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The BSEC PERMIS Secretary General, Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, participated at the “80th Session of the Inland Transport Committee of the UNECE”, which was held on 20-21 February 2018 at the “Palais des Nations” in Geneva.

Invited by the organizers, the PERMIS Secretary General addressed the audience during the second session of the meeting under the title: “*Intermodal freight transport and connectivity*”.

After underlining the crucial geographic region covered by the territories of the BSEC Member States, especially today when many initiatives are underway for improving the overall connectivity between Europe and Asia, Ambassador Christides informed participants on the past, recent and future projects and efforts of the Organization to comprehensively promote transport and trade facilitation in the wider Black Sea region and beyond.

He stressed the complementary character of the BSEC initiatives to other trans-continental projects and described the close cooperation and coordination between BSEC and other international organizations with experience in the field, especially with the UNECE.

Ambassador Christides concluded by assuring the audience that the BSEC Organization was, is and can be an even more important regional vehicle for the promotion of intermodal freight transport in the geostrategic region of the Black Sea, the “natural bridge” connecting Europe to Asia and vice versa.

On the sidelines of the meeting Ambassador Christides met and discussed various issues and future projects of common interest with many participants and representatives of the UNECE.