## Unofficial translation of the interview of Ambassador Michael B. Christides with the RIA Novosti News Agency (April 2018).

Ambassador Michael B. Christides, Secretary General of the Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation proposed to the Minister of Education of Russia, Mrs. O. Vasilyeva, to help in hosting a BSEC PERMIS stand during the next edition of the "Moscow International Education Fair" (Salon), in 2019: "We promise to be able to show concrete results on the cooperation between our Member States in the field of Education and Science, consequently we will be needing an ad hoc stand, in order to present to the public visiting the Fair our achievements in this sector" – stated the Secretary General at the Ministerial Meeting on Education in Moscow. Ambassador Christides also explained that the BSEC Member States are working on various projects in the field of Education. He said that potential joint projects of students from all twelve BSEC Member States, as well as a brochure containing comprehensive information on Education in each of them, could be displayed at the stand, for the benefit of the Fair's visitors.

Ambassador Christides emphasized that one of the most important tasks for the Organization is to increase the exchange mobility among students and teachers in the BSEC Member States. The Head of the Federal Education and Science Supervision Agency of Russia, Mr. Sergey Kravtsov promised to provide a place for the BSEC stand at the next "Moscow International Education Fair".