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**PRESS RELEASE ON  
THE WORKING VISIT OF THE BSEC PERMIS SECRETARY GENERAL  
TO BUCHAREST**

BSEC PERMIS Secretary General Ambassador Lazar Comanescu, visited Bucharest on 13-16 February 2024.

On this occasion he met H.E. Ms. Luminita Odobescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, whom he briefed on the latest developments in the BSEC Organization. He highlighted the importance of the adoption by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (CMFA) in December 2023 of the revised BSEC Economic Agenda and of the reactivation of the Project Development Fund (PDF) as well as the enhancement of the projects-oriented dimension of BSEC. While thanking for Romania's most valuable contribution and strong support to BSEC activities, the Secretary General expressed his confidence that this support will continue in the future as well. Minister Odobescu highly appreciated BSEC's efforts aimed at overcoming the challenges the region is currently facing and reaffirmed Romania's commitment to continue to actively support BSEC's activity, including through due consideration to the reinvigoration of the PDF.

Ambassador Comanescu also had meetings with Mr. George Bologan, diplomatic adviser of the President of Romania, Mr. Ovidiu Silaghi, Secretary General of the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCIR), and participated as a keynote speaker in a Conference on Economic Diplomacy hosted by the Romanian Diplomatic Institute (IDR).