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**REPORT OF THE 7th SESSIONAL COMMITTEE OF COMCEC
(Istanbul, 21 November 2005)**

1. The 7th Sessional Committee of COMCEC was held on 21 November 2005, prior to the 21st Session of the COMCEC (22-25 November 2005).
2. The Meeting was co-chaired H.E. Tori LIMANGANA, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and Ambassador Nabika DIALLO, Advisor to the Secretary General of the OIC.
3. In addition to the OIC General Secretariat and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) the following OIC Institutions attended the Meeting;
 - General Secretariat of the OIC
 - Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC)
 - Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
 - Islamic University of Technology (IUT)
 - Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
 - Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI)

In addition to the above OIC Institutions, the Turkish Institutions who are the owners of the projects also attended the Meeting.

4. The Meeting adopted the following agenda items for consideration:
 - a) Review of the Proposed Cooperation Projects within the OIC Plan of Action,
 - b) Evaluation of the Outcome of the OIC Economic Conference, held on 23-27 November 2004 in Istanbul,
 - c) Any other business.

Under Agenda Item 1 :

5. As per the Decisions of the 6th Sessional Committee, the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) gave a presentation on the demarches undertaken with regards to the Project Proposals from Turkey. Thereafter, the owners of the Project Proposals made their presentations.

6. The Committee took the following Decisions as per the Projects (Annexed herewith):

- Project No. 1 (Technical Cooperation Among Patent Offices in the OIC Member States), the owner of the Project namely Turkish Patent Office made a presentation. Thereafter the coordinator, the ICDDT and the owner were asked to form the Project Committee and to contact World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and invite them to the future related Meetings.

IDB, in principle, is interested in studying its participation in cofinancing the above Project, once the Project Profile is finalised. Thereafter, the Project owner was requested to send the complete Project Profile to ICDDT, the coordinator Institution, for circulation among member states and to IDB for consideration.

- Project No. 2 (Technical Cooperation in the Area of Business Incubators Among OIC Member States), Small and Medium Industry Development Organisation of Turkey (KOSGEB), the owner of the Project made a presentation. In this context, the Committee noted ICCI and KOSGEB were cooperating in the finalisation of the Project Document. The Committee called upon the Project owner to send the Project to the ICCI for circulation to the member states. The Committee was informed that the name of the Project has been amended to “Networking of Incubators in Islamic Countries”
- Project No. 3 (Cooperation in the Area of Technical Development: Medium Range Regional Turbofan Airliner) TUSAŞ Aerospace Industries of Turkey (TAI), the owner of the Project, made a presentation. The Committee noted that the private sector may have some interest in this Project and called upon the owner to prepare the necessary documentation

and to establish contacts with the ICCI. It was also noted that IDB was interested in the Project and expressed its readiness to consider the participation in financing the first phase of its implementation, once the full Project Profile is received. The Committee called upon the Project owner to send the Project to the General Secretariat of OIC for circulation to the member states and to the IDB for consideration.

- Project No. 4 (Provision of Technical Assistance for Establishment of Technology Development Foundation in the OIC Member States) The Committee called upon the Project owner, Turkish Technology Development Foundation (TTGV), to send the Project to the IUT for circulation to the member states.
- Project No. 5 (Low Cost Imaging Based Mapping System Applications for Monitoring of Natural and Anthropogenic changes in OIC Member Countries Coasts). The owner of the Project, the Scientific and Technical Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) made a presentation. IUT, in its capacity as the coordinator of the Project, informed that it had contacted the member states and so far, two institutions had shown interest. The Committee also called for involving United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and ISESCO in the Project. The Committee called upon the Project owner to send the Project to IUT for circulation to the member states. It was also suggested that this Project could be submitted to the Conference of the Ministers of Environment. IDB agreed to consider financial support for implementation of the project.
- Project No. 6 (World Gold Markets and Cooperation Possibilities among Islamic Countries). The Committee entrusted SESRTCIC, in its capacity as the coordinator of the Project, to circulate to the member states the integral texts of the explanatory note and Project Profile Form it received from İstanbul Gold Exchange (the owner of the Project). Should a sufficient number of member states express their interest in the Project, the owner of the latter shall call for a meeting of those states to explore the ways and means of the actual implementation of the Project.

7. The Committee took the following Decisions for the following additional Projects:

- Establishment of Energy Technology Network (en-tech-net) Among the Member states. The Project Proposal was presented by the owner, General Directorate of Electrical Power Resources Survey and Development Administration (EIE). IUT was designated as the coordinator of the Project. The Committee called upon its owner to prepare the summary and send it to IUT for circulation.
- TURKSAT Satellite Communication and Cable TV Operation AS of Turkey (TURKSAT) presented two projects namely “Satellite Control and Monitoring Centre (SATCMC)” and “Low Earth Orbit Satellite”. The Committee noted that the private sector may have some interest in these Projects in promoting linkages among the media of OIC member states and called upon the owner to prepare the necessary documentation and to contact the ICCI.
- The new project proposal, namely “Creation of a Network of Cross-border parks on Tourism and Reserves in West Africa”, proposed in the Expert Group Meeting on the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action in the area of Tourism, 11-14 July 2005 in Tehran, will be coordinated by the ICDT.

8. The Committee agreed to submit these additional Projects to the 21st Session of the COMCEC for their inclusion in the existing list of Projects.

9. In order to work in a time frame, the Committee called upon the Project owners and coordinators to ensure that the Projects are ready to be circulated to the member states by the end of 2005 and inform the General Secretariat of OIC and COMCEC Coordination Office accordingly.

10. The Committee also agreed that all the Projects which envisaged the involvement of the private sector could be sent to the ICCI, who would in turn, submit them, to the private sector through its meetings.

Under Agenda Item 2 :

11. The COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), gave a presentation on the demarches undertaken with regards to the evaluation and follow-up of the outcome of the OIC Economic Conference held on the sideline of the 20th Session of COMCEC Meeting in November, 2004.

12. The Committee, following an in-depth discussion, agreed on the following;

- to harmonise the holding of the business forums/economic conferences so as to avoid overlapping,
- OIC Institutions should give their feedback to the COMCEC Coordination Office regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Final Communiqué of the Economic Conference,
- to put the text of the Final Communiqué of OIC Economic Conferences/Business Forums on the web-site of the OIC Institutions,
- to call upon ICCI to streamline all the private sector based recommendations of these fora, in order to facilitate their implementation. The public sector related recommendations will be submitted to the next Islamic Commission and the ICFM.
- the Committee welcomed the support of IDB for the implementation of the recommendations.

13. The 7th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of COMCEC concluded its works by expressing its appreciation to the Chair and to the participants.

LIST OF THE PROJECT PROPOSALS

Serial No	Project Proposals/Ideas	Proposing State/ Institution	Interested Country	Coordinator
I-	TECHNICAL COOPERATION			
1.	Technical Cooperation Among Patent Offices in the OIC Member States	Turkey	Kazakhstan, Syria, Morocco Bangladesh, Pakistan and Yemen	ICDT
2.	Technical Cooperation in the area of Business Incubators Among OIC Member States.	Turkey		ICCI
3.	Cooperation in the area of Technical Development: Medium Range Regional Turbofan Airliner.	Turkey	Kazakhstan	
4.	Provision of Technical Assistance for Establishment of Technology Development Foundation in the OIC Member States.	Turkey		IUT
5.	Low Cost Imaging Based Mapping System Applications for Monitoring of Natural and Anthropogenic changes in OIC Member Countries Coasts	Turkey		IUT
6.	World Gold Markets and Cooperation Possibilities among Islamic countries	Turkey		SESRTCIC
II-	FOREIGN TRADE			
7.	Trade Facilitation Services to be Provided by the National Chambers of the Member Countries.	ICCI		
8.	Import Management Facilities to be Provided by the National Chambers of the Member Countries.	ICCI		
9.	Setting up of Regional Companies Specialized in Organization of Trade Fairs and Exhibitions.	ICDT	Burkina Faso	
10.	Setting up of Permanent Exhibition Halls.	ICDT		
III-	ADDITIONAL PROJECTS			
11.	Establishment of Energy Technology Network (en-tech-net)	Turkey		
12.	Satellite Control and Monitoring Centre (SATCMC)	Turkey	Turkey	
13.	Low Earth Orbit Satellite	Turkey	Turkey	
14.	Creation of a Network of Cross-border Parks and Reserves in West Africa	Guinea	Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Senegal, Sierra Leone	ICDT