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**REPORT OF THE 21ST SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
(İstanbul, October 7th, 2012)**

1. The 21st Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held on October 7th, 2012, prior to the 28th Session of the COMCEC.
2. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. M. Metin EKER, Director General of the COMCEC Coordination Office.
3. In addition to the OIC General Secretariat and the COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), the following OIC Institutions attended the Meeting:
 - Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
 - Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT)
 - Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group
 - Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)
 - Standards and Metrology Institute of Islamic Countries (SMIIC)
 - Islamic University of Technology (IUT)

Some Turkish and Malaysian Institutions, as the owners of the proposed cooperation projects of the COMCEC also attended the Meeting.

4. The Meeting agreed on the following agenda items for consideration:
 - Review of the Proposed Cooperation Projects of the COMCEC
 - Review of the List of Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Field of Economy under the Auspices of the COMCEC for the Period of October 2012- October 2013
 - Any Other Business
5. CCO briefed the Committee on the background of the projects and reiterated the decisions taken by the previous Sessional Committee Meeting.
6. Following the brief, owners of the projects informed the Meeting of the latest developments regarding each project.

7. After deliberations, the Meeting agreed on the following :
- Regarding the project on “Technical Cooperation among Patent Offices in the OIC Member States”, the Committee **took note** of the new dates offered by the Turkish Patent Institute to host the Workshop on “Industrial Property Policies” on 8-9 November 2012 in Ankara, Turkey. The Committee reiterated its **request** to the ICDT, as the Project Coordinator, to communicate with the Moroccan Patent Office to fix the date of the Workshop on “Innovation and Promotion” planned to be held in Morocco in 2013 as the final event of the Project.
 - Concerning the project entitled “Creation of a Network of Cross-border Parks and Reserves in West Africa”, after being informed of the recent developments, the Committee **requested** the Project Owners/Coordinators to submit a detailed Work Plan to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month before the subsequent Sessional Committee.
 - Regarding the projects, namely “The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Road Transport Associations” and “The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations”, in line with the relevant recommendation of the previous Sessional Committee, the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) combined them and submitted the combined version as a single project. The Committee **took note** of the revised project, entitled “Workshop on Enhancing Cooperation and Partnership among the Private Sector Representatives in Transport Sector” and its PPF and **requested** the relevant OIC institutions to convey their views regarding the revised PPF to the COMCEC Coordination Office in a two-month period at the latest.
 - Concerning the Project, entitled, “Establishment of a Dynamic B2B E-Marketplace Web Portal”, the Committee **took note** of the feasibility study and the PPF submitted by the TOBB and **requested** the relevant OIC institutions to convey their views regarding the revised PPF to the COMCEC Coordination Office in a two-month period at the latest.
 - Regarding the project, entitled “Technical Cooperation in the Area of Competition Law and Policy”, the Committee **took note** of the questionnaire prepared by the Turkish Competition Authority in collaboration with SESRIC and **requested** the Turkish Competition Authority to submit the Work Plan to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month in advance of the subsequent Sessional Committee Meeting. In addition to the already existing coordinator (ICDT), SESRIC was designated as the coordinator of the project.

- The Committee **considered** the Project Profile Form of the Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project and **requested** the Project Owners/Coordinators to complete the missing parts of the form and to submit the full-fledged PPF to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month before the next Sessional Committee Meeting at the latest.
 - Concerning the new project proposal on “OIC Single Window”, the ICDT was designated as the coordinator of the project proposal. The Committee **took note** of the PPF submitted by Malaysia and **requested** the relevant OIC Institutions to convey their views on the PPF to the COMCEC Coordination Office in a two-month period at the latest.
8. The Committee was informed by the representatives of the relevant OIC Institutions of their activities to be held in the period from October 2012-October 2013.
9. The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

LIST OF PROJECT PROPOSALS OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

PROJECTS PROPOSALS (Project Profile Forms submitted)				
No	Proposal Name	Proposing State/ Institution	Date of Proposal	Coordinator
1.	Technical Cooperation Among Patent Offices in the OIC Member States	Turkey	1998 (Revised in 2005)	ICDT
2.	Creation of a Network of Cross-border Parks and Reserves in West Africa	Guinea	November 2005	ICDT/SESRIC
3.	The Establishment of the Federation of Islamic Road Transport Associations*	OIC General Secretariat	May 2009	TOBB
4.	Establishment of a Dynamic B2B E-Marketplace Web Portal	COMCEC Coordination Office	May 2009	
5.	Technical Cooperation in the Area of Competition Law and Policy	Turkey	May 2010	ICDT/ SESRIC
6.	Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project	Sudan	October 2008	OIC General Secretariat
PROJECT PROPOSALS (Project Profile Forms not submitted)				
1.	The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations*	OIC General Secretariat	May 2009	

*These two projects were revised and combined as a single project proposal by the TOBB.