

The Informal COM Meeting

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Excellencies,

We strongly believe that much greater attention should be paid to this area of cooperation between our states within the ECO framework. As to the problem of regional cooperation we must not ignore the process of peaceful construction of Afghanistan. The 7th Summit in Istanbul has strongly emphasized in the Istanbul Declaration the importance of continued assistance by the ECO to the process of reconstruction of Afghanistan.

In this regard Kazakhstan intends to take the most active part in the implementation of the international programme of assistance to Afghanistan adopted by the ECO states. My last remarks refer to the next agenda item but with your permission Mr. Minister I would like to reaffirm we would also like to welcome the ECO Secretariat efforts to strengthening further cooperation with United Nations and its specialized agencies and other regional organizations such as ASEAN and Minister of Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan Mr. Kassymzomart K. Tokayev had a privilege to Co-Chair this meeting two days ago in the UN headquarters. We believe that such cooperation aimed exchanging experience, knowledge and information always pays off in terms of creating benefits and opportunities for all parties involved.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.