

**Statement by H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon,
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Your Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan,
Distinguished Heads of State and Government,
Esteemed Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me to address the 17th ECO Summit and to extend my sincere gratitude to the Government and people of Azerbaijan for their warm hospitality and excellent organization of this important event.

Green Economy and Sustainability

Tajikistan considers the transition to a Green Economy as a strategic priority. Currently, 98% of our electricity is generated from renewable sources—primarily hydropower. This positions Tajikistan among the leading nations in clean energy production. Our low emissions and significant renewable energy potential make us a model for sustainable development in the region.

To fully harness this potential, we must continue to improve our environmental governance and promote cross-border cooperation in the energy sector. Green energy development is not only essential for our ecological stability but also a vital platform for regional economic integration and industrial growth.

We encourage deeper collaboration in manufacturing, particularly through joint ventures and SME development. Such partnerships will not only boost productivity but also create employment—especially in key areas like the food industry, where enhanced cooperation can support food security and sustainable agriculture.

Agriculture and Climate Resilience

We see the adoption of agri-technologies – including smart agriculture and precision farming – as critical to increasing productivity and mitigating climate-related risks. Expanding logistics and transport infrastructure for agricultural goods across ECO member states is another priority.

Our country also places high importance on addressing the negative impacts of climate change. Natural disasters such as floods increasingly affect our region. Within the framework of the ECO, we must strengthen joint mechanisms to tackle environmental threats and improve resilience.

Tajikistan supports initiatives for the protection and sustainable use of water bodies, particularly lakes, which are essential sources of freshwater and vital to regional water management.

Humanitarian and Cultural Cooperation

Mutually beneficial cooperation must also extend to humanitarian domains. We encourage the expansion of ECO cooperation in education, science, health care, and tourism. Enhanced people-to-people exchanges and cultural ties will further deepen our unity and solidarity.

Peace, Security, and Stability

Infrastructure development and economic prosperity cannot be sustained without peace and security. Unfortunately, our region continues to face numerous risks, including geopolitical tensions and security threats. ECO member states must work together to safeguard stability and build trust through diplomatic dialogue and political coordination.

Tajikistan is committed to further strengthening mutually beneficial cooperation with ECO partners. We remain actively engaged in efforts to maintain stable supply chains, improve regional connectivity, and ensure peace throughout the ECO space.

Global and Regional Concerns

We are seriously concerned about the continued escalation of tensions in the Middle East. The recent military strikes in Afghanistan are a clear violation of international norms. Tajikistan reaffirms that all conflicts must

be resolved through political and diplomatic means, in full respect of international law.

We support coordinated international engagement to counter contemporary risks and threats. Enhanced cooperation in transportation, trade, and energy security can help mitigate the disruptions affecting our region.

Closing

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate Tajikistan's commitment to the objectives of the Economic Cooperation Organization. Through unity, mutual respect, and concrete action, we can pave the way for a more prosperous, secure, and sustainable future for all our nations.

I extend my sincere thanks to His Excellency President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and all participating leaders for their dedication to regional cooperation.

Thank you for your attention.