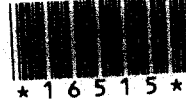




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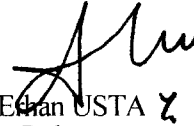
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24th Meeting of Regional Planning Council

23-26 February, 2014 – ECO Secretariat

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The ECO Secretariat, Tehran

Report

24th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council

(23-26 February, 2014 – ECO Secretariat)

The Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC) of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held on 23-26 February, 2014 at the ECO Secretariat, Tehran. Preparatory/Review Committee meetings were held on the sidelines of the RPC Meeting.

2. The Meeting was attended by the delegations from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan. The delegation of ECO Secretariat headed by the ECO Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Shamil Aleskerov, participated in the meeting. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the Turkish Cypriot State and the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States as Observers. The representatives of ECO Specialized Agencies, Regional Institutions and Affiliated Bodies: ECO Cultural Institute, ECO Science Foundation, ECO Trade & Development Bank, ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ECO College of Insurance, ECO Regional Coordination Center for implementation of the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security and Institute of Environmental Science and Technology also participated. The list of participants is attached at ***Annex-I***.

Agenda Item No. 1

Inauguration of the Meeting

3. The ECO Secretary General H.E. Dr. Shamil Aleskerov, in his brief statement highlighted the main activities of the Organization during the year 2013. He apprised the Meeting about the progress achieved by the Organization in various areas and the challenges faced, which require special attention by the ECO Member States. He underscored the need to implement the directives of the decision-making bodies to enhance regional cooperation in priority areas of ECO region. With regards to the implementation of the ECO Trade Agreement (ECOTA), he requested the Member States, who have not yet completed their relevant legal and procedural requirements, to do so, without further delay. He also urged the ECO Member States to actively participate in the ECO meetings. While briefing the Council about the Organization's performance, he requested the ECO Member States and participating delegates to play a proactive role for hosting ECO events, in order to demonstrate a sense of ownership and to contribute to its activities. The reform process, within the ECO Secretariat, has been initiated in order to make ECO a more efficient and vibrant organization. The Secretary General urged the Member States to expedite signing and ratifying ECO Agreements. A copy of his statement is attached at ***Annex-II***.

4. The Meeting was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Seyed Abbas Araghchi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. In his inaugural address, he expressed the hope that the Meeting will help in initiating result-oriented activities, compatible with the available resources and the priorities of Member States which would also increase the overall efficiency and performance of the Organization. While highlighting the importance of the geographical location of ECO region, he stated that the ECO region can utilize its immense potential to promote regional cooperation and integration. Recalling the decisions of the 21st COM, he hoped that RPC will also play an important role to bolster the reform process through developing a comprehensive programme. A copy of his statement is attached at ***Annex-III***.

Agenda Item No. 2

Election of the Chairman

5. His Excellency Mr. Majid Bizmark, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Meeting. In his statement, he welcomed the participants and thanked them for reposing in their confidence and electing him the Chairman of the Meeting. He highlighted the importance of the role of the Regional Planning Council in supporting the overall objectives of ECO and stressed the need for appropriate decisions to help for promoting economic cooperation among the Member States. A copy of his statement is attached at ***Annex-IV***.

Agenda Item No. 3

Adoption of the Agenda

6. The Council adopted the following agenda:

1. Inauguration of the Meeting
 - Statement by the ECO Secretary General
 - Inaugural statement by the High Dignitary of the Islamic Republic of Iran
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Progress Report by the Heads of Delegation on the implementation of the decisions taken during the 23rd RPC
5. Briefing by the Secretariat on the implementation of EPG recommendations and initiation of reform process
6. Consideration of new recommendations on Programmes, Projects and Proposals to enhance economic activities in the Region during the year 2014-15 in the following areas:
 - Trade and Investment;
 - Transport & Communications;
 - Energy, Minerals and Environment;

- Agriculture, Industry and Tourism;
- Project, Economic Research & Statistics;
- Human Resources & Sustainable Development;
- Drugs and Organized Crime Coordination Unit;
- Inter-Regional ECO Activities:
 - i. ECO Specialized Agencies/ Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies
 - ii. ECO's External Relations
- 7. Annual ECO Calendar of Events for 2014-2015
- 8. Any other business
- 9. Date and Venue of the next Meeting
- 10. Adoption of the Report
- 11. Vote of Thanks

Agenda Item No. 4

Progress Report by the Heads of Delegation on the implementation of the decisions taken during the 23rd RPC

7. The heads of participating delegation from the Member States briefed the Council regarding their countries' policies and views on the programmes and activities of the Organization. They also highlighted the progress achieved on the implementation of the decisions taken during the 23rd Meeting of the Regional Planning Council. Copies of their presentations/briefings are placed at **Annex-V**.

8. The Representatives of the Turkish Cypriot State and the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States also delivered their statements. Copies of their statements are placed at **Annex-VI**.

9. The Presidents of the ECO Cultural Institute, ECO Science Foundation and ECO Trade & Development Bank as well as the Representatives of other ECO Specialized Agencies and Institutions including, ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ECO College of Insurance, ECO Regional Coordination Center for implementation of the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security and President of Institute of Environmental Science and Technology highlighted their activities and progress achieved since last RPC. Copies of their presentations/briefings are placed at **Annex-VII**.

Agenda Item No.5

Briefing by the Secretariat on the implementation of EPG recommendations and initiation of reform process

10. The Secretary General, while briefing the Council about the reform process mandated by the 21st Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) held on 26th November, 2013 – Tehran, mentioned that CPR was mandated to provide the Secretary General with necessary support and authorizations to mobilize internal and external resources and expertise to undertake reform process. He

also underlined the need for enhanced commitment by Member States to implement decisions in full; revisiting the ECO budgetary matters with a view to possible adjusting the current scale of assessment as well as allocating bigger share to projects in the regular budget of the Organization; enhancing the Secretariat's capacity to render better service to the Organization and its membership, including through necessary changes in its human resource and recruitment policy as well as organizational structure; and certain necessary regulatory changes in the rules and regulations of the organization as recommended by EPG.

11. Kazakhstan delegation requested the Secretariat to provide first draft of Plan of Action on Reform Process for their evaluation/review by Capital and proposed to convene a separate session on Reform Process during RPC for sharing the views/comments by the Heads of Delegation. He urged all ECO Member States to actively participate in implementing the recommendations of Eminent Persons Group (EPG).

12. The Council appreciated the Secretary General for his valuable briefing on the Reform Process and asked to convene a Brainstorming Session on Reform Process for the Heads of Delegation on 24th February, 2014.

In light of the discussions on this Brain Storming Session and recalling the relevant decisions of the 21st COM on the implementation of the 3rd EPG's recommendations as well as highlighting the importance of their immediate implementation, the Council requested the Secretariat to take the initiative so as to ensure the finalization and approval of the roadmap by the CPR by August 2014 with a view to earliest implementation.

Agenda Item No.6

Consideration of new recommendations on Programmes, Projects and Proposals to enhance economic activities in the Region during the year 2013 in the following areas:

- Trade & Investment;
- Transport & Communications;
- Energy, Minerals & Environment;
- Agriculture, Industry & Tourism;
- Projects, Economic Research & Statistics;
- Human Resources & Sustainable Development;
- Drugs & Organized Crime Coordination Unit;
- Inter-Regional ECO Activities:
 - i. ECO Regional Institutions/Specialized Agencies/
Affiliated Bodies
 - ii. ECO's External Relations

13. The sectoral preparatory/review meetings were presided over by the representatives of different Member States as shown below:

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| (a) Trade & Investment | - | Mr. Selçuk Koç, Head of Department, Ministry of Development of the Republic of Turkey |
| (b) Transport & Communications | - | Mr. Shehryar Taj, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Iran |
| (c) Energy, Minerals & Environment | - | Mr. Majid Mohammadi Hosseinabadi, Deputy of International Affairs, Institute of International Energy Studies (IIES) |
| (d) Agriculture, Industry & Tourism | - | Mr. Homan Fathi, Director General, Director General of International Relations, Ministry of Agricultural Jihad of the Islamic Republic of Iran |
| (e) Projects, Economic Research & Statistics | - | Dr. Vilayat Valiyev, Director, Institute for Scientific Research on Economic Reforms, Ministry of Economy and Industry of the Republic of Azerbaijan |
| (f) Human Resources & Sustainable Development | - | H.E. Prof. Hukum Khan Habibi, Deputy Minister for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Economy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan |
| (g) Drugs & Organized Crime Coordination Unit | - | H.E. Amb. Mahmood Bayat, Director General (International Relations), Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran |
| (h) Inter Regional ECO activities: | - | Mr. Abolghasem Tahmasebi, Consultant to the Permanent Representative of Multilateral Economic Cooperation of Ministry of the Foreign Affairs |
| (i) ECO Regional Institutions/ Specialized Agencies/Affiliated Bodies | | |
| (ii) ECO's External Relations | | |

14. The Preparatory Review Committees thoroughly reviewed the Programmes, Projects and Proposals reflected in the Working Papers prepared by the ECO Secretariat in light of the decisions of 23rd RPC and 21st COM. The Council appreciated the work of the Preparatory Committees as well as the ECO Secretariat and approved the programmes, projects and Calendar of Events 2014-2015 proposed by the Review Committees. A brief resume, covering the main areas of activity, is given below:

(a) Trade & Investment

15. The Council noted that most of the events/meetings relating to Trade and Investment announced in the Calendar of Events for 2013-2014 could not be held either because the host country could not convey the exact schedule along with the details of hospitality for the delegates in time or because the quorum could not be reached. The Council urged the Member States to announce the schedule of the events/meetings along with the details of hospitality for the delegates as well as convey their confirmation to attend the meetings/events at the appropriate level in time.

16. Taking note of the postponement of the 5th Meeting of ECOTA Cooperation Council in December 2013, the Council requested the Contacting

Parties to ECOTA, which have not already done so, to confirm their participation in the meeting as the host authorities of Pakistan have rescheduled the meeting on April 2-3, 2014 in Islamabad.

17. While appreciating the ECO Secretariat for developing a Road Map for implementation ECOTA to be discussed in the 5th Meeting of the ECOTA Cooperation Council, the Council called upon the Contracting Parties to develop a consensus on the tariff reduction modality of ECOTA to pave the way for its early implementation.

18. The Council reiterated the commitment affirmed at the 21st COM held on November 26, 2013, to immediately operationalize ECOTA among Contracting Parties, which have submitted their Lists.

19. The Council took note of delay in submission of ECOTA lists by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Tajikistan and requested the two countries to provide their respective lists before or during the upcoming ECOTA Cooperation Council Meeting. The Council also urged Tajikistan to fulfill the commitment made by the country at various forums on ratification of the Annexes to ECOTA at the earliest.

20. The Council, in line with the decision of the 12th ECO Summit and 21th COM, requested the non-signatory Member States to join the ECOTA as soon as possible.

21. The Council noted the postponement of the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade on three occasions in 2013-14 and requested the Islamic Republic of Iran to announce the new dates of the meeting and urged the Member States to confirm their participation at the appropriate level accordingly in the meeting.

22. The Council requested the Member States to volunteer hosting the Meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) established by the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade to prepare and finalize a ECO multi-dimensional trade and investment strategy and prospect of establishing a Free Trade Area in the region. The Council suggests that the next COM to authorize the Secretariat to conduct the study after operationalization of ECOTA.

23. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to hold the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations (ECO-TPOs) on 24 April, 2014 and requested the Contracting Parties to participate in the meeting at the appropriate level.

24. The Council took note of the postponement on three occasions of the Meeting of the Joint Working Group established by the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade to draft an ECO Trade Facilitation Agreement. The Council requested the Member States to convey their observations regarding the Concept Paper on Trade Facilitation prepared by the Republic of

Turkey by the end of April 2014. The Republic of Turkey will announce fresh dates for hosting the Meeting of the Joint Working Group to draft ECO Trade Facilitation Agreement following the compilation of observations of the Member States.

25. In order to continue fruitful collaboration in trade promotional activities, the Council appreciated the proposal of Pakistan to host ECO Product/Catalogue Show and ECO Women Entrepreneurs Forum in 2014 and requested the country to provide exact dates for hosting the two events.

26. The Council welcomed the proposal of Afghanistan on Capacity Building/Training Programme for the Staff of SME Directorate in Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Afghanistan and requested the Member States to provide required technical/financial assistance to Afghanistan.

27. The Council welcomed the offer made by Azerbaijan to host the 4th ECO Business Forum in Baku in 2015 and requested the country to announce the exact dates for hosting the Forum as soon as possible. The Council further requested Azerbaijan to consider hosting ECO-ASEAN Joint Business Forum and inform the Secretariat in due course.

28. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey made during the 2nd Meeting of the ECO Heads of TPOs to provide Export Coaching to Afghanistan and urged the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to expedite submitting a detailed proposal to Turkey through ECO Secretariat.

29. The Council took note of the postponement of the 7th meeting of Council of ECO Heads of Customs Administration (CHCA) in November 2013 and requested Pakistan to provide new dates of the Meeting. The Council also urged the Member States to confirm their participation accordingly in the 7th meeting of CHCA in order to give impetus to regional cooperation in customs matters.

30. The Council invited the Member States which have not already done so to ratify the Agreement on the Establishment and Operations of ECO Smuggling and Customs Offences Data Bank so as to operationalize the Data Bank at the earliest.

31. The Council requested Member States (except Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey) to convey their readiness to sign the Agreement on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters during the upcoming meeting of CHCA.

32. Noting that the establishment of the ECO Reinsurance Company will accelerate commercial activities in the region, the Council requested the Republic of Turkey to finalize the ratification of the Articles of Agreement of ECO Reinsurance Company at the earliest. The Council invited the Member States (except Iran, Pakistan, and Turkey) to sign the Articles of Agreement of the ECO Reinsurance Company.

33. While appreciating ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO-CCI) for organizing the 18th Executive Committee meeting of ECO-CCI along with the Specialized Committees meetings (October 2013, Tehran), the Council requested the ECO-CCI Secretariat to gear up its contribution to enhance commercial activities in the region and convey the schedule of the Business Forums, Fairs, Buyers- Sellers Meetings, Seminars and other useful trade events for strengthening private sector cooperation.

34. The Council welcomed the offer of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey to host a Workshop titled "Future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region" on March 6-7, 2014, in Kayseri, Republic of Turkey, and requested the Member States to actively participate in this event.

35. The Council appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the 2nd Regional event of Trade Facilitation and e-Business (REFACT) in October 2013 to accelerate the process of paperless trade and regional Single Window activities. The Council welcomed the offer of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 2nd EGM on E-Trade Cooperation in 2014.

36. The Council welcomed the confirmation of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Economy and Finance on May 22-23, 2014 in Astana, on the sidelines of Astana Economic Forum. The Council also requested the Member States to accordingly confirm their participation in the meeting at the appropriate level.

37. The Council requested the Member States to confirm their participation to the 1st Meeting of the Experts of Tax Administration to be hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran on May 26-28, 2014 in Tehran and send their list of participants to the Secretariat at the earliest convenience.

38. The Council requested the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to expedite the preparation of an updated/revised draft of Limited Multilateral Agreement on Double Taxation Avoidance and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters among ECO Member States.

39. The Council appreciated the efforts of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the seminar on Taxpayers Services in 2013, which was postponed due to lack of quorum. The Council, in accordance with the decisions of the 1st Meeting of ECO Heads of Tax Administration, requested the Republic of Azerbaijan to announce fresh schedule for hosting of the Seminar in 2014 and invited the Member States to confirm their participation in the Seminar.

40. The Council requested the Islamic Republic of Iran to convey to the Secretariat a fresh schedule for hosting the Seminar on Transfer Pricing in 2014 in accordance with the decisions of the 1st Meeting of ECO Heads of Tax

Administration and requested the Member States to confirm their participation in the Seminar.

41. The Council requested the Republic of Turkey to confirm organizing the Seminar on Risk-Based Analysis Management System in accordance with the decisions of the 1st Meeting of the ECO Heads of Tax Administration and convey detailed information to the Secretariat i.e. the dates, programme, basis of hospitality etc.

42. The Council requested the Member States to volunteer hosting the 2nd meeting of the ECO Heads of Tax Administration in 2014.

43. The Council requested the interested Member States to volunteer hosting the 1st Meeting of the Heads of Capital Markets Supervisory Authorities in 2014 and inform the Secretariat accordingly.

44. The Council thanked the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for signing the Agreement on Protection and Promotion of Investment (APPI) among the Member States during the 21st COM. The Council requested the signatory Member States, who have not already done so, to ratify the Agreement at the earliest. The Council also invited non-signatory Member States to sign and ratify the Agreement. The Council recalled that the Islamic Republic of Iran ratified the Agreement and deposited the Instrument of Ratification to the ECO in June 2010. The Council requested the Secretariat to prepare an explanatory note on finding an appropriate mechanism on early entry into force and implementation of the Agreement on APPI and circulate the same among the Member States.

45. Recalling the decision of the 3rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Finance and Economy to set up an ECO Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies (ECO-IPA) forum on the pattern of ECO Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations, the Council requested the Member States to volunteer holding the 1st Meeting of ECO-IPA.

46. The Council while thanking the Republic of Turkey for conveying information to the Secretariat regarding the potential of public-private partnership in the Republic of Turkey also requested the Member States to convey to the ECO Secretariat information highlighting the potential of public-private partnership in the ECO region. The Council agreed that a report on the potential of public-private partnership in the ECO region may be compiled and submitted to the 4th ECO Investment Conference as well as to the Member States.

47. The Council requested the Republic of Tajikistan to hold the 4th ECO Investment Conference in 2014. The Republic of Tajikistan took note of the request.

48. The Council underlined the need of increasing cooperation between ECO Secretariat and International Organizations relating to promotion of Investment for finding an appropriate mechanism, including conducting a comprehensive

study with the assistance of UNCTAD, IDB etc., to attract greater FDI into the ECO region.

49. The Council expressed its thanks to the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Turkey, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECOTDB) for co-hosting the second WTO seminar in July 2-4, 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey on "Doha Negotiations and Accession Process of ECO Member States to WTO". The Council while thanking the Ministry of Commerce of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for offering to host the 3rd WTO Seminar for ECO Member States in Pakistan in May 2014 agreed that seminars on accession of the Member States to WTO should be organized on regular basis. The Council requested the other WTO members of ECO to volunteer hosting such seminars and asked the Secretariat to continue to seek financial and technical support from the relevant international institutions/organizations for arranging the seminars.

50. The Council also welcomed the initiative of the Secretariat to expand its cooperation with IDB, OIC-ICDT, WCO and ECO Trade and Development Bank in WTO matters/accession process including organizing joint Seminars/Workshops for ECO Member Countries.

51. Within the framework of assessment of the implications of joining the WTO for the economies of the ECO member countries the Council urged the ECO-CCI to hold the proposed Workshop on WTO Accession and Its Impact on OIC Member Countries in 2014 in Tehran for the ECO National Chambers in cooperation with the IDB and ECOTDB.

52. The Council referring to the relevant decisions of the COM and 23rd RPC Meetings invited Member States not having hosted Trade Policy Review Sessions (TPRS) to host these Sessions during 2014. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan informed that in view of the WTO Seminar, which they will host in May 2014, the country would hold Trade Policy Review Session in 2015.

53. The Council welcomed the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for signing the Articles of Agreement of ECO Trade and Development Bank (TDB) for membership on March 12, 2012 and requested Afghanistan to expedite the process of ratification of the Agreement and complete its membership procedures in 2014.

54. The Council appreciated the Republic of Azerbaijan for completing the membership of ECOTDB and observed that accession of Azerbaijan to ECOTDB would enhance the contribution of the Bank to the economy of the region. The Council likewise invited the other Member States to join the Bank.

55. The Council while welcoming the initiation of the process by the Kyrgyz Republic to become a member of the ECO-TDB and approval by the Board of Governors of the Bank of the membership application, requested the Kyrgyz Government to finalize the accession process in 2014.

56. The Council thanked the Republic of Turkey for conveying views to the Secretariat on the draft Terms of Reference (TORs) prepared by ECO Trade and Development Bank to launch a periodic Regional Partnership Forum (RPF) and requested the Bank to expedite organizing the said forum on project basis. The Council urged other Member States to also convey their views to the Secretariat on the draft TORs and encourage their relevant National Institutions/ organizations to actively participate in the Forum.

57. The Council recalled that the Council of Ministers (COM), in its meeting held on March 19, 2009 in Tehran urged the ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECOTDB) to create a Technical Cooperation Fund (TCF) to assist development projects in the region and subsequently the 4th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade held on July 13, 2011, in Kabul also recommended that the Bank may expedite establishing the TCF in close consultation with the ECO Secretariat and the Member States. The Council requested the ECOTDB to initiate and complete action with respect to the creation of the TCF.

58. The Council appreciated the offer of ECOTDB to arrange a Forum preferably in 2014 comprising of financial institutions (private/public) of the Member States and multilateral donors in order to devise a sustainable mechanism by which financial institutions may present their proposals for co-financing of trade and syndication loans to feasible projects. The Council urged the ECO Secretariat and ECOCCI to encourage respective financial institutions to actively participate in the Forum.

59. The Council thanked the UNIDO for its commitment to co-finance the 3rd phase of ECO-UNIDO Project on Trade Capacity Building of Member States in Standards, Metrology, Testing and Quality (SMTQ) with an estimated total budget of US\$ 600,000. The Council also appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat for the start of the 3rd phase of the Project in the first half of 2014 and urged the Member States to provide technical and financial support to the Project.

60. The Council urged the Member States to ensure regular flow of information to achieve the objectives of the ECO Trade Web Portal (www.tradeeco.org). Flow of information to the Web Portal is required mainly for the pages under the title of Member Countries i.e. economic indicators, regulatory regimes, policies, events, contacts/references, enquiries, trademarks, bilateral/multilateral arrangements, activities of member states in WTO, and companies forms and links.

61. The Council appreciated and approved the project proposal prepared by the Secretariat for setting up ECO Data Base of Traders and Manufacturers, which will serve as an effective source of business match-making in the region. The Council further called upon Member States to expedite providing inputs for the Study on the Trade Related Regional IT Infrastructure.

62. The Council while re-affirming the decisions of the CPR that TORs for conducting the Second phase of the Study on Trading Patterns in ECO region may be discussed and approved during the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce and Foreign Trade and that the Secretariat may approach relevant international organizations and the Member States for assistance to conduct the study, requested the Secretariat to submit a report to the Member States in 2014 on the results of the deliberations of the Trade Ministerial Meeting and the efforts made by the Secretariat for seeking financial and technical assistance from international organizations and the Member States.

63. The Council requested the Member States to convey to the Secretariat the progress on implementation of the decisions taken by the 12th ECO Summit and 21st COM in the areas of Investment, Trade and Finance on priority basis.

(b) Transport & Communications

64. The Council asked the Secretariat to consult with interested Member States for hosting of the 9th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Transport in 2014.

65. The Meeting requested the Secretariat to include the issue of signing of TTFA by Uzbekistan and its ratification by Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in the agenda of 9th Transport Ministerial Meeting.

66. The Council appreciated the Kyrgyz Republic for hosting the 5th Meeting of Insurance Committee of the TTCC/4th Meeting of ECO-CB held on 25-26 September 2013 in Bishkek. The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey for offering to organize the training course on MTPL insurance and the ECO White Card as well as other related insurance areas dealing with transit transport operations. The 6th Meeting of Insurance Committee of the TTCC/5th Meeting of ECO-CB may be held back to back with said training course. The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey for confirming hosting of the Meeting. The Republic of Turkey will provide exact date and details of hospitality through diplomatic channel.

67. The Council noted with satisfaction that the Report of Insurance Components of the ECO/IDB Joint Project has been approved by the 5th Meeting of Insurance Committee and asked the Secretariat to expedite its publishing through utilizing the funds from the ECO/IDB Project or other available sources.

68. The Council requested the National Bureaus of the Member States enroute to Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI) Corridor to provide their comments and views on the Action Plan for application of the ECO White Card along the ITI Road Corridor and take necessary measures for implementing the envisaged activities for starting issuance of the White Card in the test runs of trucks along this corridor.

69. The Council requested the Member States enroute of Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran (KTAI) to complete the remaining items of the action

plan for operationalizing the ECO White Card along this corridor and take necessary measures for starting issuance of the White Card in the test runs of trucks.

70. The 12th Meeting of the Heads of ECO Railway Authorities/6th Meeting of the Railway Committee of the TTCC will be held in 2-3 December 2014 in Tehran. The cost of Meeting will be covered by the TTFA Fund and SSF. The Council requested the Member States to actively participate in Meeting. The Joint workshops with relevant international organizations, notably, UIC and OTIF, may be organized on the sidelines of the Meeting.

71. The Council expressed with satisfaction that the Afghanistan Railway Authority (AfRA) has obtained the status of an associated member to UIC. The Council asked the Secretariat and UIC to continue their cooperation in line with the Action Plan signed between two organizations in June 2012.

72. The Council appreciated the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to impart training to railway officials of Afghanistan the number and duration of which will be communicated through diplomatic channels to Secretariat for onward transmission to Afghanistan. The Afghanistan Railway was also requested to forward their training needs to the relevant authorities of the Republic of Turkey through the Secretariat.

73. The Member States, except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, the Kyrgyz Republic and Pakistan, were requested to expedite conveying to the ECO Secretariat the latest revisions in the status of the ECO Railway Transit Routes Map in their respective territories to enable the Secretariat to update the map. The Secretariat was asked to prepare a blue print and circulate it for final comments of the Member States.

74. The Council expressed with satisfaction that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has acceded to the COTIF as of September 2013. The Council hoped that the accession of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the COTIF would be completed soon. The Council requested Afghanistan to accede to COTIF.

75. The enroute countries were requested to provide an update regarding the analysis for extending high speed passenger trains between Turkey and Iran in line with the decisions of the 11th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Railway.

76. The Council noted with satisfaction that the ECO Road Network Development Plan prepared under the road component of the ECO/IDB Joint Project on TTFA has been approved by the 6th Meeting of Road Committee of TTCC (Tehran, 8th December 2013). The Secretariat was asked to expedite publishing the report.

77. The Member States, except Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Turkey, were requested to expedite conveying to the ECO Secretariat the latest revisions in the status of the ECO Road Transit Routes Map in their respective territories,

within three months, to enable the Secretariat to update the map. The Secretariat was asked to prepare a blue print and circulate it for final comments of the Member States.

78. The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey and Republic of Azerbaijan for providing details of taxes, duties and levies in their transport during transit operations to ECO member countries. It requested the remaining Member States to provide the similar information, if any, to prepare a consolidated document to be discussed in the next TTCC meeting.

79. The Member States were requested to expedite conveying the Secretariat all customs duties, taxes and any other charges in writing for onward transmission to the concerned Member States. It was also requested to convey the status of implementation of Article 6, 18 and Annex II and Annex IV of the TTFA. The Secretariat was asked to consolidate and circulate the information received from the Member States, and provide the 7th TTCC meeting with the consolidated report, containing claims of possible violation by some Member States and the relevant response in order to consider and make appropriate decisions.

80. The council requested the Member States, except Azerbaijan and Turkey, to expedite providing their information on the situation of permit exchange with other Member States. The Secretariat was asked to prepare and circulate a consolidated report for comments and views of the Member States.

81. The Member States were requested to provide regular reports on the status of implementation or accession to the Convention on Road Traffic 1968 and Road Signs and Signals Convention.

82. The Council requested the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to expedite conveying its comments and views on the proposed corridor between Pakistan-Afghanistan-Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan. The Council requested the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to prepare and forward project proposal for establishment of two new road corridors between Pakistan-Iran-Turkmenistan and Pakistan-Afghanistan-Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan. The Government of Afghanistan informed that they propose a new corridor among Pakistan, Afghanistan and Turkmenistan. The Council asked the enroute Member States to provide the Secretariat with their views and comments.

83. The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey to host the 7th Meeting of the Road Committee of the TTCC in 2014. The 7th Meeting of the TTCC will also be held back to back with the Road Committee. The Meetings will be covered by the TTFA and SSF.

84. The Member States and the Secretariat were requested to actively participate in the sessions of the UNECE's WP.30 and AC.2 in Geneva, and meetings of the UIC Middle East.

85. The 3rd ECO-IRU Regional Conference on TIR Convention will be held in May 2014 in Tehran. The Secretariat and IRU will take measures to facilitate the participation of the stakeholders involved in customs transit and transport operations of the ECO Member States in this Conference. The Conference will be sponsored by the IRU and partially covered by the TTFA Fund.
86. The Republic of Turkey will specify the exact dates of the workshop on ADR, Modernization of Border Crossing Points and digital tachograph system, which was rescheduled for 2014. The Meeting will be partially covered (airfare and translation facility) by the TTFA Fund and SS Fund. Local hospitality will be provided by the host authorities of the Republic of Turkey. The ECO-CCI will be also invited to participate in the workshop on non-hospitality basis.
87. The Council requested Pakistan to expedite specifying the dates and venue of the National TIR Capacity Building Workshop, to be organized jointly by the ECO Secretariat and IRU. The Workshop will be covered by the TTFA Fund. The Council expressed satisfaction with organizing of the Training Course on TIR System by the Republic of Turkey in May 2013 in Ankara for the relevant institutions from Pakistan.
88. The Republic of Azerbaijan informed and invited the Member States to participate in the International Conference titled "Perspective of the Efficient and Safe Transport between Europe and Asia" which is scheduled to be held in May-June 2014 in Baku.
89. The Meeting was informed on the status of implementation of Articles 29 and 30 of TTFA and the latest developments in the accession of the Member States to the international Convention on Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures of 1999 (revised Kyoto Convention).
90. The Council asked the Secretariat to approach IRU for launching a technical assistance activity for full implementation of the TIR-EPD in the region.
91. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan was requested to convey venue and details of hospitality of the 4th Meeting of the Customs Transit Committee of the TTCC to be held in Afghanistan in October 2014. The Meetings will be covered by the TTFA and SSF.
92. The ECO Secretariat was asked to assist Afghanistan to expedite the process of accession to the abovementioned conventions, notably, Convention on Road Traffic (1968), COTIF, CMR Convention, Transit Trade of Landlocked Countries, as well as the ADR agreement, in cooperation with the relevant international organizations through organizing capacity building workshops, projects, training courses and action plans.
93. Further to successful completion of the Railway, Road and Insurance components of the ECO/IDB Joint Project on the TTFA, the Council asked the ECO and IDB to expedite commencing the second phase of the Project on TTFA

for preparing a regional programme on customs transit and modernization of border crossing points in the region. The results of this project will be reported to Custom Transit Committee of the TTCC and other relevant Meetings.

94. In line with the decision of 21st COM, the Council asked the ECO Secretariat and the ECO-TDB to expedite conveying the draft TOR and organizing the first session of the regional partnership forum for implementation of the ECO Railway Network Development Plan and the ECO Road Network Development Plan. Relevant national, regional and international organizations and funding institutions, including IDB, ADB, ECO-TDB and WB may be invited to actively participate in financing and implementing the projects envisaged in these regional Railway and Road Network Development Plans.

95. The Council recommended that the donor conference and inter-agency meetings in the context of the trilateral MoUs among ECO-IDB-UNESCAP and ECO-IDB-UNECE would be organized in the 2nd half of 2014. It asked the Secretariat to expedite the finalization of the Action Plan with UNECE-UNESCAP-IDB for implementation of the Trilateral MoUs. The dates and venue of the Conference would be specified jointly by the Secretariat and the aforementioned institutions. The Council asked the Secretariat and IDB to hold a joint meeting in Jeddah in the first half of 2014 to take decision on the second phase of the Project on TTFA and make the required arrangements.

96. The Council asked the Secretariat to communicate to the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group (OWG) of the UN General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals and convey the ECO's viewpoint and arguments concerning the relevance of the recognition of transportation as a stand-alone Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).

97. The Council, given the significance of transportation and transit transport for the whole ECO membership and, particularly for the landlocked countries, decided to inform the relevant national authorities on the latest status of the transport related component of the OWG ongoing negotiations, with a view to providing the necessary guidance or instructions to the relevant Missions in New York to participate in, and influence the current open intergovernmental negotiation process aimed at giving impetus to recognition of transportation as a stand-alone SGD and asked the ECO Chairmanship in New York to do the necessary coordination with the relevant Missions.

98. The Council recommended the CPR to replenish the TTFA Fund whenever required to enable the Secretariat to implement the approved Work Programme of the TTFA Fund for 2014-2015.

99. Noting the lack of developments in resuming the ITI Container Train, the Council urged the enroute Member States to take necessary measures for removing the obstacles hindering the train services. The 8th Meeting of HLWG of the ITI Container Train is scheduled to be held in Tehran on 4th March 2014 to discuss all pending issues on the train. The 9th Meeting of HLWG of the ITI

Container Train will be held in Pakistan. The airfare for one participant from each enroute Member State will be covered from SS Fund.

100. The Council requested the enroute Member States of the ITI Container Train to take urgent actions to resume the freight services along this route. The Republic of Turkey has informed that BALO (Grand Anatolia Logistics Organization) is identified as the new authorized representative of the said Train in the Republic of Turkey. The Council asked the Republic of Turkey to convey the contact details of the Organization to the Secretariat at the earliest.

101. The Council asked Pakistan on the latest status regarding upgrading the Quetta-Taftan Segment (Pakistan), which will be conveyed to the Secretariat through diplomatic channel and received status report by the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding sand dune fixation in Kerman-Zahedan segment.

102. The Council requested the countries enroute the ECO Container Train on Bandar Abbas-Almaty route to take appropriate measures for mobilization of cargo to start regular operation of the said train. It requested the enroute Member States to remove the existing obstacles to regular operation of the ECO Container Train on Istanbul-Almaty route. The enroute Member States were requested to actively participate in the 1st Meetings of HLWG of the ECO Container Trains on Bandar Abbas-Almaty and Istanbul- Almaty to be held on 2-3 March 2014 in Tehran. Local hospitality will be provided by the host authorities. Airfare will be covered from the Feasibility Project of the said Trains and SSF.

103. Further to the progress report received from the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on construction of the Afghan segment of the Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran Railway (KTAI), the Council noted that only 60 percent progress has been achieved in construction of the sub-segment between Chah-e-Sorkh (border with Iran) to Rozanak area of Herat province. The feasibility study for the sub-segment between Faryab and Mazare-Sharif is due to be completed at the end of 2014 supported by ADB. The remaining sub-segments, namely, between Rozanak- Herat, Kunduz- Mazare-Sharif and Herat-Faryab, still require conducting feasibility studies and construction accordingly.

104. Noting also the lack of progress to secure funds for the feasibility study in the segment in the territory of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Council requested the interested Member State and the international institutions to provide financial support to conduct the feasibility studies in the segment of the Kyrgyz Republic, and also conducting the feasibility study and the construction of the remaining segments of Afghanistan.

105. The concerned authorities of the Republic of Tajikistan were asked to expedite specifying exact dates for Senior Officials' meeting and Ministerial meeting of Railway project connecting China to Europe through the Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran during the second half of 2014 in Dushanbe. Local hospitality will be provided by the host authorities.

106. Noting completion of segments of the Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran railway in the territories of Iran and Kazakhstan, the Council asked to expedite completion of the remaining segment in Turkmenistan in 2014. The 3rd Meeting of the Trilateral Coordination Committee of this railway project will be held on 2nd March 2014 in Tehran. The Council requested the enroute Member States and the ECO Secretariat to take necessary measures to organize the test run and finalize the formalities for the operation of train along the route.

107. The Council appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran and ECO Secretariat for organizing the field visits and 2nd High Level Working Group Meeting held on 18th November 2013 in Rasht (Anzali) to witness the ongoing construction work in the Iranian segment of the Railway project of the Qazvin-Rasht-Astara (Iran)-Astara (Azerbaijan) railway. Noting necessity for expediting the commencement of the remaining segments, the Council asked the enroute countries to expedite implementation of the remaining segments from their national budget. Meanwhile, the enroute countries may submit respective project proposals to IDB and ECO-TDB. The enroute Member States were asked conveying the business plans together with all other documents to prepare an Action Plan. The Council urged the both sides to accelerate the preparations required to convene the 3rd HLWG Meeting of Qazvin-Rasht-Astara (Iran)-Astara (Azerbaijan) railway, the venue and date of which shall be consulted by the Secretariat.

108. The Council expressed with satisfaction that the final report of the ECO Project for Regular Monitoring of Truck in partnership with IRU has been adopted by the 6th Road committee of the TTCC (Tehran, December 2013). The Secretariat will take measures to publish the report with assistance of IRU.

109. The findings of the ECORMT study and arrangements to follow up this project will be included in the agenda of the relevant committees of the TTCC, the Ministerial Meeting and the 3rd ECO Regional Conference on TIR, scheduled for May 2014 in Tehran.

110. The Council noted with satisfaction that the full support of the relevant organ of the UNECE was obtained for implementation of the TIR Pilot project along the ITI Corridor by using the TIR as the transit system. IRU was asked to provide financial assistance for implementation of the pilot project and organizing HLWG meetings and test runs under the pilot project. The Meeting urged the enroute Member states to expedite signing the draft internal agreements between the guarantee association and the national customs authorities so that the implementation of the TIR Pilot Project could be started within the given deadline. The enroute Member States were requested to provide their comments and views on the draft TOR prepared by the ECO Secretariat for field study on the ITI Corridor.

111. The Meeting asked the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to specify the dates and venue for the 4th HLWG meeting on ITI. The business community of the enroute countries are encouraged to actively participate in the meeting.

112. The Council expressed satisfaction that the TIR system was reactivated in Afghanistan as of September 2013. The Meeting satisfied to note that ECO and IRU have developed understanding to design and execute capacity building programmes for the Afghan public and private sectors.

113. The enroute of KTAI Road Corridor, except the Kyrgyz Republic, were requested to provide their Focal Points and latest update on infrastructure development along this corridor. The Council requested the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan conveying their comments and views regarding abolishing of permit on the Kyrgyz-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran Road Transport (KTAI) Road Corridor. Tajikistan was also asked to expedite providing the border crossing points and working hours. The Council asked Afghanistan conveying the details of the arrangements for security and escort anticipated for the trucks passing Afghanistan under the ECO Corridor.

114. Noting that the construction of the missing link between Herat-Mazhar-e-Sharif along the ECO KTAI Road Corridor has already achieved some progress, the Council requested Afghanistan to provide regular reports on the status of implementation of the ongoing project which is due to be completed by the end of 2015.

115. The Council noted that the draft ITI TOR could be replicated for the field study on the KTAI Corridor. The Islamic Republic of Iran will host the 3rd KTAI HLWG Meeting in the first half of June, 2014 in Tehran.

116. The Council also asked the Secretariat to conduct study on Road Safety along these corridors with the cooperation of UNECE. The Member States, except the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey, were requested to expedite conveying to the Secretariat country reports regarding road safety and road security, together with national policies and strategies.

117. The Council appreciated the efforts of the Secretariat to organize a Workshop on "Safety and Security of Transport" in Pakistan with the technical assistance of UNECE and IRU.

118. IRU was requested to provide its financial support for field study and the operationalization of these two corridors. Noting that a pre-feasibility on IRU's Model Highway Initiative (MHI) was conducted by a Kazakhstan based Scientific Institute in the territories of Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan, Iran was requested to provide their proposals if this pre-feasibility study could be extended to the territory of Iran. The Council also asked IRU to provide a concept paper for the pre-feasibility study for application of MHI along ITI Corridor for onward submission to ECO-TDB, IDB or other relevant funding institutions for co-financing.

119. In line with the decision of the 21st COM, the Council asked Iran to provide the ECO Secretariat with relevant information on the ECO Unified Visa Sticker regime for drivers and persons involved in transit. Iran was also asked to announce the fresh dates for the ECO senior consular officials meeting. The Local hospitality will be provided by the host authorities. The said Meeting will also be partially covered by the TTFA Fund and SS Fund.

120. The Council asked the Republic of Turkey to keep the ECO Secretariat abreast of the status of registration of the ECO Logistics Providers Associations Federation (ECOLPAF). Pakistan was asked to specify the exact dates for holding the 1st General Assembly of ECOLPAF in Karachi in 2014. Local hospitality and airfare of the participants of the 1st General Assembly will be provided by the host association. The ad-hoc committee was requested to take necessary measure for preparation of the necessary documents for consideration of the General Assembly.

121. Appreciating Afghanistan and Pakistan for conveying their comments and views on the proposal and the draft MoU for establishment of a Working Group on Civil Aviation provided by Turkey, the Meeting was informed by Iran that they will convey their view points with regard to the purview of the Working Group, in writing, to the Secretariat. The other Member States were requested to expedite conveying their views and comments.

122. The Council requested the landlocked Member States to expedite conveying their specific needs and proposals for utilizing the facilities of the ECO Zone. It also requested Iran to expedite providing the Action Plan for activating the ECO Zone in Chabahar. Iran conveyed its readiness to host Field Visit of ECO Zone in Chabahar in April 2014. The domestic airfare and accommodation for one participant from each Member States will be provided by the host authorities.

123. The Council asked the Secretariat to keep contacts with the UNOHRLs and ASEAN on the proposed joint studies in selected ports from ECO Transit Member States.

124. The delegation of the Republic of Azerbaijan provided detailed information regarding construction of the new international sea trade port near Baku, the annual capacity of the abovementioned seaport would reach up to 20 million tons of cargo after completion.

125. The Council requested the interested Member States to sign the SOP for online money order by circulation or in the meeting of the concerned authorities. If there was no volunteer to host the meeting, it would be held at the ECO Secretariat on non-hospitality basis. The airfare will be covered from SS Fund.

126. The Council requested the Member States to volunteer to organize the 6th Meeting of ECO Postal Authorities.

127. Appreciating the ECO Postal Staff College for organizing the International Course "Managing Post as a Business (Opportunities and Challenges)", scheduled for 7th -25th April 2014 in Islamabad, the postal administrations of the Member States, except Afghanistan and Iran, were requested to expedite nominating their officials for this training course at the earliest. The Council also recommended the interested Member States to extend assistance to the ECO Postal College. The Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Turkey were requested to provide further details on their proposed technical support to the ECO Postal College. The Council also asked the ECO Postal College to organize workshop and training courses in other Member States. The Member States were recommended to offer their plans for conducting short term and long term training courses for postal staff.

128. The Council requested the Member States, except Azerbaijan, to provide their comments and views on the "Preliminary Report on Joint ECO Telecommunication Satellite" prepared by Iran. The Member States were requested to provide comments and views on the draft Statute of the ECO ICT Providers' Association.

129. Further to installation of a STM64 fibre optic line at the Mirjaveh border point with Pakistan by the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Council requested Iran and Pakistan to apprise of the status of interconnection of their fiber optical network.

130. The Council agreed to consider the proposal of the Republic of Azerbaijan in cooperation with the ECO Secretariat to organize special presentation of TASIM Project (Trans Eurasian Information Super Highway) which will connect Europe with Asia and provide high speed internet to all the regional countries preceded by submission of detailed information by the Republic of Azerbaijan on the project.

131. The Council requested the Member States and the Secretariat to expedite conducting the feasibility study on the needs for development of ICT infrastructure connectivity and services in the region utilizing the fund allocated by the CPR for this purpose.

132. The Member States are requested to actively participate in the 1st Meeting of the HLWG of ICT Communication Regulatory Authorities scheduled to be held on 11-13 August 2014, the 1st ECO Expert Group Meeting on ICT Security and Cyber Crime, scheduled to be held in the first half of 2014 and the 1st Preparatory Meeting for the establishment of the ECO ICT Providers' Association for private sector, scheduled to be held in the first half of June 2014 in Tehran. The details of local hospitality will be conveyed by the host authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

133. The Republic of Kazakhstan invited the ECO Member States to participate in the TransEurasia-2014 International Conference, which is scheduled to be

held on 22nd May 2014 at Astana, the participation of Member States will serve the purpose of the intra-regional ties.

134. The possibility of holding the second ICT Ministerial Meeting and the Exhibition on ICT hardware and software products by Pakistan will be conveyed through diplomatic channel.

(c) **Energy, Minerals & Environment**

• **Energy**

135. The Council requested the Member States for active implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum. The Council also requested the Secretariat to provide the ECO Member States with an evaluation report of the ECO Plan of Action for Energy/Petroleum Cooperation (2011-2015) illustrating the main achievements and shortcomings of the Plan by October 2014 with a view to possible decision on its extension by the 4th Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum in 2015 to be hosted by Republic of Turkey.

136. The Council welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 3rd High Level Experts Group Meeting on Energy in September/October 2014 in Tehran and requested the Member States to take active part in this important Meeting. The Council also requested the Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Turkey) to update/nominate their National Focal Points (NFPs) on Energy/Petroleum.

137. The Council appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the 1st Experts Meeting on "Establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market" from 5-6 November 2013 in Tehran and welcomed the Expert's recommendations and requested the ECO Secretariat and Member States for their implementation. The ECO Secretariat is mandated by the Council to explore the possibility of funding of the recommended feasibility study through Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and other international financial institutions/donors, including ECO Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF), as well as to consult with any consulting company on modalities and best practices for establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market.

138. The Council also welcomed the offer of Republic of Turkey to host the 2nd Experts Meeting on "Establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market" in October/November 2014. The Council called for active participation of all Member States in the event, as well as for early designation of their relevant focal points on establishment of the Electricity Market (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey).

139. The Council appreciated the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the 2nd Meeting of the ECO Experts Group and 4th Workshop on Renewable Energy Sources (RES) on 20-22 November 2013 in Baku and Gobustan, and requested

the Member States and the ECO Secretariat to implement the recommendations of these events. In this regard and among others, the Council requested the Azerbaijani authorities to provide the Secretariat with information on the establishing of Data Information Network (DIN) on RES in Baku, and the Secretariat to explore the possibility of establishing an interactive web page on ECO website for RES with experience and data sharing purposes. The Council also requested the Islamic Republic of Iran as the Coordinating Country to provide more information on ECO-IRENA cooperation, including on its proposal on possible liaison by the Secretariat or the Member States with the IRENA. The Council further requested the remaining Member States to nominate their National Focal Points (NFP) on RES and provide the filled Country Report/Questionnaire on RES (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Tajikistan and Turkey).

140. The Council also welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for hosting the 3rd Meeting of ECO Experts Group and 5th Workshop on Renewable Energy Sources on 15-17 September 2014, and called for active participation of all Member States in these events.

141. While emphasizing the importance of capacity building and knowledge/experience sharing among Member States, and the need for regular organization of training/workshop/and capacity building events, the Council:

- i. appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting training courses on "An Introduction to Drilling Organization/Operation" (28-29 May 2013, Tehran) and "Hot Works Minimum requirements, Fire Protection for LPC Storages and Flammable Properties" (13-16 October 2013, Tehran and Arak). The Council also expressed its support to the "Calendar of ECO Courses on Oil and Gas" of the International Training Center for Oil and Gas", which will be circulated to the ECO Member States through diplomatic channels by the Secretariat.
- ii. appreciated the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the Workshop on "Oil and Gas Drilling" on 5-6 December 2013 in Baku, with participation of well-known worldwide companies/experts and while emphasizing the importance of relations with such companies, recommended the Secretariat to enhance further cooperation in this field by organizing such events on regular basis.
- iii. appreciated the Republic of Turkey for hosting 13th International Training Course for Energy Efficiency and Management in Industry from 4-15 November 2013 in Ankara, and expressed the hope that the Republic of Turkey as well as other Member States will continue holding such training courses.

142. The Council welcomed the offer of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO CCI) to host the "1st Meeting of the ECO Public and Private Sector

Energy/Petrochemical Consortium/Companies" in Tehran in 2014. The Council agreed that this event may further facilitate regional energy cooperation via bringing the concerned private circles of Member States closer. The Member States are requested to send to the Secretariat the list of their capable companies active in the field of energy and petrochemical within two months.

143. The Council requested all Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran and Turkey) to submit their views/comments on the implementation of the new mechanism for enhancement of ECO Energy cooperation as mandated by 3rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum.

144. The Council requested the Member States to consider the possibility of extending their technical and financial support for establishment and implementation of the Trust Fund among Member States for financing the high priority ECO regional energy projects in line with the decision of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum.

145. The Council welcomed the proposal of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host a meeting on "Establishment of ECO Refinery Association" in October/November 2014.

- **Minerals**

146. The Council appreciated

- i. the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the 2nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Surveying and Mapping Organizations on 8-9 May 2014 in Ankara, and requested the Member States to ensure their representation in this Meeting at the highest level.
- ii. the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 5th ECO Mineral Experts Group Meeting in October 2014 and the "ECO Mining and Geosciences Conference" in October 2014 and requested the Member States to take active part in these important events.

147. The Council

- i. requested the Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey) to designate their National Focal Points (NFP) on the "ECO Geomatics Committee" and Working Group on "ECO Economic Atlas".
- ii. requested the Member States (except Turkey) to convey their comments on "Terms of Reference on ECO Geomatics Committee" and the headlines of the "ECO Economic Atlas" prepared by Iranian National Cartographic Centre (NCC) prior to the next meeting of the ECO Heads Surveying and Mapping Organizations for their finalization.

- iii. requested the Member States (except Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Turkey) to provide the Secretariat with their views/comments on Mineral Distribution Map (MDM) of ECO Region to be conveyed to the Project Manager Country (Iran).

148. The Council requested Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to nominate/update their National Focal Points (NFPs) on Minerals.

149. The Council welcomed the approval of partial financing for consultancy services for "ECO Seismic Hazard Reduction Programme" from the ECO Feasibility and General Purpose Fund and acknowledged the importance of timely implementation of the Programme by the Contractor, Geological Survey of Iran.

150. While appreciating the Iranian Mines and Mining Industries Development and Renovation Organization (IMIDRO) for organizing the site visit for the Permanent Representatives of the ECO Member States to the "Iran Minerals Processing Research Center (IMPRC)" on 6 January 2014 in Karaj, the Council welcomed the offer of the Center to host a workshop on "Ferrous and Base Metal Mineral Processing" for the concerned experts of ECO Member States in September/October 2014.

151. The Council took note of the invitation by the Islamic Republic of Iran to all ECO Member States to participate in the "Conference on Mining and Role of Private Sector", which will be held in September/October 2014.

• Environment

152. Acknowledging the trans-boundary impacts of the environmental degradation, the Council reiterated the importance of the environmental cooperation among Member States and requested the Secretariat to take further measures to facilitate regional cooperation on environment. The Council also requested the Secretariat to arrange, in coordination with the Member States, organizing the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment. The Council also welcomed the initiative of the Secretariat for the possible convening of an ECO Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment on the sidelines of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) scheduled to be held in June 2014 in Nairobi. Hence, the ECO Secretariat would be required to develop an agenda for the proposed meeting in time.

153. The Council while recognizing the important role of the national focal points in ensuring effective and swift communication between the Secretariat and the concerned authorities of the Member States on environmental programmes and projects requested the Member States:

- i. to introduce/update regularly the information on their National Focal Points (NFPs) on Environment, Biodiversity and Climate Change which would also be responsible for Environmental Information Network (EIN) on Climate Change and Biodiversity.
- ii. to assign their Focal Points for the establishment of the trans-boundary protected areas network.

154. The Council while appreciating the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey for providing their National Progress Report (NPR) on Environment, requested the other Member States to do the same at the earliest based on the format, which was submitted to the Member States via Secretariat's Note Verbal No.: EME/ENV/NPR/2013/777 dated 16 May 2013. The Council also requested the ECO Secretariat to provide a consolidated Report on Environment based on the NPRs received from the ECO Member States.

155. The Council while requesting all Member States to cooperate actively with the ECO Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ECO-IENT) on establishment of trans-boundary protected areas network called on the ECO-IENT to keep the Secretariat abreast of progress in operating the said network.

156. The Council appreciated the Government of Pakistan, ECO Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ECO-IENT), the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) and ECO Secretariat for organizing the "Experts Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity" in Islamabad in November 2013 and requested the Member States to implement the recommendations of the Meeting.

157. The Council while acknowledging the significant role of the Coordinating Countries in the implementation of environmental plans and programmes requested the Republic of Kazakhstan as the coordinator for the implementation of the Work Plan on Biodiversity to play an active role in implementation of the ECO Work Plan on Biodiversity by having more involvement through participation and holding events in this field.

158. Given the importance of the awareness raising on environmental issues, the Council appreciated scholarly contributions to the "ECO Bulletin on Environment" by the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Turkey, published as a part of the 9th issue of the ECO Chronicle, and invited all Member States to assist the Secretariat in its environmental awareness activities, including through timely submission of contributions to "ECO Bulletin on Environment."

159. The Council emphasized the need to expedite the conduct of the Feasibility Study on "Development and Harmonization of Environmental Standards in ECO Region" and requested all Member States to cooperate actively with the Project Manager for effective implementation of the Study. The Member States are requested to expedite the submission of their reviews on the

progress reports of the study. The Member States who have not yet nominated nor established contacts with the study team, namely Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan are requested to do so by May 2014.

160. The Council acknowledged the negative impacts of the desertification and deforestation on the overall environmental situation of the ECO Region and requested the ECO-IEST to provide the Secretariat with detailed project proposal related to combat desertification with a special emphasis on dust haze and sand storm in the region in order to enable the Secretariat to embark on necessary preparations.

161. The Council while appreciating the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey for providing the Secretariat with the information on the status of their membership to the international and regional environmental conventions, requested the remaining Member States to do the same at the earliest possible.

162. The ECO Member States (except Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyz Republic and Uzbekistan) are invited to consider joining the constituency of Regional Centers for Ramsar and Basel Conventions hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

163. The Council requested the Islamic Republic of Iran to contribute on priority basis its pledged contribution (US \$ 100,000) to the Project Profile for implementation of the Framework Plan of Action on Environment Cooperation and Global Warming (2011-2015) and requested other Member States to contribute the rest of required amount (US \$ 100,000). In line with the Report of the "Experts Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity", the Council also requested the ECO IEST to submit the revised version of the mentioned Project Profile for circulation to all ECO Member States for their views/comments.

164. In line with the recommendation of 23rd RPC Meeting (paragraph 165 of the Report) and the deliberations in the 191st (15 January 2014) and 192nd (16 February 2014) CPR meetings on the change of status of the ECO IEST from a project-based into an ECO Regional (Category B) Center, the Council deliberated the issue and while acknowledging the important role played by the Institute in ECO Environmental Agenda, requested the Institute and the ECO Secretariat to provide the Member States with the draft basic documents for their consideration in order to enable CPR to make decision in due course.

165. The Council

- i. requested the ECO Secretariat in cooperation with the ECO IEST to host the 6th Working Group Meeting on Environment (WGME) in May 2014 which may serve, as proposed by the ECO Secretariat, as the preparatory event for the ECO Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment, as well as for the 5th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment.

- ii. requested the ECO Secretariat in cooperation with the ECO IEST to arrange the organization of the 2nd Expert Group Meeting on Biodiversity" in 2014 in one of the ECO Member States.
- iii. requested the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to consider hosting the ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) ECO Experts Meeting in 2014.
- iv. requested the ECO Secretariat to ensure ECO representation in Conference of Parties (COP) Meetings (COPs 20 and 21) of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and/or Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- v. welcomed the request of the ECO Secretariat from the "Oil and Gas International Training Center" (OGITC) to host a workshop on environmental footprints of energy activities of ECO Member States in September/October 2014 in Iran. The OGITC will consider this request and inform the ECO Secretariat, shortly.

The Council also called for active participation of all Member States in above mentioned events.

(d) Agriculture, Industry & Tourism

- **Agriculture**

166. The Council while appreciating with thanks the Republic of Turkey for hosting the 5th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), requested Member States to voluntarily organize the 6th Ministerial Meeting in their respective countries, in 2014.

167. Referring to the relevant decision of the 21st COM held on 26th November 2013, in Tehran, the Council appreciated the activities carried out by the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) for implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS) and it requested the Member States to extend support to the Centre in its forthcoming activities.

168. The Council welcomed the holding of the 1st Programme Steering Committee Meeting of the ECO-RCC for implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS) and noted the holding of Informal Workshop on Food Security on 23-25 September, 2013 in Ankara, Turkey.

169. The Council welcomed the schedule for organizing the 2nd Meeting of the Programme Steering Committee of the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) for Implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS) by the ECO-RCC in cooperation with the Republic of Turkey in May 2014, and requested the member states to actively participate in this

Meeting. The Member States which have not yet nominated their Programme Steering Committee Members and National Focal Points during the 1st Programme Steering Committee Meeting are requested to do so.

170. The Council thanked with appreciation the Republic of Turkey for organizing the inception workshop on seed sector development on 27-28 June 2013 in Ankara, Turkey in line with the implementation of the ECO/FAO-SEC Project on Seed Sector Development. The Council also requested FAO-SEC to prepare the draft agreement for utilization of US\$ 50,000 from ECO Feasibility and General Purposes Fund as ECO contribution for the said project.

171. The Council requested Member States to provide financial and technical support to the activities and cooperation efforts of the ECO-RCC.

172. The Council requested the ECO-RCC for Implementation of the ECO/FAO Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS) to expedite the process of the preparing bankable project documents for the following concept projects within the ECO-RPFS:

- a. Coordinated Research on Wheat Improvement;
- b. Participatory Management of Rangelands to improve Food Security and Sustain the Natural Resource Base in Central Asia;
- c. Establishment of Genebank and Network for Coordinated Efforts among ECO Countries for Efficient Conservation and Sustainable Use of Plant Genetic Resources;
- d. Integrated Pest Management of Sunn Pest in West and Central Asia;

173. The Council also requested the Member States to provide their views/comments to the secretariat on the project proposals titled "Ensuring Supply and Security of Genetically Pure Pre-basic Seed for Improved Food Security"; and "Sustainable Sheep Production Improvement in the ECO Region".

174. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to organize a training program on food security and project cycle management in June 2014 and Workshop on Enhancing Food Security in the ECO Region in March 2015.

175. The Council requested Member States to follow-up the issues recommended/proposed in their statements during the 5th Ministerial Meeting, Member States;

- i. to sign/ratify all the MoUs/Statutes/Agreements for early operationalization of the ECO Institutions under the implementation of RPFS;
- ii. to implement activities of food security projects for the region and stress the need for active contribution for already established ECO Specialized Institutions/Centers,

- iii. to hold regular meetings/workshops/seminars to discuss the issues related to implementation of RPFS, at least, once a year.
176. The Council reiterated the relevant decision of the 21st RPC on inclusion of the implementation of the ECO-RPFS in the agenda of the next meeting of the ECO Ministers of Finance/Economy.
177. The Council expressed its appreciations to the Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Turkey for organizing 5th and 6th ECOSA International Seed Trade Conferences and Seed Trade Fairs on 2-3 October 2013 and on 10-12 January 2014 respectively.
178. The Council requested the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan or the Republic of Azerbaijan to consider the possibility of organizing the 7th ECOSA International Seed Trade Conference and Seed Trade Fair ECOSA in their respective countries as scheduled to be held in 2014-15.
179. The Council requested to ECOSA to prepare a project proposal on Seed Exchange Mechanism among ECO Member States in collaboration with the relevant international organizations and other institutions in the Member States, as supported by delegations during the 6th ECOSA International Seed Trade Conference.
180. The Council requested the concerned authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan to send fresh date for organizing Workshop on the "Field Control" scheduled to be held in Baku, 2014. The Council also requested the concerned authorities Islamic Republic of Pakistan to announce its readiness along with exact dates and venue for organizing a workshop on the Seed Testing in 2014. The Council also requested ECOSA to circulate concrete proposals to improve the functioning of the ECOSA and requested Member States to actively participate in its activities.
181. The Council welcomed offer made by the Islamic Republic Iran to host a Workshop on the Plant Variety Protection (PVP) in June/September, 2014. The details of the hospitality will be conveyed to the Secretariat in due course.
182. While welcoming the implementation of the ECO/FAO-SEC Project on Seed Sector Development in the region, which was signed by Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan, the Council requested non-signatory Member States to sign and actively participate in its activities.
183. The Council appreciated the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for signing the Agreement for utilization of US\$ 50,000 from ECO Feasibility and General Purposes Fund (ECO-FGPF) for establishment of the ECO Center for Efficient Utilization of Water for Agriculture (ECO-CEUW). The concerned Pakistani authorities are also requested to kindly announce the exact

date and venue for organizing the 2nd Working Group Meeting on the Establishment of the Center scheduled to be held in 2014, Pakistan.

184. The Council requested Member States (except Turkey) to convey their views/comments on the Draft Plan of Action and Draft Status for establishment of the ECO-CEUW to be finalized during the 2nd Working Group Meeting.

185. The Council thanked Afghanistan, Tajikistan and Turkey for submitting their views which reflected on the Draft Statute of the ECO-RCRM to be submitted to the next CPRs for endorsement/finalization. The finalized Statute to be submitted to the next COM Meeting for final approval. All Member States (except Iran and Turkey) are also requested to contribute and designate their focal points for the Working Group to draw up project proposals for cooperation, as per decisions made by the 2nd Heads of Meteorological Organizations (Antalya, 2010).

186. The Council welcomed holding of the International Training Course on Basic of Calibration on September 30-October 4, 2013 in Ankara by the Republic of Turkey. The Council also welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host an International Training Course on Basic of Calibration scheduled in 2015 and requested the Member States to actively participate in this event.

187. The Council took note of the proposal by the ECO-RCRM for establishment of the Natural Disaster Data System which will be submitted to the ECO Project Monitoring Group for consideration by the CPR.

188. The Council also requested the ECO-MCC to expedite the conveying of the revised Draft Statute and Plan of Action of ECO-MCC for consideration of the Member States.

189. Member States (except Iran) are requested to kindly sign/ratify the Statute of the ECO Veterinary Commission (ECO-VECO).

190. The Council requested the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran to convey to the ECO Secretariat the Plan of Action containing the activities within the ECO-VECO in Tehran for its implementation in 2014/2015.

191. The Council also requested the Islamic Republic of Iran to announce the exact dates and venue for the following events;

- a. 3rd ECO Heads of Veterinary Organizations Meeting scheduled to be held in Iran, in the second half of 2014.
- b. Workshop on Management of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Training Workshop on Central Veterinary Laboratories (CVL) scheduled to be held in 2014, Iran.
- c. 1st Technical Steering Committee for early establishment/operationalization of the ECO-VECO.

192. The Council thanked the concerned authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran for redesigning and launching a new dynamic website for ECO-ABN at www.eco-abn.net for better communication with national focal points as well as biotechnologists and researchers in all member countries and requested Member States to provide information in this regard and nominate focal points for the Network.

193. The Council welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to organize the 2nd Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of the ECO-ABN, on August 30 to September 01, 2014 in Iran, back to back to 13th Crop Sciences Congress which will be held jointly with the 3rd Seed Sciences and Technology Conference from August 26 to 28, 2014, in Iran. Details of hospitality will be conveyed to the secretariat in due course.

194. The Council also requested concerned authorities of Islamic Republic of Iran to consider the following proposals for reviewing during the 2nd Expert Group Meeting:

- a. Establishment of a platform for harmonization of bio-safety regulations and capacity building for GMO detection. (Iran, Pakistan and Turkey)
- b. Establishment of an intellectual property rights network and capacity building program in this field. (Pakistan and Iran)
- c. Using bio-technology tools for characterization and utilization of agricultural genetic resources for sustainable agriculture and food security (Iran)

195. The Council noted the request of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the coordinating country of ECO-ABN for allocation of an extra US\$ 50,000/- from ECO Feasibility Study and General Purposes Fund for the establishment of ECO-ABN. The Council as requested the Iranian side to convey this request alongwith full justification about the benefits of the ABN to the Member States.

• Industry

196. The Council highlighted the role of industrial cooperation in sustainable development of the Region and requested the Member States to consider hosting the 4th ECO Ministerial and 3rd HLEG Meetings on Industry in 2014 and inform the ECO Secretariat by June 2014.

197. The Council requested the Member States to sign (except Afghanistan and Turkey) and ratify (except Iran) the Statute of RISCAM to pave the way for early operationalization of the Institute.

198. The Council requested the Member States to provide the ICU (Interim Coordination Unit) of RISCAM with the relevant data and documents according to the questionnaire which has been circulated to the Member States by the Secretariat required for the establishment of a database on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology and related website in

2014, according to the questionnaire which have been circulated by the Secretariat. The Council also requested Iran to organize the 1st Task Force Meeting of relevant experts for establishment of the database as soon as the documents and data are compiled.

199. The Council requested the ICU (RISCAM) to finalize drafting basic documents i.e. Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations, Staff Regulations Budget proposal and etc by mid 2014 utilizing the US\$ 50,000, allocated from FGP Fund for this purpose. The council also requested the designated focal points from Member States to intensify their efforts in the activities of ICU. Additional information will be provided by Kazakhstan in due course.

200. In order to attach more support to the operationalization of RISCAM as a Regional Institution of ECO, the Council elevated the EGM on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology to HLWG and requested all Member States to actively follow up all procedures for early establishment of this Institute. The Council also requested Iran to host the HLWG Meeting.

201. The Council welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Workshop on Conformity Assessment in 2014.

202. The Council supported the 3rd phase of ECO-UNIDO Project on Trade Capacity Building of Member States titled "Achieving Good Governance & Sustainability through Quality Policy Formulation in the ECO Region" implementation of which will directly contribute to the very objectives of RISCAM and pave the way for early operationalization of this regional Institute by developing effective and efficient quality infrastructure and technical regulations framework with the view to harmonizing standards and regulations regionally and in compliance with international standards.

203. The AIT Directorate of the Secretariat is requested to actively participate in the 3rd phase of ECO-UNIDO Project on Trade Capacity Building of Member States titled "Achieving Good Governance & Sustainability through Quality Policy Formulation in the ECO Region" and coordinate all the ongoing activities with regard to standardization, conformity assessment, accreditation and metrology in the Region.

204. The Council appreciated the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Workshop on Standardization on 10-12 February 2014 in Izmir.

205. The Council welcomed the willingness of the Republic of Turkey and any other Member States to extend training services and technical assistance to the Member States on privatization practices.

206. The Meeting thanked the Republic of Azerbaijan for announcing to hold the 2nd Meeting of Coordination Committee on Industrial Property Rights in the first half of June 2014, in Baku. The exact dates and details of the hospitality will be conveyed to the ECO Secretariat in due course.

207. The Council requested the Secretariat to approach the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and conclude a cooperative agreement with WIPO, taking into account the importance of cooperation between the two organizations on industrial property rights.

208. The Council also requested the Member States to inform the Secretariat their relevant programs/plans on Industrial Property Rights.

209. The Council thanked the Islamic Republic of Iran for renewing its offer to host the 4th Steering Committee Meeting on Entrepreneurship and SME Development alongside relevant exhibitions in July 2014. It reiterated its previous request to the Member States for their active participation in SME development cooperation.

210. The council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to share its experiences in the field of SME Development with the interested Member States and requested the interested Member States to share their views and needs on the SME Development in due course to the Secretariat.

211. The Member States were requested to organize training workshops for SME development for introducing the latest trends and best practices.

212. The Council requested the Member States to participate in the 2nd Steering Committee and the Joint workshop on Nanotechnology on the sidelines of 5th International Nano Structure Conference on 6-9 March, 2014 in Kish Island, Iran.

213. The Council Requested Iran to operationalize the ECO Nano Network (ECONANO) utilizing the amount allocated from the Feasibility Study Fund.

214. The council requested the interested Member Countries to offer their project proposals to develop and enhance this important technology in the region.

215. Iran offered to host the ECO Meeting on Nanotechnology in 2014. The details of hospitality will be informed in due course through the Secretariat.

216. The Council requested Iran to submit the project proposals on (1) identifying potential transferors and transferees in the ECO region and (2) identifying supporters of Technology Transfer process in the region.

217. The Council requested the Secretariat to initiate/intensify cooperation with relevant international organizations, development agencies and financial institutions with (but not limited to) UNIDO, ISO, WAITRO, ADB, OPEC Fund, TICA, KOICA JICA, RCSTT, International Association of Nanotechnology, ECOTDB, IDB and WB for the purpose of regional development through co-

designing or co- implementation of projects and co-organizing workshops and training courses.

- **Tourism**

218. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Tourism Ministers and the 5th HLEG Meeting on Tourism on 3-5 November 2014 in Istanbul and called upon the ECO Members to actively participate in these events.

219. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the ASEAN – ECO Joint Forum on Tourism on the sidelines of the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Tourism Ministers, to be held on 3-5 November 2014 in Istanbul and called upon the Member Countries to actively participate in this event.

220. The Council appreciated the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and Iran for transferring its pledged contribution to the ECO Tourism Promotion Fund in 2014 and requested the concerned ECO members to transfer their pledged contribution to make the Fund operational.

221. The Council requested Islamic Republic of Iran to organize the Board of Trustees of the Tourism Promotion Fund as soon as the pledged contributions are transferred to the Secretariat's accounts.

222. The Council reiterated its request to the Member Countries to provide the necessary information for the "Ecotourism for the ECO Region" to be prepared by the Republic of Turkey.

223. The Council appreciated ECO-CCI for hosting the 2nd Coordination Committee Meeting on Health Tourism Cooperation in ECO Region on 27 November, 2013 in Mashhad in collaboration with the ECO Secretariat on the sidelines of the 4th Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries and requested the Chamber to follow up and implement the decisions of the Meeting.

224. The Council welcomed the offer of the ECO- CCI for hosting the 3rd Coordination Committee Meeting on Health Tourism Cooperation in ECO Region on the sidelines of the 5th Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries in 2014 in Mashhad in collaboration with the Secretariat. All member States were requested to actively participate in the Meeting. The details of hospitality and exact date will be conveyed to the Secretariat in due course.

225. The Council also welcomed the offer of ECO-CCI to organize the 1st ECO Confobition (conference+ exhibition) on Health Tourism in 2014 in Iran and requested the host country to inform the date and details of hospitality and the ECO Member States to actively participate in this event.

226. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the Workshop and Study Visit on Health Tourism on 29-30 September 2014 in Istanbul and requested the ECO Member Countries to actively participate in this event.

227. The council requested the Member States to encourage the private sector involvement in the regional tourism activities through participation in the relevant meetings/events/initiatives. And in this connection, the ECO CCI is requested to explore the possibility of setting up regional tourism platforms to coordinate the activities of the national private sector associations/forums/federations with the purpose of sustainable tourism promotion and propose to the 3rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Tourism.

228. The council requested the Member States to form a contact group on the sidelines of Silk Road related meetings, conferences and events to effectively pursue the collective interests of ECO Region and enhance the role of ECO in international tourism market. The ECO Secretariat was also requested to participate in Silk Road related meetings, conferences and events and coordinate participation of Member States in such events within and outside the ECO Region.

229. The Member States asked the Secretariat to start establishing relations with the relevant international organization in the field of tourism industry i.e. UNWTO.

230. The Member States may request the Secretariat to approach national and international development agencies like ECOTDB, IDB, OPEC Fund, JICA and etc for securing fund for tourism related projects in the region.

231. The Council welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to hold the periodic and annual exhibitions on tourism and handicrafts among the member States. In this regard Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization (ICHTO) announce its readiness for hosting the first round of the exhibition in the second half of 2014.

(e) Projects, Economic Research & Statistics

- **Project**

232. The Council welcomed the amendments made by the Secretariat in 2013 in the text of the "Guidelines for ECO Projects" which is the main document on standard procedure and modalities for implementation of the ECO projects with the objective to improve *efficiency*, *dynamism*, and *visibility* in ECO operations. The Council also stressed on regular holding of the Project Monitoring Group Meetings on a quarterly basis by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Member States for continuous supervision of the Secretariat and Member States over a more effective implementation of projects, needed for expanding economic cooperation in the region.

233. The Council appreciated the ongoing preparations for the Fourth Regional Training Workshop on "Project Assessment and Evaluation" for the ECO Member States scheduled to be conducted in 2014 in Ankara in cooperation with the Islamic Research and Training Institute – IRTI – from the IDB Group, and SESRIC of the OIC. The training builds on a series of training exercises provided to the project involved staff of the ECO Member States and the Secretariat by international organizations, including UNDP, IRT/IDB, FAO, and SESRIC to strengthen institutional capacity of the Member States on projects. The IRTI has particularly contributed to the ECO in the area of project management, risk assessment, and implementation through the training programme in previous years, namely, by co-organizing the two training workshops for the ECO Secretariat's staff and the Member States in 2012 on "Project Risk Management".

234. In view of the effective implementation of ECO projects and with the objective of speeding up progress in their implementation and, as recommended by the ECO Eminent Persons Group (EPG), the Council stressed the need to increase the share of contributions of the Member States to the ECO Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) from the current five percent for projects implementation.

235. The Council welcomed the completion of the two reconstruction projects in Afghanistan, as envisaged by the 21st COM. It took note of the readiness of the Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TICA) for contribution to the ECO Special Fund for Reconstruction of Afghanistan (SFRA) with special focus on the reconstruction projects related to agriculture. As urged by the 21st COM, the Council requested the Member States that have not transferred their pledges to the ECO Special Fund for Reconstruction of Afghanistan yet, to do so, to enable the Secretariat to complete the ongoing projects and to initiate new projects, as submitted and followed up by relevant authorities of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The Council also requested the remaining Member States to make their relevant contributions to SFRA - to express solidarity with the people of Afghanistan. Afghanistan thanked the Member States for their relevant contributions to the Special Fund for Reconstruction of Afghanistan and requested the remaining Member Countries to transfer their pledged amounts to the fund in compliance with provisions of 22nd and 23rd RPC meetings.

236. Following the provisions of the Tehran Declaration-2013 that acknowledged the need for necessary streamlining project implementation in diverse areas of the ECO, the Secretariat has developed the Project Proposal on the "Development and Installation of the Project Monitoring and Information Management Systems (PMIS) at Secretariat and in the Member States", for obtaining greater efficiency & effectiveness of project operations, as envisaged by the 19th-23rd RPC Meetings. The project proposal aims to strengthen the IT-generated link between responsible Directorates at Secretariat and the Project Implementation Units (PIU) in the Member States for development effectiveness.

237. In addition, the formal tool of fast tracking the progress on the implementation of the ECO projects in the Member States has been monitored by the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) established at Secretariat on 2nd December 2009. Since then, the PMG has conducted seven senior level project review meetings of which the minutes have been posted on ECO Web, for transparency in ECO project operations. Along similar lines, the project details have been provided at full for the 23rd RPC and 21st COM Meetings for information of the Member States on the subject matter.

- **Economic Research**

238. The Council noted with satisfaction the Report of the 3rd Meeting of the ECO Permanent Steering Committee on Economic Research (PSCER), held on 20-21 August 2013 in Issyk-Kul, and appreciated the Kyrgyz Republic for hosting this event and the inputs provided by the Member States in implementing and expanding the ECO Plan of Action on Economic Research with concrete actions. The Council also appreciated the offer of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the 5th Meeting of the PSCER in 2015 and requested the remaining Member States to post their proposals for hosting the 4th Meeting of the Committee in 2014. Tajikistan was reported to have been approached by the Chairman on the possibility of hosting the 4th Meeting of the PSCER in the second half of year 2014. Turkey has volunteered to make a presentation before the meeting on the highlights of the macroeconomic development of Turkey. It was suggested that the presentation as well as economics related data on Turkey be posted on the ECO website for sharing information amongst ECO Member States. Presentation is attached as **Annex-VIII**.

239. The Council appreciated implementation of the ECO Joint Economic Research Programme (JERP) which was rendered full support of by the 21st COM for development and continual review of the common development strategy and economic policies of the ECO region in line with major global trends. The Council noted that the 3rd PSCER Meeting considered new project concepts and proposals of the Member States and finalized completion of some. In this regard, the Council appreciated completion of the two research projects under the EJERP, carried out by Iran and by Kazakhstan, and requested the Secretariat to follow up with submission of research project proposals that had been considered and approved at expert level in the meetings of the PSCER to the CPR for final approval, including the proposals of Pakistan, namely, "Trade Liberalization and Food Security in the ECO region" and "Economic Management Modelling for the ECO region". In this regard, the Council noted that projects of the ECO Joint Economic Research Programme (JEPR), as mandated by the 21st RPC, has been completed (with the exception of the above two).

240. The Council requested the PSCER to propose the thematic topics of future RPC meetings and, in this regard, one for the upcoming 25th RPC meeting was suggested as: *"Enhancing Infrastructure Development in the ECO Region"*. It was agreed that the thematic topics of future RPCs be reviewed and considered by the PSCER prior to their submission to the CPR for final approval.

241. The Council noted with satisfaction the completion of the economic research project on "Perspectives of Intra-regional Trade in ECO Countries" by the Economic Research Institute of the Republic of Kazakhstan as the Coordinating Country in 2013. The Council appreciated that the final Report of the project was already circulated to Member States (by note No. 1841 dated 28 October 2013) and is posted on the ECO webpage by the Secretariat for wide public access. The Council also noted with satisfaction the completion of the two research projects carried out by Iran: "ECO: Prospects and Achievements" and "Comparative Study on the Relationship b/w Energy Consumption and Social and Economic Indicators in ECO Countries".

242. The Council noted the approval by the 189th CPR of the novice research project proposal, initiated by Azerbaijan, on the theme "*Exchange of Experiences and Strengthening Inter-agency Cooperation on the Development of Ecologically Clean Agriculture in ECO Member Countries*" and requested the Coordinating Country to prepare and submit interim reports on project implementation to PSCER, for consideration and assessment. The Council has acknowledged that implementation of the research project "*Study on Applicability of General Equilibrium (CGE) Model in ECO Countries and Capacity Building*" as currently ongoing in Azerbaijan and, appreciated the Coordinating Country's generous contribution to the ECO, in this regard. The Council acknowledged that the project proposal initiated by the Kyrgyz Republic "*Strategy of the Development of Sustainable Energy Markets in the ECO and in Central Asia*" was considered by the 7th Project Monitoring Group Meeting (PMG) held on 14th October 2013, at Secretariat, for budget considerations prior to submission to the 189th CPR, and assigned by 7th PMG to Energy/Minerals/Environment Department, for implementation. Iran has been requested by the Council to forward to the Secretariat draft project proposals for four research themes, as proposed by Iran at PSCER Meetings. The Council requested the PERS Directorate to develop a concept paper on: Regional Financial and Commodity Exchange Markets with the Specific Focus on Economic Integration in ECO.

243. The Council noted with satisfaction the compilation of the 4th ECO Economic Journal in close cooperation of the working group of Member States, established by the 1st Meeting of the Editorial Board of ECO Economic Journal (8 November 2012, Baku). The issue will be presented to the 2nd Meeting of the Editorial Board of ECO Economic Journal, to be held on 26th April 2014, in Baku, on the sidelines of the 1st Regional Training Course on Practical CGE Modeling with GAMS for the ECO Member States scheduled for 21-25th April 2014, in the same venue. The information on the above has been circulated to the Member States through Secretariat's Note No.213 dated 16th February 2014. The Council requested that in prospective training on economic modelling, the new model, such as, DSGE should be considered.

244. The Council appreciated the publication of the ECO Annual Economic Report for year 2012. The report has been circulated to the Member States through Secretariat's Note No.215, and has been posted on ECO Web for public

access. In quest for publication of the Report for year 2013, as per schedules, the Council requested Member States to provide their country reports on economic performance of their respective countries in 2013, and also, relevant statistical data for 2013 to the Secretariat at earliest possible.

245. The Council welcomed the Report of the First Baku Forum of the ECO Member States' Economic Think Tank held on 5-6 September 2013 in Baku, and appreciated the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the event and also, economic research contributions of the Member States in establishing sustainable partnership amongst the Economic Think Tank Centres of the Member Countries and, in deliberating issues pertaining to regional strategies and policies, geared for sustainable economic development of the ECO region. The Council also noted with satisfaction the outcomes of the "First International Conference on Energy, Regional Integration, and Socio-Economic Development of the ECO region" held in the sidelines of the Forum. The latter has considered the analytical papers/abstracts/reviews/theses related to the theme of the Forum. The Council welcomed the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the 2nd ECO Forum of the ECO Member States Economic Think Tanks to be held on 1-3 October 2014, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

246. The Council welcomed the establishment of the ECO Research Centre (ERC) in Baku, Azerbaijan, and approval of its Charter by the 21st Council of Ministers (COM) to integrate economic think tanks of the ECO Member States for the implementation of the ECO Plan of Action on Economic Research and to develop long term economic strategies and policies for the region. The Council requested the Republic of Azerbaijan to prepare work plan, financial plan, and other basic documents of the Centre required for the operationalization of the ERC, to be circulated to the Member States, for feedback. The Republic of Azerbaijan requested legal advisory assistance from the Secretariat in preparing the above said documents.

- **Statistics**

247. The Council thanked the Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) for making preparations for holding the 4th Meeting of the ECO Heads of National Statistical Offices, scheduled to be held on 5-6 December 2013 in Antalya. The Council noted that the said meeting has been postponed to 2014 upon the request of the ECO Secretariat and has been included in the PERS Calendar of Events for 2014. The new dates will be communicated in joint coordination between host country and the Secretariat.

248. The Council noted that the 6th High Level Expert Group Meeting on Statistics is included in the PERS Calendar of Events for 2014. The said Meeting was included in the Calendar of Events in 2013 but since there was no offer from the Member States for hosting this event, it was not convened in 2013. With regard to the importance of regular convention of this basic statistical meeting for implementation of the ECO Plan of Action on Statistics and development of statistical cooperation in the region, the Council requested those Member States

that have not hosted this meeting yet, to provide their offer for hosting this event in 2014.

249. The Council expressed its satisfaction on regular updates of ECO Statistical Network (ECOSTAT) with data, Statistics and information, made by the Secretariat with technical support of the Statistical Centre of Iran. The Council appreciated the Member States for submission of their Compendium 2012 and requested those countries that have not provided the requested data to the Secretariat, to do so at the possible earliest. The Council also urged the Member States for submission of their filled-in Compendium 2013 to enable the Secretariat to make updates on the ECOSTAT with the new data for 2013. Iran voiced its readiness to continue to support the ECOSTAT and requested those Member States that have not nominated their Focal Points, to do so, at the earliest.

250. The Council appreciated the work done by the Secretariat for compilation of the ECO Key Statistical Indicators (ECOKSI) 2012 and dissemination of the updated ECOKSI on the ECOSTAT. The Council requested those Member States that have not provided their requested data for 2012 to do so at the earliest for filling up the missing data of the ECOKSI 2012 by the Secretariat. It also urged the Member States to provide the Secretariat with the new statistical data for 2013, needed for compilation of updated ECOKSI 2013 and dissemination on the ECOSTAT by the Secretariat.

251. The Council welcomed publication of the ECO Statistical Report 2013 as the new statistical publication of the Organization and appreciated the PERS Directorate for producing this professional statistical review and its dissemination on the ECOSTAT. The Council noted that two statistical reports including "ECO Population" and "ECO Economy" have been compiled and disseminated on the ECOSTAT in 2013. The Council requested the Secretariat to continue its work for compilation and publication of such informative statistical report for priority areas of the Organization and the region.

252. The Council appreciated the PERS Directorate for sustained efforts in implementation of the statistical capacity building programme with conducting three regional training workshops in different fields of statistics for the Member States in 2013. Generous contributions from the international partners for co-organizing the training workshops were highly evaluated by the Council. The Council also expressed its thanks to the Member States for active participation in the training workshops/courses and requested them to provide their statistical needs for development of statistical training programme to the Secretariat, as envisaged by the Regional Partners' Working Group for Statistical Capacity Building in ECO region, established by the 5th HLEG Meeting on Statistics (4-5 December 2012, Ankara). Iran proposed to host a training workshop related to the ECO Statistical Capacity Building Programme in collaboration with ECO Secretariat based on mutual agreements and also, a Field Study Visit of ECO Member States on Agriculture Census of the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2014. Also, Iran expressed its readiness to send its lecturers/experts to the Member

States for conducting Statistical Training Workshops on the topics of Sampling Survey Methodology, Statistical Analysis and Basic and Advanced SAS Programming, upon request and, in collaboration with ECO Secretariat, based on a mutual agreement.

253. The Council noted with satisfaction the report of the training workshop on *"Developing a Programme for the Implementation of the 2008 SNA and Supporting Statistics for ECO Member Countries"* that was conducted for ECO Member States from 11-13 September 2013 in Ankara and appreciated the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) for their contribution for organizing this regional workshop. The workshop aimed to initiate the formulation of a national strategy and implementation programme for the 2008 SNA and supporting system-wide socio-economic statistics for ECO member countries.

254. The Council expressed its satisfaction for the report of the *"First FAO Regional Training Course on CountryStat Programme"* for ECO Member States that was held from 21-25 October 2013 in Ankara and appreciated the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) for their contribution for conducting this regional training event. This training workshop was a part of the capacity building of the ECO-FAO joint statistical project on *"Support for the Implementation and Development of the CountryStat Framework in the ECO Countries"* which is being implemented, in the first step, in Afghanistan as the pilot country. This project, in the second phase and upon successful implementation in Afghanistan, is going to cover other Member States for development of the FAO CountryStat Programme.

255. The Council welcomed the report of the training workshop on *"Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Indicators"* for the Member States which was conducted within 8-10 December 2013 in Tehran and appreciated the Statistical Centre of Iran and the UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) for their contribution for organizing this regional workshop. The workshop focused on the concepts and methodologies on collecting the statistics needed to comply with the international requirements in the field of STI, in particular Research and Development (R&D) and Innovation statistics.

256. The Council also noted with satisfaction the efforts made by the PERS Directorate for organizing the training workshop on *"New International Standards about Statistics of Work of Labour Force with applications to sex and age disaggregated data"* which was conducted in joint cooperation with the Statistical Centre of Iran and the UNFPA Country Office in Iran for ECO countries within 23-25 September 2013 in Tehran. The main objective of the workshop was to acquaint participants on the new draft international standards on labor statistics submitted by the ILO to guide countries in updating and integrating their existing statistical programmes and to monitor the labour market and related economic and social policies.

257. The Council noted that the first Meeting of the Committee on Regional Harmonized Statistical Methodology (CRHSM) is included in the PERS Calendar of Events for 2014-2015. Since organizing the first meeting of this Committee is due and with regard to the importance of holding the first meeting of this Committee for initiating the process for establishment of harmonized statistical system in the region, the Council urged the Member States for their contribution by proposing for hosting this event in 2014. In this regard, the National Statistical Offices of Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were requested to nominate their respective representatives to the Committee, at the earliest. Also, Member States (excluding Azerbaijan, Iran, Kyrgyz Republic and Turkey) were requested to provide their Metadata with their filled-in Compendium 2013 to the Secretariat.

258. The Council appreciated continuous efforts of PERS Directorate in seeking technical and financial assistance from regional and international organizations. In this regard, the Council expressed with satisfaction constructive cooperation of PERS Directorate with the UNSD, FAO, SESRIC, UIS, IRTI, UNFPA and PARIS21 for implementation of capacity building programme of the Organization with conducting several training workshops for Member States in 2013. The Council requested the Secretariat to continue its efforts for development of knowledge, expertise and proficiency in the region in close cooperation with regional and international organizations. Cooperation of the PERS Directorate with international organizations, including the UN bodies, has been encouraged.

(f) Human Resources & Sustainable Development

• Human Resource Development

259. The Council requested the Member States to enhance cooperation in capacity-building activities, as well as sharing experiences, best practices and knowledge on human resource development in ECO Region. The Council also recognized the important role that ECO affiliated bodies can play in capacity building and requested the Secretariat to make necessary arrangements.

260. The Council requested the Member States to offer new topics and specific activities for cooperation on the field of Human Development and positively consider hosting the training programmes, workshops, expert group meetings and study tours on HRD priority areas and Civil Registration issues in 2014/2015.

261. The Council called on the Secretariat to approach the regional and international organizations, including IDB, ESCAP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNAIDS, UNICEF and WHO for their support for preparation and implementation of the project on human resource development and the MDGs.

262. The Council welcomed

- i) the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 3rd Meeting of the ECO High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Human Development and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as well as Post MDGs era in November 2014.
- ii) the offer by Republic of Turkey to host the 2nd Meeting of the ECO Heads of National Organizations/Centers for Civil Registration in Ankara in the second part of 2014.
- iii) the renewed offer by the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 1st Meeting of the ECO Heads of Ministries/Organizations Responsible for Human Resource Development in September/October 2014.

263. The Council requested the Member States to prepare regional project proposals on health related MDGs and Post MDGs era, taking into consideration the 'guiding principles' circulated among them by the ECO Secretariat and using the findings and recommendations of the ECO Regional Report on Health related MDGs.

264. The Council requested the Member States to provide the Secretariat with the web-addresses (English version) of their relevant main State HRD bodies in order to link them with the webpage of Human Resource Development in the official website of the ECO Secretariat.

265. The Council requested the Member States to introduce/regularly update the information of their focal points on health related MDGs, Civil Registration and Human Resource Development.

- **Health**

266. The Council requested the Member States to strengthen cooperation in health area to ensure effective incorporating into the larger scheme of regional cooperation and welcomed the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 2nd ECO Health Ministerial Meeting in November 2014 in Tehran.

267. The 2nd ECO Health Ministerial meeting may address, among others, proper health cooperative frameworks taking into account the global health agenda particularly Universal Health Coverage (UHC). The Council acknowledged that the High Level Expert Group meeting on MDGs and post MDGs in November 2014 in Tehran will serve as preparatory meeting on this topic. The ECO Secretariat is mandated to prepare the draft Action Plan on Health for consideration in the HLEG in cooperation with host country and other interested Member States.

268. The Council requested the Member States to positively consider hosting the 2nd Meeting of High Level Drug Regulatory Authorities and the 3rd Study Tour for Health Authorities of the Member States in 2014/15.

269. The Council welcomed

- i) the offer of Republic of Tajikistan to host the 4th Meeting of the ECO Heads/Authorities of Blood Transfusion Organizations in 2015.
- ii) the offer of Republic of Turkey to organize a workshop on "Drug Registration and Licensing, Counterfeit Medicines and Good Manufacturing Practices" on 8-9 May 2014.

270. The Council appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran for holding the Academic Programme on Master of Public Health for the ECO Member States in 2013 and requested the Member States to extend academic scholarships in health related areas to other Member States.

271. The Council requested the Member States to implement the recommendations of the 3rd Meeting of ECO Heads/Authorities of Blood Transfusion Organizations which was held on 14-15 February 2013 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan and to host training courses/workshops, seminars on the remaining priority areas of:

- a. GMP in blood banks (training and inspection)
- b. Incorporation of IT and Automated Screening in blood transfusion system
- c. Procurement collaboration (Blood bags and equipments)
- d. Hemovigilance
- e. Research and Academic collaboration (training and education on transfusion sciences and medicine)
- f. Collaboration in Plasma Industry (plasma collection and plasma fractionation)

272. The Council appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran for creating the Blood Safety Network and requested the Secretariat to facilitate access of Member States to the Network through designated accredited representatives.

273. The Council requested the Member States to provide the Secretariat with the information on their pharmaceutical websites (English version) in order to link them with the Pharmaceutical Web Page established in the ECO website (www.ecosecretariat.org/pharmaceutical).

274. The Council requested the Member States to introduce/regularly update the information of their focal points on Drug (Pharmaceutical) and Blood Transfusion Cooperation.

- **Disaster Risk Management**

275. The Council requested the Member States to strengthen cooperation on natural disasters involving all stakeholders including local communities, non-

governmental organizations and private enterprises, and to propose holding events/conferences/seminars/workshops on Disaster Risk Reduction in 2014/2015. The Council also welcomed the offer of Republic of Turkey to organize a workshop on "Use of High Technologies in Disaster Management" in late 2014.

276. The Council requested the Member States for regular dissemination of information on their activities and regulations on disaster risk management among themselves through ECO Secretariat.

277. The Council requested ECO Secretariat to continue cooperation on Disaster Risk Management with relevant international and regional organizations, particularly UN-ISDR, UN/OCHA, UN-HABITAT, UNDP and UNESCAP for their technical and financial support.

278. The Council welcomed the offer of Republic of Azerbaijan to host the "7th ECO International Conference on Disaster Risk Management" in Gabala in June 2014.

279. The Council requested the Member States to nominate/regularly update the information regarding their related focal points on Disaster Risk Management cooperation.

280. The Council requested the Member States to provide the Secretariat with the information on the websites (English version) of their Disaster Risk Management bodies in order to link them with the webpage of Disaster Risk Management in the official website of the ECO Secretariat (<http://www.ecosecretariat.org/DRM>).

281. The Council requested the Secretariat to coordinate all the matters/activities related to Disaster Risk Management through HRSD Directorate.

(g) Drug & Organized Crime Coordination Unit (DOCCU)

282. The Council reiterated its earlier request urging the Member States to extend their fullest support to the DOCCU and expedite sending their country reports and statistics on drug control to DOCCU for preparation of yearly Statistics and Analytical Report of Drug Situation in the ECO Region.

283. The Council welcomed:

- i) the offer of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 4th ECO Interior Ministers Meeting in 2014.
- ii) the offer of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting the 2nd Meeting of Heads of INTERPOL of ECO Member States in 2014.

- iii) the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the 2nd Meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States in June 2014 in Antalya.
- iv) the offer of Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 1st Meeting of ECO Drug Liaison Officers (DLOs) in the framework of the EU funded project in May 2014.
- v) the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host an Experts Group Meeting (EGM) for preparation of a Plan of Action on Terrorism in October 2014.
- vi) The offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host a technical meeting with ECO decision making bodies (Drug Demand Reduction) in the framework of the EU funded project.

The Council requested the Member States to actively participate in the above important meetings at the highest/appropriate level.

284. The Council requested the Secretariat in consultation with interested Member States to arrange for hosting the following meetings in 2014:

- i. 2nd Meeting of Chiefs of Police of ECO Member States.
- ii. 3rd meeting of Heads of Anti Corruption Organizations and Ombudsmen of the ECO Member States.
- iii. 2nd National Focal Points (NFPs) Meeting on Drug Control Matters in the framework of the EU funded project.

285. Considering the establishment of the ECOPOL for effective fight against trans-boundary crimes in the Region, the Council authorized the ECO Secretariat to host the 2nd Experts Group Meeting (EGM) for finalizing necessary formalities/documents for establishment of ECOPOL, to be financed by the ad-hoc ECOPOL Fund, in May 2014 and requested the Member States to actively participate in the Meeting. The Republic of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan expressed their views that the establishment of ECOPOL should be treated in light of EPG recommendations and requested for additional information on the initiative to establish ECOPOL.

286. While taking note of signing of the Statute of the ECO Regional Centre for Cooperation of Anti Corruption Agencies and Ombudsmen (RCCACO) by the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Tajikistan, the Council requested other Member States to expedite completing their respective national procedures so that the RCCACO could start functioning at the earliest.

287. The Council welcomed:

- i) the proposal of the Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Workshop on Countering Cybercrime in May 2014.

- ii) the offer of the Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Training Course on Crisis Management in October 2014.
- iii) the offer of the Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran for organizing a workshop on "Best Practices on Drug Demand Reduction" in 3-7 May or 14-18 June 2014 in the framework of the EU funded project.
- iv) the offer of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the "Drug Interdiction at Airports" Workshop in Istanbul in 2014 in the framework of the EU funded project.
- v) the offers of General Inspection Organizations of the Islamic Republic of Iran for organizing two workshops on i) Investigative Techniques and ii) Complaint Management in Tehran.

The Council requested Member States to actively participate in the above mentioned training events.

288. The Council appreciated:

- i) the Drug Control Headquarter (DCHQ) of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the National Focal Point Meeting on Drug Control Matters on 8-9 May 2013 in Tehran and requested the Member States to actively follow up the 12-point recommendations of the Meeting to be exclusively pursued by the meeting of Drug Liaison Officers.
- ii) holding of the "Train the Trainers" Workshop within the framework of the EU-funded project and with the technical support of TADOC on 17-21 June 2013 in Ankara.
- iii) the Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran for organizing Experts Group Meeting on Scientific Detection of Crime on 18-19 February 2013 in Tehran.
- iv) holding of the "Interview and Interrogation Techniques" Workshop within the framework of the EU-funded project and with the technical support of TADOC on 2-6 December 2013 in Ankara.

289. The Council appreciated the European Commission and the German International Cooperation Agency (GIZ) for extending the project titled "Fight against Trafficking from/to Afghanistan with the ECO Member States" until the end of 2014. In this regard, the Council acknowledged the efforts by the ECO-DOCCU in facilitating implementation of the Project.

290. The Council welcomed the offer of DOCCU for preparing the first report for harmonization of the drug-related legal policies of Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan. The Council further requested the participating countries (except Pakistan) to nominate focal points to facilitate the implementation of this activity.

291. While appreciating the European Commission for its financial support to organize workshops, training courses and meetings in the framework of EU funded Project titled "Fight against Trafficking from/ to Afghanistan with the ECO Member States", the Council requested the ECO Secretariat to organize similar activities in 2014".

292. The Council took note of ECO Plan of Action on Combating Transnational Organized crime, approved by 3rd ECO Interior Ministers Meeting and requested Member States to expedite implementation of the mentioned Plan of Action.

293. The Council requested Member States to expedite nomination of National Focal Points on i) Drug, ii) Terrorism, iii) Transnational Organized Crime (TOC), iv) Human Trafficking, v) Anti Narcotics Police Laboratories of the Member States as well as National Coordinator on i) Drug, ii) Terrorism and iii) Transnational Organized Crime, and Liaison Officers for Police Cooperation.

294. Referring to DOCCU website (<http://www.ecodccu.org>), the Council urged the Drug Liaison Officers of the Member States to facilitate smooth functioning of this website which is especially designed with the view to enhancing exchange of information and best practices at the regional level.

(h) Inter-Regional ECO Activities

(i) ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies

295. In order to provide greater impetus to the objectives of the Organization, especially in the fields of science, culture and education, the Council encouraged the ECO Specialized Agencies to synergize their activities to promote cooperation in the relevant areas. The Council also appreciated the ongoing collaboration between the ECOSF and ECOEI for the promotion of science, technology and education.

296. Representatives of the Member States during Brainstorming meeting of the Heads of Delegation requested the ECO Secretariat to provide detailed information about the structure of ECO System including pending proposal of creation of new bodies and relevant reports regarding the work already was done and goals achieved by ECO related bodies.

297. The Council encouraged the Member States to positively consider joining the ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies and Centres, which are under process of establishment by the relevant decision making bodies.

- **ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)**

298. The Council appreciated the work and activities of the Institute in promoting cooperation amongst the member states in the areas of culture, literature and arts.

299. The Council appreciated the holding of the first ECO Poetry Night in August 2013 which played a useful part in fostering interaction among the poets and literary figures of the member states. The Council encouraged the Institute to hold similar events in the coming period as well.

300. The Council encouraged the Institute to expand its scope of activities and to develop and foster cooperation among member states in other areas outlined in its Charter.

301. The Council requested the non-ratifying member states to ratify/accede to the Charter of the Institute in order to further promote cultural cooperation in the region. The Institute may follow-up on this issue with the concerned member states.

302. The Council encouraged the Institute to hold sporting events/tournaments. The Council also asked the member states to support the Institute in holding the 'First ECO Chess Tournament', which ECI intends to hold in 2014.

303. The Council recalled the decision of the last RPC Meeting regarding holding of ECO cultural weeks in the ratifying member states for promoting awareness about ECO and the region's culture. In this context, the Council requested the member states to consider extending necessary financial and logistical support to ECI for holding these cultural weeks.

304. Recalling the decision of the last RPC meeting about the establishment of coordination units on Youth Affairs and Sports, the Council requested the member states to extend necessary support to ECI for this initiative.

305. Taking note of the severe financial problems being faced by the Institute due to non-payment of mandatory contributions by the member states, the Council requested the concerned member states to pay their annual contributions and arrears at the earliest.

306. The Council appreciated the voluntary contribution of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran amounting to about US\$ 200,000 in the fiscal year 2014 which considerably facilitated the smooth functioning of the Institute.

307. The Council appreciated the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran for providing the building for ECI. However, taking into account the expanded activities of the ECI, requested the Government of Iran to kindly consider providing a more appropriate premises for smooth functioning of the Institute.

308. The Council took note with appreciation of the formal inauguration of the ECO Park in Tehran on the sidelines of the 21st Meeting of the Council of Ministers on 26 November 2013. The Council encouraged the Institute to organize cultural and literary events in the park with the support of Tehran Municipality and member states in order to create awareness about ECO and the region's culture. The Council also asked the member states to support ECI in this regard and to provide detailed proposals to showcase their national and cultural heritage at the Park.

- **ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF)**

309. The Council appreciated the activities organized by the Foundation in promoting cooperation amongst the member states in the field of science and technology.

310. The Council requested the non-ratifying member states to ratify/accede to the ECOSF Charter in order to promote cooperation among the member states in the field of science and technology.

311. Recalling the decision of the last RPC Meeting concerning the nomination of national focal points by the member states, the Council requested the member states which have not nominated their focal points to do so at the earliest in order to facilitate coordination between the Foundation and the member states on relevant issues.

312. In line with the Additional Protocol to the Charter of the ECOSF and the decisions of the 1st BOT Meeting of the Foundation, the Council requested the concerned member states to appoint their respective representatives for the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees.

313. The Council requested the member states which have not yet paid their annual mandatory contributions, to pay the same along with arrears at the earliest.

314. Recalling the decision of the last RPC Meeting, the Council requested the member states which had pledged to make contributions to the "Science and Technology Fund" for funding projects of the Foundation (Afghanistan: US\$ 200,000, Iran: US\$ 100,000 and Pakistan: US\$1 million) to fulfil their pledges.

315. The Council welcomed the granting of the status of an observer member/stakeholder to the ECOSF by the 'Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' (IPBES). This status would enable the Foundation to nominate experts in various areas from within the ECO region for scientific studies, assessment/evaluation of reports and capacity building related to biodiversity and ecosystem services across the world. The member states have already been invited to share nominations for the IPBES expert groups as per the latter's requirements. The Council requested the member states to

support this initiative and forward the requisite nominations for the IPBES expert groups at the earliest.

316. The Council was informed by the President of ECOSF about the status of the premises for the Science Foundation in the under construction building of the Ministry of Science and Technology of Pakistan, as mentioned in decision of the 1st BoT Meeting.

- **ECO Educational Institute (ECOEI)**

317. The Council appreciated the activities of the Institute aimed at promoting cooperation in the field of education and training.

318. The Council welcomed the ratification of the ECOEI Charter by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and requested the non-ratifying members to ratify/acceded to the Charter of the Institute to further promote cooperation in the educational field.

319. In accordance with the Institute's Charter which envisages donations and endowments to cover expenditures on programmes of the Institute; and the decision reached at the 1st BOT Meeting, the Council invited the member states to make generous voluntary contributions to the Institute to enable it to launch appropriate activities, projects and programmes for the promotion of education in the region in line with its mandate.

320. The Council requested the concerned member states to expeditiously share the details of their respective national focal points and to introduce their experts to the Academic Council of the Educational Institute (in accordance with Article III (3) of the Charter and as reiterated in the 1st BOT Meeting). These nominations would enhance Institute's coordination with the member states resulting in its efficient and smooth functioning.

- **ECO Consultancy & Engineering Company (ECO-CEC)**

321. The Council requested the member states to support ECO-CEC in becoming an active regional institution of ECO in light of the recommendations of the study on "Impediments faced by ECO-CEC", which was endorsed at 21st RPC and the 19th COM Meetings.

322. The Council also requested the member states to facilitate effective participation of ECO-CEC in the bidding process for the projects financed from ECO resources and for other national projects, particularly, by timely exchange of information related to the bidding process.

323. The Council asked the Member States and the Secretariat to utilize the expertise of the ECO-CEC in providing consultancy services for projects having regional character.

324. The Council also encouraged the ECO-CEC to be more proactive for projects at regional level in collaboration with the ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECO-TDB) and the ECO Chamber of Commerce (ECO-CC).

- **ECO College of Insurance**

325. The Council took note of the information regarding 40 scholarships currently being offered by the College to the students of the Member States, and asked the College to provide more information about the scholarship programme. The Council also asked the member states to encourage their students to avail scholarship opportunities offered by the College.

326. The Council also invited the Member States to share proposals/recommendations for improving the educational standards and performance of the College.

327. The Council encouraged the College to follow more active approach to implement the objectives outlined in its Statute regarding the imparting of education related to insurance management. The Council also asked the College to enhance networking and exchange of information with relevant institutions in the ECO Member States in order to enrich its academic programmes/curriculum.

- **Establishment of “Group of Diplomatic Training Institutes of ECO Member States”**

328. Recalling the decision of the last RPC Meeting regarding the establishment of Group of Diplomatic Training Institutes of the ECO Member States, the Council requested the interested Member States (except Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan and Turkey) to nominate their focal points for coordination in matters related to the establishment of this Group and exchange of relevant preliminary information in this regard.

(ii) **ECO's External Relations**

329. The Council appreciated Secretariat's commitment to take further concrete steps in accordance with the Treaty of Izmir and the relevant decisions reached at different fora, for development of mutually beneficial cooperative relations with the UN system, Regional/International Organizations and relevant non-ECO States. The Council also encouraged the member states to support the Secretariat in its efforts in this regard.

330. The Council welcomed the establishment of the Contact Group of ECO Ambassadors based in Jakarta. The Council also requested the member states to send instructions to their respective missions, especially those based in New York, Vienna, Geneva, Rome, Bangkok and Jeddah, to play active roles within the Contact Groups mechanism for enlisting support of the UN specialized agencies and other organizations for ECO's initiatives.

331. Considering that a resolution on cooperation between the UN and the ECO will be tabled by the latter at the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2014, the Council requested the CPR to send timely instructions to ECO Contact Group in New York to sponsor the draft Resolution on UN-ECO cooperation later this year.

332. The Council noted the outcomes of the ASEAN-ECO Joint Ministerial Meeting held in New York in September 2013 regarding the promotion of contacts between the business communities of the two regions and promoting cooperation in the tourism sector. The Council also appreciated the initiatives of Azerbaijan and Turkey to develop cooperation with ASEAN in fields of private sector engagement and tourism respectively.

333. In light of the modalities governing the role of the observer members and the modalities for signing new agreements/MOUs, both approved during the 20th COM Meeting, the Council encouraged the Secretariat to promote meaningful cooperation with the interested partners which would support ECO's goals and objectives.

334. Acknowledging the need to enhance the existing level of cooperation between ECO and the UN specialized agencies, funds and programmes, the Council asked the member states to share substantive proposals for further promoting this cooperative relationship.

335. The Council appreciated the initiative of the Republic of Azerbaijan to highlight the issue of the UN Millennium Development Goals related to Green Economy within the framework of the ECO activities, in pursuance of the decision of the 21st COM Meeting. The Council also took note of the report prepared by the Secretariat in this regard.

Agenda Item No.7

Annual ECO Calendar of Events for 2014-2015

336. The Council approved the ECO Calendar of Events for 2014-2015 as provided in ***Annex-IX***.

Agenda Item No.8

Any other business

337. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No.9

Date and Venue of the next Meeting

338. The Council requested the Secretariat to consult with the Member States to finalize date and venue of the next RPC meeting. The Secretariat proposed the Member States to organize the next 25th RPC Meeting in February, 2015.

The Secretariat would work out about the dates and venue of the meeting and convey through diplomatic channels to the Member States.

Agenda Item No.10

Adoption of the Report

339. The Report of the 24th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC) was adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item No.11

Vote of Thanks

340. On behalf of all the participating delegates, the Council expressed its cable of thanks and gratitude to the ECO Secretariat for making excellent arrangements and organizing the proceedings of the Review Committees which resulted in the success of the Meeting.

341. The proceedings of the 24th Regional Planning Council were concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair for conducting the deliberations of the meeting in a smooth and efficient manner and also appreciated the efforts made by the Secretary General and his staff for preparing comprehensive Working Papers and other documents for the meeting.

ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2014-2015

TRADE & INVESTMENT

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	5 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/ Foreign Trade	Iran	2014
2.	4 th ECO Business Forum	Azerbaijan	2015
3.	First Meeting on the Joint Working Group for Preparation of the draft ECO Trade Facilitation Agreement (ETFA)	Turkey	2014
4.	First meeting of Joint Working Group to prepare and finalize a multi-dimensional Trade and Investment Strategy	Tbd	2014
5.	2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Tax Administration	Tbd	2014
6.	1 st Meeting of Heads of Capital Markets Supervisory Authorities	Tbd	2014
7.	3 rd Meeting of ECO Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs)	Ankara, Turkey	24 April, 2014
8.	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Finance/Economy and Senior Official Meeting preceding the Ministerial Meeting	Kazakhstan	22-23 May, 2014
9.	5 th Meeting of the ECOTA Cooperation Council	Islamabad Pakistan	2-3 April, 2014
10.	6 th Meeting of the ECOTA Cooperation Council	Tbd	2014
11.	4 th ECO Investment Conference	Tajikistan	2014
12.	7 th Meeting of ECO Council of Heads of Customs Administration	Pakistan	2014
13.	Meetings of ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECO-TDB),	Istanbul, Turkey	2014
14.	13 th General Assembly and Sub-Committees Meetings of ECO-CCI	Pakistan	2014
15.	Experts Meeting to Finalize three draft documents on Tax Matters/Systems of Member States	Tehran, Iran	26-28 May, 2014
16.	1 st Meeting of Heads of Investment Promotion Agencies	Tbd	2014
17.	2 nd Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on E Trade Cooperation	Pakistan	2014
18.	ECO Women Entrepreneurs Forum	Pakistan	2014
19.	ECO Product/Catalogue Show	Pakistan	2014
20.	Visit to Member States by T&I Directorate for technical assistance, policy advocacy	Tbd	2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
21.	Workshop titled "Future of Women Entrepreneurship and Capabilities in the ECO Region"	Kayseri, Turkey	6-7 March, 2014
22.	3 rd WTO Seminar on "Doha Negotiations and Accession Process of Member States to WTO"	Pakistan	May 2014
23.	Seminar to highlight the significance of Implementation of ECOTA for enhanced Regional Trade Inflows, Integration of the Member States into the Multilateral Trading System, Economic Growth, Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation	Pakistan	2014
24.	Regional Seminar on "Taxpayers Services	Azerbaijan	2014
25.	Training Seminar on Transfer Pricing for Tax Official	Iran	2014
26.	Seminar on Risk-Based Analysis Management System	Turkey	2014
27.	Training Workshop to facilitate the relevant Authorities and Technical Experts of the ECOTA Contracting Parties in the Execution of ECOTA	Tbd	2014
28.	Workshop on trade arbitration by ECOCCI and UNCITRAL	Iran	2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Only two events to be organized by the following international organizations: WTO, WCO, UNIDO, UNESCAP, WIPO,	Tbd	2014
2.	Events organized by the following organizations: ASEAN, OIC, COMSEC, D-8	Tbd	2014
3.	Astana Economic Forum	Astana, Kazakhstan	May 2014

TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	9 th Ministerial Meeting on Transport and Communications/SOM	Tbd	2014
2.	2 nd Meeting of the ECO Ministers of the ICT	Islamabad, Pakistan	2014
3.	7 th Meeting of the TTCC	Turkey	2014
4.	4 th Meeting of the Customs Transit Committee of the TTCC	Afghanistan	October 2014
5.	7 th Meeting of the Road Committee of the TTCC	Turkey	2014

6.	6 th Meeting of the Insurance Committee of the TTCC/5 th Meeting of the Council of Bureaux (ECO-CB) of the White Card Scheme +training course	Turkey	2014
7.	12 th Meeting of the ECO Heads of Railway Authorities/6 th Meeting of the Railway Committee of the TTCC	Tehran, Iran	2-3 December, 2014
8.	3 rd Meeting of the TCC on Construction of Railway between Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran/Field visit/ Inauguration Ceremonies	Iran + enroute countries	2 March, 2014
9.	8 th and 9 th HLWGM on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Train	Iran & Pakistan	4 th March, 2014
10.	1 st HLWG meetings on Istanbul-Almaty and Bandar Abbas-Almaty Trains	Tehran, Iran	2-3 March, 2014
11.	SOM/Ministerial Meeting of the standard gauge railway from China to Europe through the Kyrgyz Republic-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran	Tajikistan	2014
12.	3 rd & 4 th HLWGMs on the Qazvin-Rasht-Astara-Astara Railway Project	Azerbaijan/Iran	2014
13.	4 th & 5 th HLWG Meetings on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Road Corridor/test run (ITI)	Pakistan & Iran	2014
14.	3 rd and 4 th HLWG Meeting on the Kyrgyz-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Iran Road Transport Corridor/field study and test run (KTAI)	Iran/Tbd	First half of June 2014
15.	Meeting on ADR, modernization of border gates, digital tachograph system and weight and dimension controls	Turkey	2014
16.	1 st General Assembly Meeting of the ECOLPAF	Karachi	2014
17.	The Senior Consular Officials Meeting on Facilitation of Visa for Drivers	Tehran, Iran	2014
18.	Interagency Meeting with IDB on Transport	Jeddah	2014
19.	Donor Conference/Meeting on implementation of the MoU between ECO-UNESCAP-IDB and ECO-UNECE-IDB/Donors Conference for Financing ECO Transport Development Projects	Tbd	2014
20.	Regional and International Conferences/Meetings Training Workshops involving ECO, UNESCAP, UNECE, OTIF and UIC	Tbd	2014
21.	Meeting on ECO Money Order System	Tbd	2014
22.	HLWG on Civil Aviation	Tbd	2014
23.	6 th Meeting of the Postal Authorities	Tbd	2014
24.	1 st Meeting of HLWG ICT Communication Regulatory Authorities	Iran	11-13 August, 2014
25.	EGM on ECO ICT Security and Cyber Crime	Iran	First half of 2014
26.	1 st Preparatory Meeting for establishment of ECO ICT Providers' Association for Private Sector	Iran	2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
27.	Third ECO/IRU Regional Conference on TIR Convention	Iran	2014
28.	Workshop on Safety and Security in Transport	Pakistan	2014
29.	Training Course for Afghan Railway staff	Iran & Turkey	2014
30.	National Capacity Building Workshops on TIR for Pakistan	Pakistan	2014
31.	National Capacity Building Workshops on the CMR, ADR and the Conventions on Transit Trade of Landlocked Countries and Railway Conventions in Afghanistan	Afghanistan	2014
32.	ECO/OTIF/UIC National Capacity Building Workshop to help Afghanistan in acceding to COTIF	Afghanistan	2014
33.	Transport Days of Kazakhstan/9 th International Conference "TransEurasia-2014"	Astana, Kazakhstan	22 May, 2014
34.	ECO Postal Training Courses	Islamabad, Pakistan	7-25 April 2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Meetings of UNECE's Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport, WP.30 and 57 th -58 th AC2 and the ECO Coordination Group Meeting on the sidelines of WP.30	Geneva, Switzerland	2014
2.	Eurasia Rail International Conference	Istanbul, Turkey	6-8 March, 2014
3.	8 th IRU Euro-Asian Road Transport Conference	Tbd	2014
4.	UNESCAP Meeting on Transport	Tbd	2014
5.	3 rd D-8 Expert Working Group Meeting on Shipping	Nigeria	2014
6.	8 th D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation (WGCA) and Director Generals Meeting	Bangladesh	2014
7.	1 st D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Transportation	Turkey	2014
8.	4 th UIC Global Rail Freight Conference "GRFC 2014"	Vienna, Austria	23-25 June, 2014

ENERGY, MINERAS & ENVIRONMENT

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum, preceded by Senior Officials Meeting	Turkey	2015
2.	3 rd High Level Experts Group Meeting on Energy	Iran	September/October 2014
3.	2 nd Experts Group Meeting on "Establishment of the ECO Regional Electricity Market"	Turkey	October/November 2014

4.	3 rd Meeting of ECO Experts Group on Renewable Sources of Energy	Afghanistan	15-16 September, 2014
5.	ECO Meeting on Establishment of ECO Refinery Association	Iran	October/November 2014
6.	1 st Meeting of the ECO Public and Private Sector Energy/Petrochemical Consortium /Companies	ECO-CCI	2014
7.	5 th ECO Minerals Experts Group Meeting	Iran	October 2014
8.	2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of Surveying and Mapping Organizations	Ankara, Turkey	8-9 May, 2014
9.	5 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Environment, preceded by Senior Officials Meeting	Tbd	2014-2015
10.	6 th Working Group Meeting on Environment	ECO Secretariat ECO-IEST	May 2014
11.	2 nd Expert Group Meeting on Biodiversity	Interested Member State	2014-2015
12.	ABS (Access and Benefit Sharing) Experts Meeting	Pakistan	2014-2015

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
13.	5 th Workshop on Renewable Sources of Energy	Afghanistan	17 September, 2014
14.	Training Courses as per "Calendar of ECO Courses on Oil and Gas" of the OGITC	Iran	2014-2015
15.	ECO Mining and Geosciences Conference	Iran	October 2014
16.	Workshop on "Ferrous and Base Metal Mineral Processing"	Iran	September/October 2014
17.	Workshop on environmental footprints of energy activities of ECO Member States	OGITC, Iran	September/October 2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	1 st International Geosciences Congress	Tehran, Iran (held)	16-19 February, 2014
2.	14 th International Training Course for Energy Managers	Ankara, Turkey	2014
3.	ECO Consultative Ministerial Meeting on Environment	Nairobi	June 2014
4.	Conference of Parties (COP) on Climate Change	Peru, Lima	November 2014
5.	"Conference on Mining and Role of Private Sector"	Iran	September/October 2014

AGRICULTURE, INDUSTRY & TOURISM

Agriculture

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	6 th Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Senior Official Meeting (SOM)	Tbd	2014
2.	2 nd Programme Steering Committee Meeting of the ECO Regional Coordination Centre (ECO-RCC) for Implementation of the ECO-RPFS	Turkey	May 2014
3.	3 rd Meeting of the Heads of ECO Veterinary Organizations	Iran	2014
4.	1 st Technical Steering Committee for early establishment/operationalization of the ECO-VECO	Iran	2014
5.	2 nd Working Group Meeting on the Establishment of ECO Center for Efficient Utilization of Water in the field of Agriculture (ECO-CEUW)	Pakistan	2014
6.	2 nd Experts Group Meeting (EGM) on Establishment of ECO Agricultural Biotechnology Network (ECO-ABN)	Karaj, Iran	30 August – 1 September 2014
7.	Event for the implementation of the FAO-ECO Project on Seed Sector Development in the ECO Region within the Scope of FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP)	Ankara, Turkey	2014
8.	5 th General Assembly of ECOSA *	Pakistan/Azerbaijan	2014-2015

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
9.	6 th ECO Seed Association (ECOSA) International Trade Conference	Istanbul, Turkey (held)	10-12 January, 2014
10.	7 th ECO Seed Association (ECOSA) International Trade Conference and General Assembly of ECOSA *	Pakistan/Azerbaijan	2014-2015
11.	Workshop on the "Field Control"	Baku/Azerbaijan	2014
12.	Workshop on the Plant Variety Protection (PVP)	Iran	June-Sept 2014
13.	International Training Course on Basic of Calibration	Turkey	2015
14.	Workshops/training courses on veterinary issues; - Workshop on Management of Foot & Mouth Diseases (FMD) - Training Workshop on Central Veterinary laboratories (CVL)	Tehran, Iran	Second half of 2014
15.	Workshop on Enhancing Food Security in the ECO Region	Turkey	March 2015
16.	Training Programme on Food Security and Project Cycle Management	Turkey	June 2014

* These are the events planned to be held as sideline events

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	Food Security related international events.	Tbd	2014

Industry

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Industry and 3 rd High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting	Tbd	2014
2.	6 th HLWG on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology	Iran	2014
3.	4 th ECO Steering Committee Meeting on Entrepreneurship and SME Development	Iran	July 2014
4.	2 nd Coordination Committee Meeting on Industrial Property Rights	Baku, Azerbaijan	June 2014
5.	2 nd Steering Committee Meeting on ECO Nanotechnology Network	Kish Island, Iran	6-9 March, 2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
6.	Workshop on Standardization	Izmir, Turkey (held)	10-11 February 2014
7.	Workshop on Conformity Assessment	Iran	2014
8.	Joint Workshop on ECO Nanotechnology	Kish Island, Iran	6-9 March, 2014

Tourism

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	3 rd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Tourism /5 th High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting	Istanbul, Turkey	3-5 November 2014
2.	ASEAN – ECO Joint Forum on Tourism	Istanbul, Turkey	3-5 November 2014
3.	3 rd Coordination Committee Meeting for Health/Medical Tourism in ECO Region	Mashhad, Iran	October 2014
4.	First Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Tourism Promotion Fund	Iran	2014
5.	ECO Tourism and Handicrafts Exhibition	Iran	Second half of 2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
6.	Workshop on Health Tourism	Istanbul, Turkey	29-30 September, 2014
7.	Workshop on Tourism	Turkish Cypriot State	Second half of 2014
8.	1 st Conference on ECO Health Tourism to be organized by ECO-CCI	Iran	2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	5 th Conference on Health Tourism of Islamic Countries	Iran	2014
2.	4 th UNWTO Silk Road Ministers' Meeting at ITB Berlin	Berlin, Germany	2014
3.	The International Silk Road Congress in Turkey	Turkey	2014

PROJECTS, ECONOMIC RESEARCH & STATISTICS

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th Meeting of the Heads of ECO National Statistical Offices (MHNSO)	Turkey	2014
2.	6 th ECO High Level Expert Group Meeting (HLEG) on Statistics	Tbd	2014
3.	2 nd Meeting of ECO Economic Journal Editorial Board sidelined with the Training Course on Practical CGE Modelling with GAMS for the ECO Member States	Baku, Azerbaijan	21-26 April 2014
4.	4 th Meeting of ECO Permanent Steering Committee for Economic Research	Tbd	2014
5.	2 nd Baku Forum of ECO Economic Think-Tank Centers	Baku, Azerbaijan	1-3 October, 2014
6.	First Meeting of ECO Committee on Regional Harmonized Statistical Methodology	Tbd	2014
7.	Visits to Member States to apprise the activities of PERS Directorate	Tbd	2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
8.	Workshop on SME Gender Statistical Indicators in ECO Member States	Astana, Kazakhstan	2014
9.	2 nd FAO Regional Training Course on CountryStat Programme	Tbd	2014
10.	4 th Regional Training Workshop on Project Assessment and Evaluation for the ECO Member States	Ankara, Turkey	12-16 May 2014
11.	Regional Training Workshop (the topic to be identified jointly by the SCI and the Secretariat)	Tehran, Iran	2014
12.	Field Study Visit of the Member States to the SCI on the Agriculture Census of Iran in 2014	Iran	October, 2014

HUMAN RESOURCE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Human/Human Resource Development

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	3 rd Meeting of High Level Experts Group (HLEG) on Human Development and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Post MDGs era	Iran	November 2014
2.	2 nd Meeting of ECO Heads of National Organizations/Centers for Civil Registration	Turkey	Second half of 2014
3.	1 st Meeting of the ECO Heads of the HRD Responsible for Human Resource Development	Iran	September/ October 2014

Health

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
4.	2 nd ECO Ministerial Meeting on Health	Iran	November 2014
5.	4 th Meeting of the Heads of Blood Transfusion Organizations/Authorities of the ECO Member States	Tajikistan	2015
6.	2 nd High Level Drug (Pharmaceutical) Regulatory Authorities Meeting	Tbd	2014/2015

Disaster Risk Management

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
7.	7 th International Conference on Disaster Management	Gabala, Azerbaijan	June 2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
8.	"Workshop on Drug Registration and Licensing, Counterfeit Medicines and Good Manufacturing Practices"	Turkey	8-9 May 2014
9.	Workshop on Use of High Technologies in Disaster Management	Turkey	Late 2014
10.	"Workshop on Drug Registration and Licensing, Counterfeit Medicines and Good Manufacturing Practices"	Turkey	8-9 May 2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	International Conference of Seismology and Earthquake Engineering	Tehran	May 2015
2.	World Urban Forum (WUF7) Urban Equity in Development – Cities for Life	Medllin, Colombia	5-11 April 2014
3.	3 rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) for the replacement of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA2)	Sendai, Japan	14-18 March 2015
4.	6 th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR6)	Bangkok, Thailand	23-26 June, 2014

DRUGS & ORGANIZED CRIME COORDINATION UNIT

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th ECO Interior Ministers' Meeting	Islamabad	2014
2.	3 rd Meeting of Heads of Anti Corruption Organizations and Ombudsmen of the ECO Member States	Tbd	2014
3.	2 nd Meeting of Chiefs of Police of ECO Member States	Tbd	2014
4.	2 nd Meeting of Heads of INTERPOL of ECO Member States	Islamabad	2014
5.	Experts Group Meeting for preparation of an ECO Plan of Action on Terrorism	Tehran	October 2014

6.	2 nd Experts Group Meeting for finalizing necessary formalities/documents for establishment of ECOPOL	ECO Secretariat	May 2014
7.	2 nd Meeting of Attorneys and Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States	Antalya, Turkey	June 2014

Meetings to be funded from EU-Project:

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
8.	Project Steering Committee Meeting	Berlin, Germany	14-15 April, 2014
9.	1 st Meeting of Drug Liaison Officers of the ECO Member States	Baku, Azerbaijan	May 2014
10.	2 nd National Focal Points Meeting on Drug Control Matters	Tbd	2014
11.	Technical meeting with decision making bodies (Drug Demand Reduction) of ECO Member States	Tehran, Iran	2014

Conferences/Workshops/Training Courses

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
12.	Workshop on Countering Cybercrime	Tehran	May 2014
13.	Training Course on Crisis Management	Tehran	2014
14.	Workshop on Investigative Techniques	Tehran	2014
15.	Workshop on Complaint Management	Tehran	2014
16.	Workshop on "Drug Interdiction at Airports"	Istanbul, Turkey	2014
17.	Workshop titled "Best Practices on Drug Demand Reduction"	Tehran, Iran	3-7 May/14-18 June 2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	57 th Session of the Commission on Narcotics Drugs(CND)	Vienna	High Level Segment (13-14 March 2014) CND(17-21 March 2014)
2.	Paris Pact Round Table Meeting	Vienna	2014
3.	Paris Pact Policy Consultative Group Meeting	Vienna	2014
4.	UNODC and INTERPOL meetings	Vienna	2014

SPECIALIZED AGENCIES/AFFILIATED BODIES

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	6 th Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	2014
2.	2 nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF) preceded by the Executive Committee Meeting	Islamabad, Pakistan	2014
3.	2 nd Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Educational Institute (ECOEI)	Istanbul, Turkey	28-29 May, 2014
4.	2 nd Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly of the ECO Countries (PAECO)	Kabul, Afghanistan	24-27 April, 2014

5.	2 nd Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting of the ECO College of Insurance (ECOCol)	Tehran, Iran	Tbd
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	21 st Informal Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM) and 69 th Session of the UN General Assembly Meeting of the ECO Contact Group in New York	New York	September 2014
2.	14 th ASEAN-ECO Joint Ministerial Meeting	New York	September 2014

Non-ECO Events

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	4 th Ministerial Conference of the Istanbul Process on Afghanistan	China	2014
2.	Fourth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA)	Shanghai, China	20-21 May, 2014

MEETINGS OF THE DECISION MAKING ORGANS OF ECO

No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
1.	24 th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council	ECO Secretariat (held)	23-26 February 2014
2.	22 nd Meeting of the Council of Ministers	Islamabad, Pakistan	2014
3.	13 th ECO Summit	Islamabad, Pakistan	2014
4.	25 th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council	Tbd	2015
5.	23 rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers	Tbd	2015

EK: 2 EİT – BPK 24. TOPLANTISI (23-26 Şubat 2014 Tahran) SONRASI MİLLİ KURUMLARIMIZIN SORUMLULUK ALANINA GİREN BAZI KARARLAR

İlgili Karar	BPK Kararı	İlgili Kurum	Süre
	ENERJİ, MADENLER, ÇEVRE DİREKTÖRLÜĞÜ		
	Enerji		
P. 138	Konsey, üye ülkeleri Ekim / Kasım 2014 tarihlerinde Türkiye’de gerçekleştirilecek olan, “ EİT Bölgesel Elektrik Piyasası Kurulması” Uzmanlar Toplantısına aktif olarak katılmaya ve İran, Afganistan, Azerbaycan hariç üye ülkeleri, odak noktalarını en kısa sürede EİT Sekreteryasına bildirmeye davet eder.	- Enerji ve Tabii Kaynaklar Bakanlığı	Ekim – Kasım 2014
	Madenler		
P. 146.i	Konsey, Türkiye’nin “EİT Etüd ve Harita Kuruluşları Başkanları 2. Toplantısını” 8-9 Mayıs 2014 tarihlerinde Ankara’da organize edecek olmasından duyduğu memnuniyeti ifade etmiş ve üye ülkelerden bu önemli toplantıya en yüksek düzeyde katılmalarını talep etmiştir.	- Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı (Tapu ve Kadastro Genel Müdürlüğü)	8-9 Mayıs 2014
	Çevre		
P. 153.i	Konsey, Üye Ülkeleri, Çevre, Biyolojik çeşitlilik ve İklim değişikliği konularında ve aynı zamanda İklim Değişikliği ve Biyolojik Çeşitlilik Çevre Bilgi Ağı (EIN) sorumlusu da olacak Milli Odak Noktaları hakkında düzenli olarak bilgi vermeye davet etmiştir.	- Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı - Orman ve Su İşleri Bakanlığı	
P. 153.ii	Konsey, Üye Ülkeleri, sınır aşan koruma bölgeleri kurulması ile ilgili Odak Noktalarını tespit etmeye davet etmiştir.	- Çevre ve Şehircilik Bakanlığı - Orman ve Su İşleri Bakanlığı	

İlgili Karar	BPK Kararı	İlgili Kurum	Süre
	ULAŞTIRMA VE HABERLEŞME DİREKTÖRLÜĞÜ		
P. 83	Transit Ulaştırma Koordinasyon Konseyi (Transit Transport Coordination Council (TTCC)) 7. Toplantısı	- Ulaştırma, Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı	2014
P. 83	Transit Ulaştırma Koordinasyon Konseyi'nin Yol Komitesi (Road Committee) 7. Toplantısı	- Ulaştırma, Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı	2014
P. 66	Sigorta Komitesinin 6. Toplantısı /Beyaz Kart Şemasında Yetkilendirilmiş Bürolar Konseyinin 5. Toplantısı ve konuya ilişkin eğitim programının organize edilmesi	- Hazine Müsteşarlığı	2014
P. 86	ADR, hudut kapılarının modernizasyonu, dijital takograf sistemi ile ağırlık ve boyut kontrolleri Toplantısı	- Ulaştırma, Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı - Gümrük Ticaret Bakanlığı	2014
P. 72	Afgan Demiryolu çalışanlarına yönelik eğitim programı	- Ulaştırma, Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı (Devlet Demiryolları)	2014
2014-2015 Faaliyet Takvimi	Uluslararası Avrasya Demiryolları Konferansı	- Ulaştırma, Denizcilik ve Haberleşme Bakanlığı	6-8 Mart 2014

İlgili Karar	BPK Kararı	İlgili Kurum	Süre
	UYUŞTURUCULAR VE ÖRGÜTLÜ SUÇLAR EŞGÜDÜM BİRİMİ		
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