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PRIORITIES OF THE GEORGIAN BSEC CHAIRMANSHIP-IN-OFFICE (1 July - 31 December 2021)



Georgia, as one of the founding members of Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) is an active facilitator of regional economic partnerships. In this context, the BSEC is an important platform for the promotion of regional interaction through sectoral cooperation among Member States of the Organization.

Georgia during its Chairmanship-in-Office (1 July – 31 December 2021) is going to focus on achievable and practical priorities contributing to the sustainable development of the wider Black Sea Region and continue the efforts made by the previous Chairmanships on improving daily lives of people in the BSEC countries.

This year will be an important year for the BSEC with significant developments in the areas of post-covid economy building and promoting result oriented regional cooperation. Thus the Chairmanship will facilitate to reenergizing the economic development of the BSEC Member States as well as providing added value to existing efforts to address regional challenges.

The Georgian Chairmanship motto, "The Black Sea - Waves of Innovation", refers to the common future of fusion of the digital and physical realities, as well as the growing utilization of new technologies such as artificial intelligence and the Blockchain technologies.

Indeed, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Chairmanship will be mostly digital in nature, capitalizing on videoconference technology to ensure interaction and lively discussions with the BSEC Member States.

Georgia will focus on the following thematic priorities for its Chairmanship:

- The Georgian Chairmanship will focus on efforts for the reinvigoration of the tourism industry... The Chairmanship will facilitate further development of innovative resources and technologies... Having secure, competitive and affordable renewable energy sources is important for the sustainable and long-term growth of the BSEC economies.

At a time when the region continues to struggle with the destabilizing socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia strongly believes that the BSEC is a crucial platform to mobilize support for recovery efforts in the countries affected by the virus.

The Georgian Chairmanship-in-Office will strive to encourage further strengthening of the BSEC-EU cooperation. The numerous multilateral and thematic programs of cooperation of the EU with the BSEC Organization are vital tool to achieve this objective.

In addition, Georgia intends to promote trust among the BSEC Member States to work towards peace and stability in the region, to navigate existing challenges and ensure that the Black Sea remains the sea of calm and cooperation.

Meanwhile, it is essential to continue the efforts to advance the Secretariat's advisory role with richer, more up-to-date analyses and recommendations. Other priorities include enhancing coherence and the overall performance of contributions from the BSEC Member States to become more impact-driven while Georgia's Chairmanship will seek to channel its convening and bridging role in support of national and system-wide partnership and cooperation.

Georgian Chairmanship aims to foster solidarity and enhanced partnership relationship with all Member States, the BSEC's Related Bodies, Observers and Sectoral Dialogue Partners to ensure sustained economic recovery and a more sure-footed path towards confidence building in the region at large.

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