PROTOCOL
OF
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TÜRKİYE-IRAQ JOINT ECONOMIC AND TRADE COMMITTEE

(JETCO)

Türkiye-Iraq Joint Economic and Trade Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) which was established between the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye and the Ministry of Trade of Republic of Iraq (hereinafter referred to as "Both Sides") with the "Memorandum of Understanding on the Establishment of Joint Economic and Trade Committee" signed on 22 April 2024 in Baghdad, held its second meeting on 29-30 October 2025 in Baghdad.

The Turkish Delegation was headed by H.E. Prof. Dr. Ömer BOLAT, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye and the Iraqi Delegation was headed by H.E. Atheer Dawood Salman AL GHURAIRI, Minister of Trade of the Republic of Iraq.

The members of the two delegations are listed in Annex I and II, respectively.

The Committee's proceedings unfolded in an environment characterized by utmost cordiality, mutual trust, and a spirit of close cooperation, embodying the longstanding historical bonds and brotherly solidarity shared by the two countries.

Both Sides welcomed the recent visit of H.E. Mohammed Shia' AL SUDANI, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, to Türkiye on May 8, 2025 accompanied by officials and business delegations and shared their contentment the fruitful meeting between H.E. Prof Dr. Ömer BOLAT and H.E. Atheer Dawood Salman AL GHURAIRI during that visit.

During the Committee meeting, issues and topics related to trade and economic relations were discussed and the results of talks are as follows:

I- TRADE RELATIONS

Bilateral Trade

Both Sides overviewed their bilateral trade relations and underlined the importance of enhancing current cooperation in their bilateral trade.

Both Sides expressed their common desire to seek opportunities to strengthen and diversify their bilateral economic and commercial relations within the framework of effective and mutually advantageous conditions.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with "the Türkiye-Iraq Business Round Table Meeting" that took place simultaneously with this session of the JETCO Meeting and with the participation of leading companies and investors of both countries.

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Both Sides agreed to encourage the Turkish-Iraqi Business Council for further exploring possibilities to increase bilateral trade especially in the fields of foodstuffs, cars, machinery, spare parts and construction materials and joint production projects through the private sector in both countries.

Both Sides welcomed the visit of the Foreign Economic Relations Board of Türkiye (DEİK) delegation to Iraq on 30 August-1 September 2025, and underlined the importance of exchanging business and trade delegations for furthering trade and investment relations to a higher level, through exploration of market opportunities as well as deepening of business-to-business linkages.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the "Memorandum of Understanding in the Field of Organizing Exhibitions" signed between the Ministries of Trade of the two countries within the framework of the Second Session JETCO Meeting.

Both Sides agreed to promote private sector companies to participate in exhibitions and fairs.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the participation of Turkish companies in the 48th Baghdad International Fair 2025, held on 1–7 February 2025.

The Iraqi Side invited the Turkish Side to participate in the 49th session of the Baghdad International Fair which will be held in February 2026. The Turkish Side expressed its willingness to encourage the private sector companies to participate in 49th session of the Baghdad International Fair.

Both Sides shared their satisfaction of the organization of the Turkish Export Products Fair in Baghdad on 30 October–1 November 2025, held concurrently with the Second Session JETCO Meeting.

Both Sides agreed the role of international trade for flourishing welfare and development, underlined implementation of measures should not harm the efforts for facilitating the flow of trade and the competition conditions in their countries in accordance with their laws and regulations.

Both Sides agreed to study for searching the non-tariff barriers in their bilateral trade and have a technical meeting to exchange the results of their studies.

Both Sides shared their satisfaction for the ongoing talks between the Iraqi Central Bank and Turkish banks operating in Iraq on simplifying US Dollar and Euro transfers and the Turkish Side reiterated its expectations from the Iraqi Side to finalize its responses regarding this issue in a timely manner as agreed in the First Session of JETCO.

Both Sides agreed to organize a technical meeting in order to study the possibility of using Turkish products in public tenders in Iraq considering that Turkish companies manufacture within the framework of Customs Union with the European Union.

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Both Sides agreed to hold a technical meeting on the electronic issuance and verification of certificates of origin, with the aim of encouraging the mutual sharing of practices and experiences.

The Turkish Side stated the readiness of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) to share its experience with the Iraqi Side in the field of issuing certificates of origin.

Both Sides reiterated their consensus to establish a Joint Consultation Mechanism under this Committee to examine the payment claims of Turkish and Iraqi companies and agreed to hold the first meeting of this Mechanism on the first quarter of 2026.

The Turkish Side requested the Iraqi Side to ensure uniform implementation of technical regulations on customs and trade with a view to enhancing bilateral trade and the Iraqi Side emphasized that its custom regulations and procedures are unified in all border gates of Iraq.

Investments

Both Sides highlighted ensuring a stable and transparent business climate underpinned by a legal framework would definitely foster and sustain investments between the two countries.

Both Sides underlined the importance of completing the ratification procedures of the "*Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Government of the Republic of Iraq for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income*" signed on 17 December 2020 and "*the Agreement on the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments*", which was signed on 22 April 2024.

Both Sides expressed their contentment on organization of the Türkiye-Iraq Roundtable Meeting with the participation of Turkish businesspeople on 8 May 2025, as well as with the regular bilateral meetings held with the Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce (FICC), as concrete steps to enhance private sector engagement in trade and economic relations.

Customs and Logistics

The Turkish Side welcomed the implementation of the Customs Convention on the International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets, 1975 (TIR Convention) in Iraq as of 1 April 2025. With a view to further realizing the benefits of the TIR System, and Both Sides agreed to facilitate the flow of Turkish trucks to their destinations to all Iraqi governaries.

Both Sides underlined the importance of developing cooperation and studies for opening new border gates to improve transportation and economic cooperation between the two countries.

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Both Sides agreed to establish a Joint Customs Committee between the related authorities to address customs cooperation issues in Working Groups under framework of the Joint Customs Committee.

The Turkish Side expressed its readiness to send a draft protocol on establishing Joint Customs Committee at the earliest convenience.

Both Sides expressed their willingness to sign a Mutual Administrative Assistance Agreement, which will strengthen the legal basis of customs relations between the two countries. The Turkish Side expressed its readiness to send a draft agreement at the earliest convenience.

Multilateral Relations

The Turkish Side expressed its readiness to provide technical support to the Republic of Iraq during the negotiations to join the World Trade Organization.

Both Sides, emphasizing the importance of increasing trade, promoting economic integration and facilitating regional trade among the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) extended their full support to OIC and its organs, particularly COMCEC.

II. ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION

Contracting and Technical Consultancy Services

The Turkish Side underlined that Turkish companies are prepared to assume an active role in infrastructure and superstructure projects to be implemented in Iraq, including within the scope of the Development Road Project, which aims to establish a vital connection between Iraq and Europe through Türkiye.

Both Sides concurred on the necessity of encouraging their respective institutions and private sectors to foster enhanced cooperation, with particular emphasis on contracting and technical consultancy services.

Both Sides welcomed the General Contracting Delegation Program organized concurrently with the Second Session of the JETCO Meeting in between 30th of October and 1st of November, 2025.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the implementation of the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Turkish Contractors Association and the Iraqi Contractors Federation (MoU)" which was signed on 25 April 2019, and agreed to exert every possible effort to ensure the effective implementation of the mentioned MoU.

Cooperation in Service Sectors

Both Sides underlined the importance of cooperation in the field of health tourism.

Both Sides expressed their desire to encourage and promote cooperation and marketing events take place under the "Heal in Türkiye" concept.

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Both Sides agreed to cooperate towards strengthening relations and capacity building in the field of health tourism.

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the ongoing process regarding the settlement of receivables of Turkish private hospitals from the Iraqi Ministry of Health.

Pre-Shipment Inspections

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the continuation of meetings between the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC) to facilitate the transit of Turkish exports to Iraq and for the Turkish Standardization Institute (TSE) can issue certificates of conformity without the need for additional inspection at customs based on the memorandum of understanding to be signed between the two parties (TSE) (COSQC) and in accordance with the laws, regulations and legislation in each country.

Both Sides agreed to accelerate negotiations on the Memorandum of Understanding between TSE and COSQC.

The Turkish Side recalled its invitation to the technical staff of COSQC to visit the laboratory infrastructure of TSE in order to enhance cooperation, and Both Sides agreed that this visit should be carried out at the earliest convenient time.

Metrology and Accreditation

Both Sides expressed their satisfaction with the "*Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Metrology between the Ministry of Industry and Technology of the Republic of Türkiye and the Ministry of Planning of the Republic of Iraq*", signed during the visit of H.E. Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' Al-Sudani to Türkiye on 8 May 2025.

Both Sides underlined the significance of enhancing cooperation between TÜBİTAK National Metrology Institute (UME) and the Central Organization for Standardization and Quality Control (COSQC) on the development of metrology infrastructure, needs analysis, laboratory establishment, equipment procurement, provision of calibration, training and consultancy services, as well as the organization of key comparisons of measurement standards.

Both Sides emphasized that this collaboration will contribute to the development of Iraq's metrology infrastructure, particularly in the fields of calibration, measurement systems and quality control.

The Turkish Side expressed Halal Accreditation Agency's readiness to share information with relevant institutions of Iraq in the field of halal accreditation and halal quality infrastructure and to conduct cooperation activities within the OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure. Both Sides agreed to hold a meeting to discuss potential cooperation opportunities, such as trainings and other capacity building activities in the relevant fields.

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The Turkish Side invited the Iraqi Side to the 11th World Halal Summit and Halal Expo 2025, which will be held in Istanbul on 26–29 November 2025.

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III. THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

Both Sides agreed to hold follow-up meetings in order to overview the developments regarding this Protocol periodically.

Both Sides agreed to hold the Third Session of the Committee in Türkiye on a date to be determined through diplomatic channels.

Done and signed on 30 October 2025 in Baghdad, in two originals in English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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