



ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK SEA ECONOMIC COOPERATION

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The Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States and has the honor to draw the attention of the esteemed Ministries to a letter sent by H.E. Mr. Umberto de PRETTO, Secretary General of the *International Road Transport Union* (IRU) to H.E. Ambassador Michael B. CHRISTIDES, BSEC PERMIS Secretary General concerning the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on the road transport of goods.

The latter is accompanied by a Covid-19 call for action to governments, adopted at the IRU's General Assembly held on 12 November 2020, as well as by an updated Report on the Covid-19 impact on the Road Transport Industry (attached to the present Note).

The main concern of the BSEC partner transport organization is that *«without immediate, coordinated national and international action, an enormous number of road transport operators will go bankrupt in the coming months, causing irrevocable damage to mobility networks and supply chains and the global economy as a whole»*.

The esteemed Ministries are kindly requested to bring the IRU's call to the urgent attention of their respective national Authorities, to ensure that the road transport industry will be able to survive and drive the economic recovery.

The Permanent International Secretariat of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the BSEC Member States the assurance of its highest consideration.

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Encl.: As above.

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