

**AGREED MINUTES  
OF  
THE SECOND MEETING OF  
THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION BETWEEN  
THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY AND THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

The Second Meeting of the Joint Economic Commission between the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Cambodia was held in Ankara on October 17-18, 2019, in accordance with the "Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia" signed on January 3, 2002.

The Turkish Delegation was headed by H.E. Dr. Bekir PAKDEMİRLİ Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey and the Cambodian Delegation was headed by H.E. PAN Sorasak, Minister of Commerce of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The members of the two Delegations are listed in Annexes I and II respectively.

The meeting took place in a warm atmosphere reflecting the friendly relations between the two countries and their desire to strengthen and further develop bilateral economic and commercial relations based on mutual benefit.

At the plenary session, the Heads of the two Delegations exchanged information on the latest developments of their economies, reviewed the results of cooperation in several fields, and set forth a line of action for cooperation in the coming years.

During the meeting, various subjects of mutual interest were discussed and the results of these deliberations are summarized as follows:

**1. MULTILATERAL COOPERATION**

During the First Session of the Joint Economic Commission between the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Turkish Side expressed its willingness to organize training programs on WTO issues, especially on agriculture and SPS, customs, rules of origin, trade facilitation, investment promotion, public private partnership and free trade agreements for Cambodian government officials.

With this regard, the Cambodian Side expressed its appreciation to the Turkish Side for the organization of 'Experience Sharing and Training on WTO Related Issues Program', which was held on 19-23 December 2016 in Ankara.

**2. TRADE COOPERATION**

**Bilateral Trade**

Both Sides reviewed the developments in their bilateral trade since the last session of the Joint Commission. Both Sides also confirmed that there is potential for increase.

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Both Sides underlined the importance of reciprocal visits in promoting bilateral trade, economic and technical cooperation and agreed to encourage both public and private business sectors and relevant organizations of their respective countries to get into closer contact with each other.

In this respect, both Sides agreed to develop strategies to increase and diversify the composition of bilateral trade on a mutually beneficial basis.

Both Sides also noted that high-level visits such as that of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, to Turkey on October 20-22, 2018 and Minister of Commerce H.E. PAN Sorasak to Turkey on October 17-18, 2019 have helped to improve diplomatic and economic relations. Both Sides agreed to maintain the momentum generated by these visits for the years 2020-2021.

### **Turkish-Cambodian Business Council**

Both Sides recognized the importance of the private sector cooperation in strengthening the economic relations through closer contacts and networking.

Both Sides highlighted the role of Turkish-Cambodian Business Council in organizing visits and improving the contacts between the business circles of both countries.

In this respect, Both Sides welcomed the meeting of Turkey-Cambodia Business Forum on October 20, 2018 in Istanbul, Turkey and agreed to encourage their relevant institutions to organize the next meeting soon.

## **3. ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

### **Industrial Cooperation**

Both Sides agreed on exchanging information and expertise on industry related issues as well as agreed to produce joint projects in this area.

Both Sides expressed their desire to diversify the composition of bilateral trade through encouraging business circles in following industrial areas:

- Food products
- Rubber and rubber products
- Food processing machinery
- Automotive spare parts
- Textile machinery
- Mining machinery
- Construction products
- Wood products
- Travelling and sport goods
- Bicycles manufacturing
- Electric and electronic components manufacturing





Both Sides will support the possible future visits of Turkish and Cambodian business delegations to inform each other about business and investment opportunities in their respective countries.

Both Sides agreed to provide technical and logistical support for mutual investments and encourage participation of related institutions in fairs and congresses.

### **Halal Cooperation**

Turkish side expressed that Halal Accreditation Agency of Turkey (HAK), which has been established to accredit halal conformity assessment bodies operating in Turkey and all over the world, is ready to provide technical support in regards to the accreditation of halal conformity assessment bodies and certification procedures of halal goods and services in the Kingdom of Cambodia.

In this vein, Both Sides agreed to establish a Joint Working Group for improving the cooperation in halal accreditation and certification.

### **Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)**

Both Sides expressed their willingness to:

- Share best practices and experiences in technology and innovation area through study visits, capacity buildings, participation in conferences and scholarships especially on digital economy, digital government, cyber security, postal sector, disaster management, climate change and telecommunication.
- Establish cooperation between the technoparks or similar structures of both countries by signing MoU or Agreements,
- Supply medium/high or high tech products with a lower cost and higher quality by Turkish technopark companies,
- Make activities to bring technology based firms and entrepreneurs of both countries together and develop cooperation,
- Develop cooperation regarding the best practices and lessons learned in digital transformation.

### **Standardization**

Both sides expressed their satisfaction on the existing cooperation in the fields of standardization and conformity assessment.

The Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the Institute of Standards of Cambodia (ISC) will support each other at international platforms such as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

### **Technical Cooperation in Metrology**

The Turkish Side reiterated its willingness to develop cooperation between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey – National Metrology Institute (TÜBİTAK-UME) and National Metrology Center (NMC), the primary metrology institution of Cambodia, in the

fields of metrology, calibrations, measurement systems and quality control in the following topics:

- Bilateral comparisons,
- Exchange of personnel,
- Development of metrological equipment/instruments,
- Joint research projects in metrology,
- Organization of joint meetings and conferences,
- Providing traceability.

In order to improve collaboration in this area both sides will explore the possibility of concluding a MoU within the field of metrology.

### **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**

The Turkish side expressed its willingness to share its knowledge and experience about KOSGEB (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization) model and MSMEs incentive models, business and technology incubators, developing entrepreneurship culture and entrepreneurship training for the development of MSME related organizations, MSMEs and entrepreneurs.

In line with the demands from the sectoral and professional organizations, KOSGEB expressed its willingness to organize business trips and seminars to introduce the trade environment and regulations of each country.

The Cambodian Side welcomes the conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding on MSMEs Technical Cooperation for signing by both parties to boost stronger cooperation. Cambodia underscored the need to enhance capacity of its MSMEs and called for joint effort to effectively implement the signed MoU to address the MSMEs capacity need, improve productivity and innovation and open up investment opportunities for MSMEs of both countries.

### **Contracting and Engineering Consultancy Services**

Both Sides, considering the importance of cooperation on construction and engineering consultancy services sectors, agreed to encourage their companies as well as their related institutions for further collaboration.

The Turkish Side, in this context, underlined that the increasing number of prestigious and big-scaled construction projects undertaken by Turkish companies in global scale recently, would support the above-mentioned efforts on further cooperation in this sector with Cambodia and expressed her readiness to undertake infrastructure and superstructure projects in order to support the economic development of Cambodia including the recent development projects in Sihanouk Ville city.

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## **Agriculture**

Both sides agreed to enhance the implementation of the MoU between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Republic of the Turkey on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture signed on 21 October 2018.

Both sides agreed to improve cooperation in the following fields:

- Cooperation on combating desertification, land degradation and drought,
- Encouraging investment of Turkish companies in processing and marketing of agricultural products,
- Strengthening cooperation on plant and animal health and SPS.

## **Transportation**

### **Cooperation in Shipbuilding Industry**

Both Sides highlighted the opportunities for cooperation in the field of shipbuilding and announced their readiness to support cooperation in the following areas:

- Creation and implementation of modern technologies for shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and dredging including automation of a process-layout preparation,
- Modernization/construction of shipyards (docks) in Turkey and the Cambodia,
- Shipbuilding, yacht construction, ship repair and maintenance, ship recycling and dredging trainings for the engineers and technical personnel.

### **Cooperation in Railway Sector**

The Turkish Side is willing to cooperate on:

- The supply/maintenance/modernization of the towing vehicles,
- Providing technical cooperation, training, consultancy services,
- Sharing information and experience sharing in the railway area.

The Cambodian Side expresses her appreciation and welcomes Turkish willingness to support Cambodia in Railway sector.

## **Civil Aviation**

In accordance with the existing Air Service Agreement and MoU between the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Cambodia, Both Sides acknowledged that air connectivity is very important for the promotion of tourism cooperation and people-to-people contact and agreed to encourage the respective civil aviation authorities and their own airlines to explore the possibilities to have direct flights between the two countries.

Due to advance development of Turkish Civil Aviation sector, the Cambodian Side requested the Turkish Side to provide the short courses and/or higher education scholarships in civil aviation for Cambodian officials.

The Turkish Side welcomed the request of Cambodian Side and agreed to extend cooperation in areas related to all aviation issues such as training, maintenance, ground handling, airport operations and other similar topics.

### **Health**

Both Sides agreed to exchange experience on public health issues particularly in strengthening health systems and communicable diseases.

The Turkish Side proposed to sign an agreement in order to establish the legal basis for cooperation in health. For this purpose, the Turkish Side proposed to establish a technical working group from the relevant Ministries of both countries.

The Turkish Side proposed to develop cooperation in the following areas:

- Improving alternative commercial activities between the Turkish pharma and medical device industries and its Cambodian counterparts,
- Organizing activities by signing contracts through the International Health Services Inc. (Uluslararası Sağlık Hizmetleri A.Ş.-USHAŞ) in health tourism, medicine, pharmacy, biologic equivalence, health informatics as well as undergraduate level trainings in medicine and other health professions and specialization training in medicine.

### **Education**

Both Sides will promote cooperation in establishment and development of school partnership for joint education programs and student activities between the schools and relevant institutions of the two countries.

Both Sides expressed their desire to promote each other's history, geography, language, culture and traditions in order to enhance and strengthen the friendly relations existing between their countries and their people as well as to promote common values between them.

The Turkish Side proposed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the establishment of legal personality and conducting educational activities of Turkish Maarif Foundation in the Kingdom of Cambodia in accordance with the legislations of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The Cambodian Side took note of the Turkish proposal.

The Cambodian Side agreed to facilitate the procedures for Turkish Maarif Foundation to acquire legal status in Cambodia.

Both Sides will promote the implementation of the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Education.

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Both sides also agreed to enhance cooperation through the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Sports signed on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in Turkey.

### **Tourism**

Both Sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in tourism through the implementation of the Agreement on Tourism Cooperation between the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Government of the Republic of Turkey signed on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in İstanbul, Turkey.


In accordance with the Agreement, Both Sides agreed to hold the first meeting of the Tourism Working Group in Cambodia at the earliest convenience of the two sides.

### **4. TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Both Sides agreed that the next meeting of the Joint Economic Commission between the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Cambodia will take place in Phnom Penh in 2021. The exact date of the meeting will be specified mutually through diplomatic channels.

Signed in Ankara on October 18, 2019 as two originals in English language.

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