



BSEC BUSINESS COUNCIL DECLARATION

Declaration on Restoring Safe Navigation and Grain Flows in the Black Sea

The BSEC Business Council, representing the business communities of the Black Sea region, issues the following declaration:

We affirm that **safe and predictable navigation in the Black Sea is indispensable** for regional prosperity, global food security, and the stability of supply chains connecting our economies to the world.

We express our concern over recent disruptions to maritime routes and the significant risks they pose to commercial operations, insurance costs, freight movements, and the livelihoods of millions across our region.

We welcome any initiative to work with both Russia and Ukraine toward a **renewed grain and maritime security arrangement**, and we consider such effort aligned with the mission and spirit of BSEC.

We call upon all relevant parties to support and implement a **Black Sea Grain and Navigation Security Arrangement** that:

- Guarantees safe maritime corridors for commercial vessels;
- Protects critical flows of grain, food commodities, and industrial goods;
- Reduces operational risks and stabilizes global markets;
- Reinforces the Black Sea as a zone of cooperation rather than confrontation.

This declaration is **not political**. It is a principled message from the private sector: **Stability at sea is essential for prosperity on our land.**

We stand ready to cooperate with governments, international organizations, and business networks to ensure a safer, more predictable, and more prosperous Black Sea region.

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