views on several topics such as the energy supply crisis, sustainable economic recovery, disruptions in global supply chains, technology management as well thoughts of youth in the new world order.