



Second Meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States

Antalya Declaration

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Antalya- Turkey

We, the Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States, convening our second meeting on 3-4 November 2015 in Antalya, Turkey to explore optimal judicial cooperation/legal assistance mechanisms to address transnational organized crime:

Taking into consideration recommendations made at the First Meeting of the Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States,

Deeply concerned by the adverse impacts of transnational organized crime on the efforts of ECO Member States, individually or collectively, to achieve sustainable economic development,

Considering the need for strengthening bilateral and regional judicial cooperation/legal assistance mechanisms which contribute to the safety, sustainability and economic growth of the Member States,

Noting with concern the growing link between organized crime and terrorism which intensifies the threat against peace and security of the Region,

Considering the forms and patterns of human trafficking and migrant smuggling in the ECO Region,

Emphasizing on the need for effective fight against cybercrime which requires increased rapid and well functioning cooperation,

Acknowledging the different legal systems of ECO Member States,

1. Decide to explore effective ways to combat transnational organized crimes, in particular, cybercrimes, human trafficking and migrant smuggling at the regional level.
2. Agree on the necessity of an efficient regional judicial cooperation/legal assistance mechanisms in the ECO Region.

3. Express our intention to further improve judicial cooperation/legal assistance in the following fields:
 - a. Contributing to further improvements in national and international instruments required for combating cybercrimes and human trafficking and migrant smuggling.
 - b. Notifying contact persons/representatives among Member States with the aim of creating an effective network among the Member States.
 - c. Developing scientific and research ties among in-service training centers of Attorneys/Prosecutors General offices.
 - d. Holding regular expert meetings and seminars on specific subjects with the aim of exploring in detail the required elements of mutual judicial cooperation/legal assistance.
 - e. Providing mechanisms to exchange information, experience and best practices on the Member States' legal activities on combating cybercrimes, human trafficking and migrant smuggling as well as policies devised for preventing and combating these crimes.
4. Agree to initiate necessary steps with regard to drafting regional legal instruments, inter alia, possible conventions among ECO Member States, in order to ensure effective judicial cooperation/legal assistance.
5. Welcome the kind offer of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 3rd Meeting of the Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States.
6. Express our heartfelt gratitude to the Republic of Turkey, particularly the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office of the Court of Cassation and the Ministry of Justice for hosting our meeting in Antalya.

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