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**PRESS RELEASE ON  
THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES  
OF THE BSEC MEMBER STATES**

First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Merve Kavakcı represented BSEC PERMIS in the First Meeting of the Presidents of the Academies of Sciences of the BSEC Member States, held in Istanbul on 14 February 2024, organized upon the initiative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC).

Eight of the thirteen BSEC Member States as well as representatives of the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN) participated in the Meeting and presented information on their institutions among which were the projects they were involved in, as well as their achievements in scientific knowledge building processes.

In her opening remarks, Ambassador Kavakcı reiterated the indispensability of joining efforts at intra and inter-national academic communities within BSEC ecosystem. She also provided the participants with an updated information of the work of pertinent BSEC working groups.

The two-days program was designed to encourage participants to exchange ideas and benefit from one another both in formal and informal settings.