

**Draft Resolution to be adopted by the UN General Assembly at its
65th Session
on
Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic
Cooperation Organization**

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/2 of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and Economic Cooperation Organization in which it invited various specialized agencies as well as other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant financial institutions to join in the efforts towards realizing the goals and objectives of the Economic Cooperation Organization,

Welcoming the efforts of Economic Cooperation Organization to strengthen its relations with United Nations system and with relevant international and regional organizations for the development and implementation of projects and programmes in all priority areas,

Expressing its satisfaction at the efforts of United Nations system and the relevant international and regional organizations for extending technical and financial assistance to Economic Cooperation Organization for its economic programmes and projects and encouraging them to continue their support,

1. **Takes note with appreciation** of the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of the General Assembly Resolution 63/144 of 5th December 2008 and expresses satisfaction at the growing cooperation between the two organizations;
2. **Takes note** of the Tehran Declaration issued at the Tenth Summit meeting of the Heads of States/Governments of the ECO member states held on 11th March 2009 in Tehran, Iran, following the Eighteenth Meeting of the ECO Foreign Ministers on 9 March, 2010, in which the Heads of the State/Governments inter alia, reaffirmed their commitment to ECO's goals and objectives envisaged in the Izmir Treaty, the ECO Vision 2015 and other basic documents as well as the declarations of the previous Summit meetings;
3. **Appreciates** the continued cooperation between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Cooperation Organization, especially in the field of Trade Capacity Building of the Member States and expresses satisfaction at the successful conclusion of the 2nd Phase of their joint programmes aimed at enhancing capacity of Member States in strengthening Standards, Metrology, Testing and Quality (SMTQ) infrastructure;

4. **Encourages** cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in streamlining rules and regulations and strengthening institutions of the ECO Member States to meet the requirements of Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and adoption of appropriate Sanitary and PhytoSanitary (SPS) measures and in strengthening private sector cooperation in line with the ECO plans to establish Trade Associations at regional level and encouraging women entrepreneurs, Professionals/ Resource Persons/ consultants and marketing advisory firms etc;
5. **Takes note** of the possibilities of cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the fields of investment, especially to assist Member States in designing their investment policies, identifying potential sectors, attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and the establishment of a Data Base to monitor the impact of investment;
6. **Invites** the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, World Trade Organization, and International Trade Centre to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for ECO Member States in trade liberalization process that could lead to regional and global integration of the economies;
7. **Welcomes** signing of a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding between the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Islamic Development Bank and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on development of Transport Network in the region during the 10th ECO Summit (March 2010-Tehran) and appreciates the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to sign a similar Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Islamic Development Bank and encourages quadrilateral arrangement among these institutions for development and facilitation of transit transport in the region.
8. **Also welcomes** the initiatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization for implementation of the “Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation” through promotion of cooperation among Landlocked and transit countries in the Region and calls on the UN agencies, in particular UN-OHRLLS, to assist in securing technical and financial assistance of the international funding agencies and donors to initiate a regional study on the possibility of provision of concessional services for the landlocked countries in the selected ports of transit countries of the region.
9. **Takes note** of the importance of the Green Card as an international third party liability insurance System in facilitation of transit transport by road, and calls on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to assist in expanding the Green Card system to Economic Cooperation Organization region;
10. **Recognizes** the need for a Unified Railway Law on International Freight and Passenger Traffic by Rail and appreciates the ECO’s readiness to promote such legal systems in the

region and requests the relevant United Nations agencies/institutions particularly the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to enhance cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization in this regard;

11. **Welcomes** initiatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization to launch regular train operations on such important corridors in the region as Almaty-Istanbul, Almaty-Bandar Abbas and the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul;
12. **Appreciates** the joint initiatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization and International Road Transport (IRU) for revitalization of the Silk Road through launching Economic Cooperation Organization Silk Road Truck Caravan and organization of the International Seminar on Silk Road in Tehran in 2010 and invites relevant United Nations agencies/institutions to support these initiatives;
13. **Notes with satisfaction** the enforcement of the Economic Cooperation Organization Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA) and appreciates the approach adopted in the Agreement to support and implement the United Nations Conventions and Agreements on transport and transit facilitation particularly the TIR Convention;
14. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Economic Cooperation Organization Coordination Group in Geneva at the sideline of the relevant United Nations Economic Commission of Europe Working Parties and requests UNECE to extend necessary assistance for convening the meetings of the Coordination Group;
15. **Appreciates** the successful completion of the first phase of ECO-FAO Technical Cooperation Program on "Strengthening Seed Supply in the ECO Region" and welcomes the proposal of Food and Agriculture Organization and the Economic Cooperation Organization to initiate the 2nd Phase of the Programme with a budget of 5.9 million USD and calls on relevant international institutions and donors to support this initiative;
16. **Also takes note** of the establishment of ECO Seed Association (ECOSA) in Turkey and appreciates the successful holding of First ECOSA International Seed Trade Conference by the Republic of Turkey in cooperation with the ECO Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization, ECOSA and International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas on December 2-4, 2009 in Antalya, Turkey;
17. **Welcomes** the initiative of the Economic Cooperation Organization and proposal of Turkey to establish the Regional Coordination Unit for ECO Regional Programme for Food Security in Turkey and requests the relevant UN agencies especially Food and Agriculture Organization to support the work of the Unit;
18. **Takes note** of the decision to initiate the ECO – FAO/SEC (Sub-regional Office for Central Asia) Project on Seed Sector Development in the region with a budget of 400,000 USD within the scope of FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP).

19. **Invites** the support of relevant United Nations Agencies especially World Meteorological Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Development Programme, World Bank and other institutions/organizations to provide financial and technical support for ECO regional projects related to drought management and to support the programmes of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Centre for Risk Management of Natural Disasters (ECO-RCRM), established in Mashad in September, 2007.
20. **Welcomes** the initiative of FAO and ECO for preparing a Technical Assistance project proposal on the implementation of the ECO Regional Programme for Food Security (ECO-RPFS) under the Global Agriculture and Food Security program (GAFSP) of the World Bank and requests the World Bank to extend technical and financial support for the implementation of ECO RPFS.
21. **Calls on** the United Nations specialized Agencies particularly the United Nations Environment Programme to expand cooperation in the area of environment with the Economic Cooperation Organization and extend financial and technical assistance for feasibility studies of projects, consultancy services, training courses, workshops and experts and high level group meetings in this regard;
22. **Takes note with appreciation** of the adoption of the Plan of Action on Cooperation among the Member States of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of Ecotourism for the period 2009-2013 aimed at achieving, with assistance of the relevant United Nations bodies, a greater understanding of opportunities and threats as well as a greater awareness of the management mechanisms that are necessary to ensure the sustainability of ecotourism;
23. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to enhance cooperation in the areas of health in the region in collaboration with international organizations and United Nations Specialized Agencies especially World Health Organization, International Society for Blood Transfusion, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children Fund, United Nations Population Fund and requests their continued support for the activities of Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of Health.
24. **Expresses its satisfaction** at the progress made by the Economic Cooperation Organization towards achieving Millennium Development Goals related to Child Mortality, Maternal Mortality and combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases and takes note of its analytical report on the subject and encourages the relevant United Nations Agencies especially United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Children Fund and World Health Organization to extend technical and financial support to Economic Cooperation Organization to identify and implement regional projects based on the findings and recommendation of its report for the benefit of the member states;

25. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to compile and disseminate drug-related data, and organize training programmes in the field of drug control and organized crime for experts of the member states, with the technical and financial assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the European Commission, and encourages the donor agencies to assist Economic Cooperation Organization in this regard.
26. **Welcomes** signing of the Memorandum of Understandings between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the European Commission on 3rd February, 2009 to implement the EC-funded Project titled “Fight against Illicit Drug Trafficking from/to Afghanistan”. Also appreciates signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Economic Cooperation Organization and the International Organization for Migration on 27th January, 2009 and calls for the effective implementation of these two Memoranda of Understanding;
27. **Takes note with appreciation** of the contributions made by the Economic Cooperation Organization towards the reconstruction and development in Afghanistan and appreciates its support for the high-level Core Group of Regional Forum Secretaries-General established at the meeting of the Regional Bodies on 19 July, 2010 in Kabul to inter alia ensure coordination of the Afghan component of regional cooperation frameworks;
28. **Appreciates** the work being done by the Cultural Institute of the Economic Cooperation Organization to expand and strengthen the cultural ties among the member states of the Economic Cooperation Organization and calls on the relevant United Nations Institutions especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to extend support to the programmes and projects of the Cultural Institute aimed at promoting the rich cultural heritage of the region;
29. **Also appreciates** the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to promote cooperation among its member states in the fields of Education and Science by establishing its Education Institute in Ankara, Turkey and the Science Foundation in Islamabad, Pakistan;
30. **Welcomes** the Comprehensive Plan of Action to enhance the External Relations of the Economic Cooperation Organization adopted at its 151st meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives on 4 August, 2009 on behalf of the Council of Ministers to further promote its relations with regional peers, international/regional organizations and relevant non-ECO member states;
31. **Appreciates** efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to establish/activate Contact Groups of Ambassadors of the member states of Economic Cooperation Organization within the United Nations and with other regional and international Organizations to inter alia mobilize technical and financial assistance for the implementation of ECO’s regional projects and to harmonize their positions on issues of common interest and invites the relevant international/regional Organizations to extend all possible assistance to these Contact Groups;

32. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its 67th Session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;
33. **Decides** to include in the provisional agenda of its 67th Session the sub item entitled “Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization”.