

Statement by
H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri, Secretary General of the
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Honourable Madam Executive Secretary,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a matter of great honour and privilege for me to attend this sub-regional dialogue as part of Ministerial Segment of the 78th Session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. At the outset, I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere felicitations to honourable Executive Secretary of ESCAP, Her Excellency, Ms. Armida, on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of establishment of the ESCAP.

The theme of the 78th Session “A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific” corresponds to post COVID-19 recovery and advancing global development agenda with sustainability at its core in achieving a secure and sustainable future for the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

Distinguished Participants,

Regional organizations have a strong role to play in the post COVID-19 socio-economic recovery of their member states and accomplishing the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Particularly, in the aftermath of the COVID-19, the complimentary role of the regional and sub-regional organizations is indispensable.

The “Ashgabat Consensus for Action” as an outcome document, adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the ECO on the occasion of the 15th ECO Summit held in November 2021 in Ashgabat reaffirmed our collective commitment to a prosperous ECO region and in this regard it recognized the role of collaborations with other international and regional organizations to achieve common regional goals.

Madam Executive Secretary,

The ECO attaches immense significance to its cooperative relations with ESCAP for promoting joint programmes and projects in order to realize the common goals in the region. In the background of mutual cooperation, I would like to acknowledge the valuable contribution of the ESCAP in finalizing the new Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two organizations on November 27, 2021 for fostering the ongoing strategic partnership and long-term collaboration in various areas of mutual interests.

Madam Executive Secretary,

In conclusion, while thanking the ESCAP in extending recent cooperation to one of our projects in transport sector, based on this new MoU I would like to encourage the ESCAP for a more comprehensive and long-term partnership in the joint projects of infrastructural and socio-economic development in the ECO region in achieving common objectives of Asia and the Pacific.

I thank you.