

**AGREED MINUTES OF THE 2ND CUSTOMS HEADS' MEETING BETWEEN THE
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND
THE CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

IN THE SPIRIT OF the Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs Matters between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, signed in Ankara, Turkey on November 23, 2000;

CONFIRMING firmly established cooperative relationship between the Ministry of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey and the Customs Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties");

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of Customs roles in protecting customs border and promoting economic growth by facilitating trade;

NOTING that the two Customs Authorities' efforts to exchange information contribute to promotion of bilateral flows of goods, services, capital and human resources;

The delegation of the Ministry of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey headed by Undersecretary Ziya Altunyalız and the delegation of the Customs Administration of the Islamic Republic of Iran headed by Director General Dr. Abbas Memarnejad, at the 2nd Customs Heads' Meeting held in Konya, the Republic of Turkey, on May 21, 2012.

Both sides expressed their satisfaction with their good cooperation in the area of Customs and the following issues were discussed:

- 1- The Parties expressed their satisfaction regarding the level of the realization of the results of the 1st Customs Heads' Meeting.
- 2- The Parties agreed to sign the related protocols of the "Agreement between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the Joint Use of the Esendere and Sero Land Border Gates" and the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the Joint Use of the Kapıköy and Razi Land Border Gates", namely the protocols "on Cooperation and Harmonization of the Vehicle and Passenger Crossings and Working Hours at the Joint Land Border Gates" during the 3rd Customs Heads' Meeting.
- 3- The Parties agreed to hold a technical meeting in two months' time for the harmonization of the structures of the border gates of Esendere - Sero and Kapıköy - Razi. The date and venue of the meeting will be decided afterwards.
- 4- The Iranian side declared that the Razi - Khoi Road is under construction, partly completed and shall be fully completed before the 3rd Customs Heads' Meeting (October 2012). The bridge on the same road shall be completed before September 2013.
- 5- The Parties agreed to support railway transportation in order to promote safe and high volume transportation between two countries. The Parties also agreed to take all

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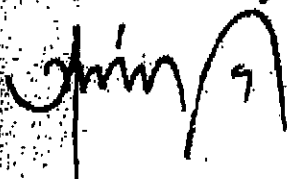
October 2012. The Turkish side agreed to provide free shuttle service at Gürbulak Land Border Gate between the entry of Gürbulak Land Border Gate and the passenger halls.

- 17- The Parties expressed their satisfaction for the realization of exchanging monthly lists of responsible personnel working at weekends, including their e-mails, office and mobile phones.
- 18- The Parties agreed to prioritize the activities will be done at Esendere - Sero and Kapıköy - Razi.
- 19- The Parties agreed to establish a joint technical committee to consider the possibility of exchange of information between the respective Customs Administrations and to consider the data exchange protocol regarding the joint use of land border gates. The committee shall present its report to the consideration of the delegates at the 3rd Customs Heads' Meeting.
- 20- The Turkish side declared that a permanent Customs Attaché shall be appointed at the Orumieh Consulate of the Republic of Turkey. The Iranian side stated that they may also appoint a Customs Attaché to the Erzurum Consulate of the Islamic Republic of Iran, based on their discussion with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
- 21- The Turkish side asked the active participation of Iranian Customs to the activities of the Silk Road Customs Administrations Initiative. The Iranian side expressed their determination to actively participate in these activities.
- 22- The Parties agreed to organize the Customs Heads' Meetings on a six month period and to hold the 3rd Customs Heads' Meeting in Espahan, Iran, in October 2012, to keep up cooperative ties between the two Sides. The exact date and agenda of the meeting will be arranged through future consultation between the two Sides.

Done in Konya, Republic of Turkey, on May 21, 2012, made in duplicate, in English language.

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