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With the grace of the Almighty God, in line with paragraph 227 of the report of 21st ECO Regional Planning Council Meeting, held in Tehran, on 17-19 May, 2011, the first Meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States was hosted by the Attorney General Office of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in Tehran, on 30th April – 1st May 2012. The meeting was attended by Attorneys/Prosecutors General and heads of delegations from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Tajikistan and the Republic of Turkey in a warm and friendly atmosphere where the following points were brought up for discussions:

- Consideration of effective ways to combat transnational organized crimes such as various forms of trafficking, money laundering, terrorism and cybercrimes
- Providing mechanisms for regional cooperation
- Objectives of the conference also include:
 - Consideration of possible ways to develop judicial cooperation among Member States with the view to combating crimes
 - Providing effective mechanisms to exchange judicial intelligence such as information on judicial reforms and crime combating solutions

- Consideration of ways to exchange and process technical information and judicial representation and establishment of online communications.

The Participants while:

- ✓ **Taking into account** that there are differences in ECO Member States with regard to judicial systems and terms of reference of Attorneys/Prosecutors General, all Member States have shared responsibility for combating crimes and ensuring the rule of law;
- ✓ **Acknowledging** that organized crimes have turned into a cross border phenomenon for which judicial responses need to be faster and more effective;
- ✓ **Emphasizing** the fact that developing judicial cooperation could contribute to the security, consolidation, stability and economic growth of Member States;

Expressed their inclination to further improve legal and judicial cooperation in the following fields:

- 1- Development of fight against crimes particularly organized crimes, terrorism, drug trafficking, smuggling of ancient artifacts, weapon smuggling, human smuggling, money laundering and cyber crimes
- 2- Effective and full-fledged management while respecting internal regulations and international treaties in the area of

- investigation and evidence collection, searching and finding devices of crime, detention and extradition of criminals, based on domestic legislation.
- 3- Development of scientific and research ties among in-service training centers for Attorneys/Prosecutors General's offices.
 - 4- Holding meetings and workshops on regular basis in partnership with Attorneys/Prosecutors General on specific subjects and if necessary calling on experts to attend.
 - 5- Creation of a comprehensive data bank on legal matters and best national and international judicial practices as well as collecting information on international and professional criminals.
 - 6- Establishing a coordination and judicial facilitation office in Attorneys/Prosecutors General offices or other competent judicial authorities of the ECO Member States through an online network in consultation with the relevant entities.
 - 7- A person shall be designated and introduced to ECO Secretariat as in charge of the Office for International Cooperation among Attorneys/Prosecutors General offices or other competent judicial authorities of the ECO Member States at the earliest and in consultation with the relevant entities to be entrusted with the responsibility to hold joint expert group meeting and accordingly submit the outcome of discussions to the next meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2013.