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**PRESS RELEASE ON
THE PARTICIPATION OF THE BSEC PERMIS
FIRST DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL
IN THE WORKSHOP ON TECH ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı participated in the virtual Workshop on Tech Entrepreneurship, held on 22 February 2024, addressing the role of innovative technological entrepreneurship as a key driver of the economic growth and development of the BSEC Member States.

The event, organized and hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye, within their coordination of the BSEC Working Group on Cooperation in Science and Technology, with the support of BSEC PERMIS, gathered more than 140 participants from the host country, BSEC Member States and beyond.

Inaugurated by Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, G20 Startup20 Founding Chair and Senior Lecturer at MIT's Sloan School of Management, who delivered the keynote address, the webinar was structured in two sessions, the first focusing on the policy environment for a resilient ecosystem, and the second on support mechanisms and scaling for sustainable growth. In this framework, representatives of various institutions and agencies from Türkiye shared their experiences and insights. All panelists emphasized the importance of empowering entrepreneurs and fostering innovation, supporting start-ups, and creating an environment conducive to technological advancement for sustainable economic development.

In her contribution to the conference, Ambassador Dr. Merve Kavakcı focused on the importance of strong regional economic cooperation in promoting sustainable economic development and advancing of STI in the BSEC region, and, to that end, underlined the role of BSEC PERMIS in accomplishing these objectives.