



**Statement by**  
**H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri, ECO Secretary General**  
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**Dear Participants,**

Many developing countries as the Member States of the Economic Cooperation Organization continue to experience devastating climate impacts without a significant role in their creation. These countries need to improve their adaptation and mitigation capacities, which must be financed indiscriminately. The financial commitments by developed countries should be completely fulfilled.

Energy transition and shift to low-carbon development model is directly related to the scale of sustainable energy investments and financing. Therefore, the access to clean energy investments and technologies on preferential terms is an absolute necessity to achieve zero level. Meanwhile, all decisions on energy transition should be based on a holistic approach to issues of energy and environmental security. We hope the Global Stocktake could support the global South to elevate a just transition to the level of the major pillars of climate action.

We welcome the breakthrough decision at the COP28 on formal launching of the Loss and Damage Fund as a critical step and believe that proper capitalization of this Fund will address concerns by developing countries. We, in the ECO region, are confident that desertification as well as sand and dust storms should also be prioritized as climate change-related events by this Fund in its efforts to provide tailored support to vulnerable developing countries.

In such a context, we underscore the importance of sharper focus to the regional dimension in environmental action by the international community. The intergovernmental regional organizations as Economic Cooperation Organization could definitely bring the added value to climate action and serve as efficient platforms. We hope that the international partners, including the UNFCCC can further work with the ECO region to address challenges and unfold low-carbon, clean energy, and sustainable development opportunities.

Thank you.