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REPORT OF THE 20TH SESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING
(Ankara, 8 May 2012)

1. The 20th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held on May 8th, 2012, prior to the 28th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee 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 the owners of the proposed cooperation projects of the COMCEC, and the representative of Mali 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 decisions taken by the previous Sessional Committee Meeting.
5. Following the brief, owners of the projects informed the Meeting of the latest developments regarding each project.
6. After the deliberations, the Meeting decided on the following :
 - The Committee **welcomed** the offer of the Turkish Patent Institute to host the Workshop on “Industrial Property Policies” on 13-14 September 2012 in Ankara, Turkey. The Committee **requested** 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.

- The Committee **decided** to graduate the project entitled “Study on Air Transportation Infrastructure and Industry in OIC Member States” from the Project List due to the lack of progress and ownership.
- Concerning the project entitled, “Creation of a Network of Cross-border Parks and Reserves in West Africa”, the Committee **reviewed** the progress and **requested** the Project Owners/Coordinators to submit a detailed Work Plan to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month before the subsequent Sessional Committee.
- The Committee **reviewed** the progress on the projects, entitled “The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Road Transport Associations” and “The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations” and **requested** the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) to revise them as a single project proposal and submit its PPF to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month in advance of the next Sessional Committee Meeting at the latest.
- Regarding the Project, entitled, “Establishment of a Dynamic B2B E-Marketplace Web Portal”, the Committee **requested** COMCEC Coordination Office to finalize its consultations with the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) on the project and circulate the revised PPF to the concerned OIC institutions one month in advance of the subsequent Sessional Committee Meeting.
- The Committee **appreciated** the work carried out by the Turkish Competition Authority regarding the project, entitled “Technical Cooperation in the Area of Competition Law and Policy” and **welcomed** the recommendations of the Istanbul Conference on "Needs Assessment of the OIC Member States in the Field of Competition Law and Policy" held on 21-22 November 2011, in İstanbul, Turkey, as the kick off activity for the project. The Committee **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.
- 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.

For the New Project Proposals

- The Committee **reviewed** the new project proposal of the SESRIC and **requested** SESRIC to submit the full-fledged PPF for the project entitled “The OIC Green Energy Platform” to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month before the subsequent Sessional Committee Meeting at the latest.
- The Committee **took note** of the new project proposal related to the OIC Single Window, raised by the ICDT representative and **requested** the ICDT to submit the PPF one month in advance of the next Sessional Committee Meeting.

Any Other Business

- The Committee **agreed on** the criteria prepared by the COMCEC Coordination Office in line with the relevant decision of the 19th Sessional Committee Meeting with a view to measuring the progress and ensuring better evaluation of the Sessional Committee projects.

(The criteria are attached as Annex 1.)

- The Committee **welcomed** the offer of the COMCEC Coordination Office to prepare a List of Activities of the OIC Institutions regarding the economic and commercial cooperation to be organized under the auspices of the COMCEC annually and **requested** the concerned institutions to convey their planned activities for 2013 to the COMCEC Coordination Office one month before the next Sessional Committee Meeting.
7. The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

LIST OF PROJECT PROPOSALS OF THE SESSIONAL COMMITTEE

PROJECTS PROPOSALS (<i>Project Profile Forms submitted</i>)				
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
6.	Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project	Sudan	October 2008	OIC General Secretariat
PROJECT PROPOSALS (<i>Project Profile Forms not submitted</i>)				
1.	The Establishment of the Federation of the Islamic Air Transport Associations*	OIC General Secretariat	May 2009	

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