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**PRESS RELEASE ON  
THE LAUNCH MEETING TO INTRODUCE THE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES GUIDE ON  
NATIONAL ACTION PLAN IV ON COMBATTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

Upon the invitation of the President of the Radio and Television Supreme Council Mr. Ebubekir Şahin, BSEC PERMIS First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Merve Kavakcı, participated in the launch meeting held in Ankara, on 25 April 2024 to introduce the Ethical Principles Guide prepared within the framework of National Action Plan IV on Combatting Violence Against Women.

The said National Action Plan was jointly initiated by the Ministry of Family and Social Services and the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Türkiye, to cover the years 2021-2025. The Minister of Culture and Tourism, H.E. Mr. Mehmet Nuri Ersoy, made an opening statement in this respect, saying that a lot is being done to stop violence against women by raising awareness through campaigns and public service announcements with the valuable contributions of Ms. Emine Eroğan (First Lady of the Republic of Türkiye), the representatives of various institutions and organizations, including non-governmental organizations, universities, and media. BSEC welcomes these efforts, condemns violence against women and believes all forms of violence against women and girls should be eliminated immediately.