

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
between  
**the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)**  
and  
**the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

The United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as UNDP) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (hereinafter referred to as ECO),

Mindful of their common interest in supporting the efforts of their member governments to promote regional cooperation and sustainable human development,

Conscious of the membership and working partnership of each of the ECO member states with UNDP,

Hereby Agree to pursue consistent with the Charter of the United Nations, the mandate of UNDP and the Treaty of Izmir, the following aims and purposes:

1. Identifying, in response to requests of Governments of their member states, ways to support their efforts in promoting sustainable human development through programmes and activities designed to mobilize and enhance human resources, promote the environmentally sound use of natural and mineral resources, and raise living standards of peoples in the countries concerned,
2. Keeping each other informed of their respective plans and initiatives in enhancing sustainable human development and the equitable distribution of the benefits of economic growth and trade,
3. Undertaking periodic consultations to identify and elaborate together activities in support of the efforts of their member governments in mutually agreed fields of social and economic development,
4. Based on priorities established by member states, developing, undertaking and publishing studies in fields such as the environment, energy, employment, poverty alleviation, education, and science and technology, and exchanging reports, publications and other relevant documentation published by the respective organizations in fields of common interest.

This Memorandum of Understanding, being concluded in a spirit of friendly cooperation, shall be retrieved jointly by UNDP and ECO from time to time with a view

to ascertaining its continued relevance and effectiveness, and considering such improvements as deemed desirable. It shall enter into force one week after the signature of the Associate Administrator of UNDP, and of the Secretary General of ECO.

For the

Economic Cooperation  
Organization

Shamshad Ahmad  
Secretary General

15 March 1995

For the

United Nations  
Development Programme

Rafeuddin Ahmed  
Associate Administrator

15 March 1995