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**REPORT  
OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**(İstanbul, 16 October 2011)**

1. The 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 and Industry (ICCI)

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

The Meeting agreed on the following agenda items for consideration:

- 1- Review of the Proposed Cooperation Projects of the COMCEC
- 2- Consideration of the New Project Proposals
- 3- Any other business

4. CCO briefed the Committee on the background of the projects and reiterated the criteria set by the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sessional Committee for the effective evaluation of the projects.
5. Following the brief, owners of the projects informed the Meeting on the latest developments regarding each project.

6. After the deliberations, the Meeting decided on the following :

The Committee **welcomed** the hosting of the Workshop on “Industrial Property Policies” planned to be held in January 2012. The Committee **requested** Turkish Patent Institute (TPI) to consider combining the Workshops on “Industrial Property Policies” and on “Innovation and Promotion” as the final event of the Project and to inform the Committee about the result.

The Committee **reviewed** the progress on the following projects;

- Study on Air Transportation Infrastructure and Industry in OIC Member States,
- Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project,
- The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations (FIATA),
- The Establishment of a Dynamic B2B E-Marketplace Web Portal,
- Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa.

It **urged** all stakeholders to speedily implement these projects, including the submission of necessary documents of the projects to the Sessional Committee at the earliest.

The Committee **welcomed** the offer of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) to revise the Project namely “The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Road Transport Associations” with a view to promoting technical cooperation among the member countries in the field of transport from a multimodal perspective. The Committee **requested** the TOBB to submit the new project profile form well before the next Sessional Committee meeting.

The Committee **welcomed** the project proposal of the Turkish Competition Authority on “Technical Cooperation in the Area of Competition Law and Policy” and **decided** to add this project to the list.

The Committee **also welcomed** the offer of the Turkish Competition Authority to host a conference, namely İstanbul Conference, in İstanbul on 21-22 November 2011 as a kick off activity.

The Committee **took note** of the new project proposals of the SESRIC namely, “Formation of OIC-wide solar collectors”; “Establishment of Carbon market” and “Formation of a Green Energy Platform” and **requested** SESRIC to prepare the

Project Profile Forms of the said projects in accordance with the standard format and submit them at least two months prior to the 20th Meeting of the Sessional Committee.

The Meeting reiterated the following criteria set by its 18th Meeting:

- Only the Project proposals submitted with their respective Project Profile Forms will be added to the Project List of the Sessional Committee.
- The projects in which there is no progress in substantial issues within a 6-month period will be dropped.
- All project owners and coordinators should submit their work programs and time tables.

The Committee **requested** the COMCEC Coordination Office to work on some extra criteria with a view to measuring the progress and ensuring better evaluation and submit them to the next Sessional Committee Meeting.

7. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

## LIST OF PROJECT PROPOSALS OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

| <b>PROJECTS PROPOSALS (Project Profile Forms submitted)</b>    |   |                                     |                           |   |                                |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>No</b>  | <b>Proposal Name</b>  | <b>Proposing State/ Institution</b> | <b>Date of Proposal</b>   | <b>Interested Country</b>   | <b>Coordinator</b>             |
| 1.   | Technical Cooperation Among Patent Offices in the OIC Member States             | Turkey                              | 1998<br>(Revised in 2005) | Kazakhstan, Syria, Morocco, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Yemen  | ICDT                           |
| 2.   | Study on Air Transportation Infrastructure and Industry in OIC Member Countries | Turkey                              | 1998<br>(Revised in 2008) |   | SESRIC                         |
| 3.   | Creation of a Network of Cross-border Parks and Reserves in West Africa         | Guinea                              | 21 November 2005          | Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso (Observer)                 | ICDT/<br>SESRIC                |
| 4.   | The Establishment of the Federation of Islamic Road Transport Associations      | OIC General Secretariat             | 11 May 2009               | United Arab Emirates, Afghanistan, Jordan   | TOBB                           |
| 5.   | Establishment of a Dynamic B2B E-Marketplace Web Portal                         | COMCEC Coordination Office          | 11 May 2009               |   | MUSIAD with ICCL, ICDT and CCO |
| 6.   | Technical Cooperation in the Area of Competition Law and Policy                 | Turkey                              | 9 May 2010                |   | ICDT                           |
| <b>PROJECT PROPOSALS (Project Profile Forms not submitted)</b> |   |                                     |                           |   |                                |
| 1.   | Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project   | Sudan                               | 19 October 2008           | Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, Uganda and Guinea Bissau | OIC General Secretariat        |

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| 2.  | The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations | OIC General Secretariat | 11 May 2009     | Turkey, Senegal, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan |  |
| <b>NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS (<i>Project Profile Forms to be submitted</i>)</b> |   |                         |                 |   |  |
| 1.  | Formation of the OIC-wide Solar Collectors                                    | SESRIC                  | 16 October 2011 |   |  |
| 2.  | Establishment of Carbon Market  | SESRIC                  | 16 October 2011 |   |  |
| 3.  | The OIC Green Energy Platform   | SESRIC                  | 16 October 2011 |   |  |