

Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
and
**the United Nations Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)**

With a view to strengthen cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations in the service of their membership, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) agree to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding, which is concluded taking into account the following:

- Treaty of Izmir
- Terms of Reference of ESCAP

2. Accordingly, ECO and ESCAP agree to:

- cooperate and collaborate, to the extent possible, on development issues and concerns of mutual interest;
- develop and implement, as appropriate, joint projects including organizing workshops, seminars and meetings on mutually identified areas of priority concern;
- exchange analytical reports and technical publications on mutual economic and social development concern;
- establish linkages through exchange of information, documentation and ideas between ECO and ESCAP;
- cooperate in providing inputs to their respective technical committees as indicated below.

<u>ECO</u>	<u>ESCAP</u>
Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation	Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation and its steering group
Committee for Technical and Industrial Cooperation	-do-
Committee for Cooperation in the Fields of Transport and Communications	Committee on Transport and Communications
Committee for Cooperation in the Field of Energy	Committee for Environment and Sustainable Development.

3. ECO and ESCAP also agree to cooperate with each other, to the extent possible, through undertaking active collaboration in the following specific areas of mutual interest:

- improvement of industrial efficiency and competitiveness, industrial management and industrial skill development, in both private and public sector enterprises;
- reorientation of industrial policies/strategies including privatization measures;
- investment promotion, including promotion of export oriented industries;
- joint studies in the field of science and technology;
- integration of environment and development particularly through institutional capacity building;
- protection and management of land resources by combating desertification and land degradation;
- conservation of biological diversity;
- sustainable management and protection of fresh water resources;
- environmental rehabilitation of the Caspian and Aral sea basins;
- promotion of environmental awareness;
- privatization of urban services;
- urban land management;
- urban environmental improvement;
- assessment and development of mineral resources, including studies on relevant legislative frameworks;
- studies on energy planning, energy pricing, energy efficiency/conservation, including promotion of sub regional cooperation in energy development;
- natural disaster reduction;
- remote sensing and GIS;
- special transport and communications problems related to the landlocked countries;
- land transport infrastructure development and facilitation measures;
- development of multimodal transport;
- human resource development;
- tourism;
- reorientation of statistical systems of Newly Independent Republics members of ECO and ESCAP towards market economy;

4. ECO and ESCAP will facilitate, as appropriate cooperation between other relevant bodies established respectively by them, such as ECO Trade and Development Bank, ECO Reinsurance Pool, ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry, ECO preferential Tariff System on the one hand and ESCAP regional institutions namely, Asia and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), ESCAP Regional Cooperation Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops (ESCAP CGPRT Centre), the statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and the Regional Network of Agricultural Machinery (RNAM).

5. ECO and ESCAP will participate to the extent possible, in meetings of main organs and subsidiary bodies/committees, as resources permit.

6. To enable more effective and mutually beneficial cooperation, ECO and ESCAP agree to undertake yearly consultation at senior professional level at the beginning of each calendar year to identify and elaborate joint projects in mutually agreed fields whenever possible to do so.

7. This MoU will enter into force upon signature of the Secretary-General of ECO and the

Executive Secretary of ESCAP.

Signed in Istanbul on 7th July 1993 in two original copies in English, both texts being equally authentic.

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