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To: Prof. Pericles A. MITKAS, Rector
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Distinguished Rector,

On the occasion of its 25th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2018, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC) is organizing, in partnership with the Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN), an **Essay Competition** for students entitled **“Views and Perspectives for the Future in the Black Sea Region”**.

The aim of the competition is to bring together young people’s views on the future development of the BSEC Region and shaping the vision for the future of our region in cultural, political and economic terms. The competition is opened to students aged up to 30, from all BSEC Member States.

The topic proposed for the competition is: **“Twenty-five years of the Parliamentary Cooperation in the BSEC Region – Views and Perspectives for the Future”**

The objectives of the Contest are:

- To provide a unique opportunity for young students throughout the Black Sea Region to take part in a regional educational project;
- To promote a sense of regional belonging among young students from the 12 BSEC Member States through their participation in a competition on topic of mutual interest;
- To give young students from various backgrounds a platform to express their views about our region and their dreams for the future.

*The deadline for submission is **31st March 2018**.* The details regarding submission, eligibility and writing guidelines are available on the BSUN website (www.bsun.org).

Entries will be evaluated and selected by national committees in every Member State, by May 2018. The winners will be invited to the PABSEC 51st General Assembly to be held during 19th-21st June 2018 in Tirana, where they will be awarded a diploma. Their travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the PABSEC. The winning essays shall be published in a special issue of the BSUN International Journal "Letters from the Black Sea".

We are kindly asking you to help us in distributing the attached information among the students and professors of your university!

With my highest consideration,

