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**PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
AT THE SOFIA ECONOMIC FORUM**

Upon invitation by the organizers, the BSEC Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu participated as a keynote speaker in the Sofia Economic Forum held in Sofia, on 27 June 2023.

The opening address to the Forum was delivered by H.E. Mr. Nikolay Denkov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria. Participants were former and current Bulgarian high-level officials, including former President Rosen Plevneliev, current Finance Minister Assen Vassilev, ambassadors accredited in Sofia, high level representatives of European/international organizations, think-tanks and academia, business community.

In his contribution to the Forum, Ambassador Comanescu focused on the importance of regional economic cooperation, and highlighted in this context the role and priorities of the BSEC as well as the need of better synergies and coordination among the various regional formats of cooperation in the wider Black Sea Area and in South-East Europe.