

# **4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States**

# Draft Agenda and Annotated Draft Agenda

14-16 September 2023 Baku, Azerbaijan

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

- 1. Inauguration of the Meeting
- 2. Election of the Chairman
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda
- 4. Statements/Reports by Heads of Delegation
- 5. Follow-up decisions of the last three Attorneys/Prosecutors General Meeting
  - i) Establishment of the Effective Mechanism for Judicial Cooperation /Legal Assistance
  - ii) Developing scientific and research ties among in-service training centres of Attorneys/Prosecutors General Offices
  - iii) Holding regular expert meetings and seminars on specific subjects with the aim to explore, in detail, the required elements of mutual judicial cooperation/legal assistance
  - iv) Operational collaboration to fight against human trafficking, drug smuggling and cybercrime and its legal challenges
- 6. Any other business
- 7. Date and venue of the next Meeting
- 8. Adoption of final Report and Declaration
- 9. Closing Remarks

#### **ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA**

#### Agenda Item No.1

Inauguration of the Meeting

1. Senior officials from the Republic of Azerbaijan and ECO Secretariat inaugurate the meeting by making opening Statements.

#### Agenda Item No.2

Election of the Chairman

2. According to the ECO Rules of Procedure, the Head of Delegation of the host country may be elected as the Chairman of the Meeting.

#### Agenda Item No.3

Adoption of the Agenda

3. The Draft Agenda of the meeting may be considered and adopted.

### Agenda Item No. 4

Statements/Reports by Heads of Delegation

4. Under this agenda item, the Heads of Delegation will be offered opportunity to make statements/presentations as well as to share information about the achievements made in their respective countries, including those related to the implementation of the decisions of the last three Meetings, and the potential for enhanced regional cooperation. The suggestions for future cooperation among the Member States may also be put forward.

# Agenda Item No. 5

Follow-up Decisions of the last three Attorneys/ Prosecutors General Meeting

- 5. Under this agenda item, the Member States may discuss the following issues:
  - i) Establishment of the Effective Mechanism for Judicial Cooperation/Legal Assistance

- ➤ It may be recalled that the Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States gathered thrice in Tehran (2012), Antalya (2015) and in Islamabad (2018).
- As a result of three meetings, the Member States agreed to set up Effective Mechanism for Judicial Cooperation /Legal Assistance. It should be noted that the establishment of the above mentioned mechanism has been envisaged in ECO Vision 2025.
- ➤ During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the Member States, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan offered to share the draft framework agreement for judicial mechanism.
- ➤ Consequently, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is expected to inform the meeting about the latest status of preparation of the offered draft framework for further progress.

# ii) Developing scientific and research ties among in-service training centres of Attorneys/Prosecutors General offices

The member states may brief the meeting about their scientific and research capacities as well as may discuss about the ways of developing of scientific and research ties among themselves.

### iii) Holding regular expert meetings and seminars on specific subjects with the aim to explore, in detail, the required elements of mutual judicial cooperation/legal assistance

The Member States may discuss about their areas of common interests and suggest the relevant events for the benefits of their experts and officials.

# iv) Operational collaboration to fight against human trafficking, drug smuggling and cybercrime and its legal challenges

The participants may discuss the challenges encountering effective cooperation to fight against transnational crimes at the regional level. They may share their respective national laws/policies to counter transnational crimes and the best practices adopted. The ways and means to effectively combat the misuse of rapidly modernizing technologies/techniques for illicit financial flows, cybercrime, money laundering; international/regional cooperation in cases involving digital evidence;

- exchange of information between banks and law enforcement agencies; and cybercrime may also be discussed by the participants.
- ➤ The Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States may make some effective decisions with a view to giving judicial support to regional fight against cybercrime.

### Agenda Item No. 6

**Any Other Business** 

6. The Heads of Delegations may wish to take up any other issue under this agenda item.

#### Agenda Item No. 7

Date and venue of the next Meeting

7. Any Member State may volunteer announce the date to host the fifth Meeting of Attorneys/Prosecutors General of the ECO Member States.

### Agenda Item No. 8

Adoption of final Report and Declaration

8. The Meeting will adopt its final Report/Declaration, prepared by the Drafting Committee of the Meeting.

# Agenda Item No. 9

**Closing Remarks** 

9. The Chairman of the Meeting, ECO Secretary General and interested Member States may make closing remarks under this Agenda Item.

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