



TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AMONG

ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

**CONCERNING
TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT IN
ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO) REGION**

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TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS TRIPARTITE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) is signed on ___/___/2011

Between:

1. **ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION**, having its Secretariat at No.1, Golobu Alley, Kamranieh, P.O. Box 14155- 6176, Tehran-Iran. (Hereinafter referred to as “**ECO**”);
2. **ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK**, having its headquarters at King Khaled Street, P. O. Box 5925, Jeddah 21432, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (hereinafter referred to as “**IDB**”); and
3. **UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**, having its headquarters at Palais des Nations, CH - 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland (hereinafter referred to as “**UNECE**”).

ECO, IDB and UNECE are hereinafter referred to individually as “**Party**” and collectively as “**Parties**”.

WHEREAS,

- A) ECO is an intergovernmental regional organization established to promote economic, technical and cultural cooperation among its member states;
- B) IDB is a multinational financial institution established to foster the economic development and social progress of its member countries and Muslim communities in non-member countries individually as well as jointly by participating in various developmental activities;
- C) UNECE is regional commission established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council to promote pan-European economic integration by bringing together 56 countries located in the European Union, non-EU Western and Eastern Europe, South-East Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and North America; and
- D) The Parties recall the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 52/19 of 15 January 1998 on Cooperation between ECO and the United Nations, the Memorandum of Understanding signed in June 2003 between ECO and UNECE, and the Memorandum of Understanding signed in July 1993 between ECO and IDB;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of their common interests and objectives, and in order to supplement and strengthen the existing understandings amongst the Parties with respect to cooperation in the sector of transport, the Parties confirm their mutual understanding on the following:

ARTICLE-1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Purpose of this MOU is to promote the development of an international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system for ECO member countries, which will contribute to the promotion of economic development and social progress in ECO region as a cross road for corridors connecting Asia and Europe. To this end,

the Parties plan to work together on further development of East-West and North-South corridors connecting Asia and Europe through ECO countries as well as implementation of the international transport related conventions/agreements particularly those mentioned in the ECO Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA).

- 1.2 The purpose of this MOU is strictly limited to expressing a desire of the Parties for mutual cooperation, and is not intended to impose any legal obligation of any nature on either Party.
- 1.3 This MOU shall not in any manner supersede the existing understandings and other arrangements between the Parties.

ARTICLE-2 SCOPE OF COOPERATION

Within the context of their respective mandates, objectives and procedures, the Parties shall cooperate in the following areas:

- (a) Identifying and addressing jointly international transport and logistics issues of priority;
- (b) Developing and implementing, as appropriate, joint programs and projects in mutually identified areas;
- (c) Organizing workshops, seminars and meetings jointly; and
- (d) Exchanging analytical reports, publications, technical materials, expert services and other information related to the purposes of this MOU.

ARTICLE-3 OBJECTIVES

Cooperation and partnership between the Parties under this MOU is based on the overarching mutual recognition of:

- (a) The need for long-term approach to inclusive and sustainable development;
- (b) The need for encouraging full participation of all stakeholders; and
- (c) The need for designing, implementing and maintaining result-oriented development policies and programs.

ARTICLE-4 FOCUS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 With a view to achieving the purposes of the MOU, the Parties intend to:
 - (a) Identify investment priorities for the development of Euro-Asian Transport Linkages (EATL) through close cooperation in the work carried out under UNECE trans-European Motorways (UNECE TEM), UNECE Trans-European Railway (UNECE TER) and EATL projects;
 - (b) Support transport infrastructure development including upgrading of priority road and railway routes and construction of missing links, logistics centers, dry ports, and so on;
 - (c) Promote the development of an international integrated intermodal transport and logistics system for the ECO member states;
 - (d) Assist the ECO member states in formulating and implementing policies, plans and strategies aimed at accelerating investment in the transport sector, including through public-private partnership;

- (e) Promote the development of intermodal transport corridors as a comprehensive approach to addressing both infrastructure development and facilitation measures to increase efficiency of the transport sector in the logistics and supply chain;
- (f) Promote the accession of Central Asian countries to either one or another UNECE-administered Agreements and Conventions and also to the ECO TFTA, aiming at facilitating international transport and trade;
- (g) Facilitate international road, rail and inland waterway transport, particularly through the simplification and harmonization of administrative border crossing procedures and documentation;
- (h) Develop safety and security in transport by all modes throughout the region
- (i) Pursue the objective of sustainable transport development by reduction of the negative impact of transport on the environment;
- (j) Enhance national capabilities and devise effective strategies and programs for human resources development in ECO member states as well as the ECO Secretariat; and
- (k) Carry-out transport development and performance reviews of the ECO member states.

4.2 The above mentioned areas may be amended from time to time with mutual written consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE-5 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Parties recognize that effective cooperation in the transport sector depends on open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information. To the extent possible in accordance with their respective policies concerning disclosure of information, the Parties intend to make appropriate arrangements to:

- (a) exchange copies of publications and all public documents related to transport sector, and
- (b) exchange information posted on their respective websites of conferences, seminars and workshops being organized or sponsored;

ARTICLE-6 RECIPROCAL INVITATIONS

The Parties recognize that appropriate representation is important to emphasize their common interests, purposes and intentions in substantive terms. The Parties therefore intend to invite each other, where appropriate, to meetings, conferences, seminars and workshops relevant to cooperation in the priority areas set out in this MOU.

ARTICLE-7 PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS

The Parties recognize the significance of convening periodic mutual consultations to review the planned, ongoing, implemented, and achieved activities under this MOU, to evaluate the results of such activities and to explore and discuss new challenges, opportunities and problems related to the areas of cooperation under this MOU. It is the understanding of the Parties that such consultations shall be conducted periodically as and when required but not less than once a year.

ARTICLE-8 FOCAL POINTS

For purposes of coordination and administration of this MOU, the Parties designate their respective contact/focal points as follows:

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ARTICLE-9 PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF ACTIVITIES

9.1 The Parties will endeavor to prepare:

- (a) A list of all current operational cooperation activities and their status of implementation;
- (b) A list with a brief description of all planned cooperation activities for the next years; and
- (c) An indicative list of planned cooperation activities for two subsequent years.

9.2 The Parties will endeavor to ensure that:

- (a) Their respective appropriate program managers will be responsible for the implementation of cooperation activities listed within their areas of responsibility activities under this MOU;

- (b) Their respective appropriate program managers will provide brief reports as necessary to their respective Units on the status of implementation of all cooperation activities listed within their areas of responsibility under this MOU;
- (c) The Parties will conduct joint mid-term reviews of the implementation of the MOU and consider further cooperation activities.

ARTICLE-10 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND USE OF INSTITUTIONAL EMBLEMS

The Parties recognize that their involvement in joint cooperation activities under this MOU will be publicized. Therefore, the Parties understand that:

- (a) There will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each Party to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation;
- (b) Information related to activities under this MOU may be made available through customary channels according to the normal procedures and policies of each Party. Results derived from joint research projects shall be published with public acknowledgement of the role and contribution of each Party; and
- (c) The use of emblems of each Party in documentation related to activities under this MOU will be in accordance with the current policies of each Party concerning such usage.

ARTICLE-11 TERM AND REVIEW OF THE MOU

- 11.1 This MOU shall be valid for an indefinite period, on the understanding that each Party is at liberty to terminate it at any time by giving 60 (sixty) days notice in writing to the other Parties.
- 11.2 Should the MOU be terminated by one Party, steps shall be taken to ensure that the termination is not prejudicial to any program or activity undertaken within the framework of the MOU.
- 11.3 This MOU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Parties and the intention to amend any terms and/or conditions shall be communicated to the Parties in writing.

ARTICLE-12 MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.1 Any specific activity under this MOU shall be governed by a separate project document or written agreement/communication.
- 12.2 Any specific activity under this MOU shall be subject to the approval of the respective authorities of the Parties in accordance with their rules and procedure.
- 12.3 All information obtained and derived from exchange of information either in writing or otherwise shall be treated as confidential during and after the expiration of this MOU unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties.

[END OF ARTICLES]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly appointed representatives of the Parties have signed the present MOU concerning Transport Development in Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Region in three counterparts on the day and year first above written.

**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
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