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Agenda item 127 (i)

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization**Resolution adopted by the General Assembly
on 25 August 2023***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.102)]***77/330. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization***The General Assembly,**Recalling* its resolution [48/2](#) of 13 October 1993, by which it granted observer status to the Economic Cooperation Organization,*Recalling also* its previous resolutions on cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization, in which it invited various specialized agencies, as well as other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant financial institutions, to join in the efforts towards realizing its goals and the objectives of the Economic Cooperation Organization,*Appreciating* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to strengthen its relations with the United Nations system and relevant international and regional organizations for the development and implementation of projects and programmes in areas of common interest,*Noting* the efforts made by the United Nations system and the relevant international and regional organizations in extending technical and financial assistance to the Economic Cooperation Organization for the development and implementation of programmes and projects pertaining to socioeconomic progress, and encouraging them to continue their support,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution [75/324](#) of 9 September 2021,¹ and acknowledges the growing cooperation between the two organizations;

¹ See [A/77/277-S/2022/606](#), sect. II.



2. *Takes note* of the Economic Cooperation Organization Vision 2025 and the Islamabad Declaration, issued at the thirteenth summit meeting of Heads of State and/or Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Islamabad on 1 March 2017;
3. *Also takes note* of the Baku Declaration, issued at the twelfth summit meeting of Heads of State and/or Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Baku on 16 October 2012;²
4. *Further takes note* of the Tashkent Communiqué, issued at the twenty-sixth meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Tashkent on 24 January 2023, and of the upcoming twenty-seventh meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization, to be held in Azerbaijan in the last quarter of 2023;
5. *Notes* the Ashgabat Consensus for Action adopted at the fifteenth summit meeting of Heads of State and/or Government of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Ashgabat on 28 November 2021, and looks forward with interest to the upcoming sixteenth summit meeting, to be held in Uzbekistan in November 2023;
6. *Appreciates* the continuing efforts to strengthen the existing cooperation between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Cooperation Organization, especially in the field of trade capacity-building of the member States, notes with satisfaction the completion of the implementation of the third phase of their joint programme in 2017, and appreciates the readiness of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to cooperate in the implementation of the fourth phase of the project together with development partners such as the Islamic Development Bank and the Asian Development Bank;
7. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Trade Organization and the International Trade Centre to develop strategies for the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization for trade liberalization and the promotion of foreign direct investment to facilitate the global and regional integration of their economies;
8. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to implement the Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement³ and develop the draft Trade Facilitation Strategy, and invites the relevant United Nations institutions and agencies to support the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization in carrying out a comprehensive study on preparing a road map for institutionalizing a network of selected Free Trade/Special Economic Zones among its member States;
9. *Takes note* of the initiative of Uzbekistan to proclaim 2022 the Year of Strengthening Connectivity and the initiative of Azerbaijan to proclaim 2023 the Year of Green Transition and Interconnectivity in the Economic Cooperation Organization region;
10. *Values* the firm commitment by the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to enhance cooperation in transport, energy, tourism, agriculture and health, as reaffirmed at the relevant Economic Cooperation Organization ministerial meetings, and looks forward to the upcoming meetings in this regard;

² A/67/581, annex.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2562, No. 45696.

11. *Takes note* of the initiative to establish the Economic Cooperation Organization–United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Coordination Committee on the Trans-Caspian and Almaty-Tehran-Istanbul Corridors, with a view to contributing to increasing the East-West and North-South transit potential through policy coordination, infrastructure development, logistics improvement and technical and financial support;

12. *Commends* the role of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in conducting the commercialization studies of the Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Iran Railway Freight Corridor, and welcomes the resumption of the Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul train service in December 2021;

13. *Acknowledges* the role of regional cooperation arrangements and platforms of the Economic Cooperation Organization in implementing the United Nations-led global agenda, including in areas such as energy and climate, disaster risk reduction, drugs control, health, information and communications technology, transport and connectivity, and invites the United Nations entities to cooperate with the Economic Cooperation Organization to promote the above areas in accordance with their respective mandates;

14. *Appreciates* regular contacts among the Economic Cooperation Organization Trade and Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, and invites them for enhanced collaboration for financing regional projects;

15. *Recognizes* the need to enhance cooperation in the implementation of transport and communication projects that will connect the Economic Cooperation Organization region with the main hub ports and world markets, including the construction of new railways;

16. *Encourages* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to promote digitized transit transport;

17. *Takes note* of the preparation of the 2025 Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Strategy for Information Society Development and its Action Plan, and invites the International Telecommunication Union to continue to extend its institutional guidance and assistance to the activities of the Organization in the action-oriented phase in implementation of the Action Plan;

18. *Invites* the Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to cooperate with the Economic Cooperation Organization for the facilitation of transit trade among the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the modernization of their border crossing points;

19. *Emphasizes* the need to promote the development of a sustainable transport sector, which should contribute to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and minimize the adverse impact thereon, and invites the United Nations entities to cooperate with the Economic Cooperation Organization to promote sustainable transport in the region;

20. *Recognizes* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to ensure food security in the region, acknowledges the adoption of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Programme for Food Security, and invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consider providing technical and financial assistance to the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization;

21. *Also recognizes* the growing importance of tourism in the sustainable development of the region and its potential in the promotion of a sustainable economy, and invites the relevant United Nations institutions and agencies and other organizations, especially the World Tourism Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, to consider extending financial and technical support to the Economic Cooperation Organization for the development of regional projects related to tourism promotion and to support its programmes;

22. *Notes* the ongoing cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the international partners to support the soonest launching of the project on the establishment of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Electricity Market, as well as the dialogue between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization to align the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Electricity Market with a regional road map on power system connectivity, promoting cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development;

23. *Also notes* the ongoing endeavours of the Economic Cooperation Organization towards achieving more diverse and resilient energy architecture in the Organization region, supported by the mainstreaming of cleaner and sustainable energy sources, which are also in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainable Energy for All, and thus calls upon the United Nations agencies concerned to consider rendering financial and technical support for Economic Cooperation Organization regional projects in the fields of clean energy, renewables, energy efficiency and conservation;

24. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on the Economic Cooperation Organization Clean Energy Centre, the adoption of the Charter of the Centre at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization and the selection of Azerbaijan as host country of the Centre, and supports enhancing this cooperation towards soonest operationalization of this Centre;

25. *Recognizes* the significance of mutual cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization in addressing the global challenges referred to in its resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, and emphasizes the necessity of regular cooperation between the two organizations for achieving the goals envisaged in that resolution;

26. *Welcomes* the initiative of establishing the High-Level Sustainable Development Working Group in 2023 to prepare an action plan for enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development in the region by developing the Sustainable Development Index for the region and convening the first Sustainable Development Forum;

27. *Also welcomes* the enhancement of cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the environment-related agencies, conventions and forums of the United Nations, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Convention on Biological Diversity;

28. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Forum on Forests to address forest-related issues in the region and coordinate policies, strategies and actions to accelerate the implementation of the United Nations strategic plan for forests 2017–2030;⁴

29. *Notes* the importance of the midterm comprehensive review of the implementation of the objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, and the water-related goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,⁵ and commends the convening of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference;

30. *Highlights* the importance of enhanced cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system in fighting the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and achieving the health-related Sustainable Development Goals, and encourages the relevant United Nations entities, especially the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children’s Fund, to consider extending technical and financial support to the Economic Cooperation Organization in recovering from the consequences of COVID-19, as appropriate;

31. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to enhance cooperation in the field of health in the region in collaboration with international organizations and the specialized agencies, especially the World Health Organization, the International Society of Blood Transfusion, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children’s Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, and encourages their continued support for the activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization in the field of health;

32. *Notes* the vulnerability of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to natural disasters, and urges the relevant United Nations institutions and agencies, including the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the United Nations Development Programme, to consider expanding their cooperation with the Economic Cooperation Organization in the area of natural and man-made disaster risk reduction and also to consider extending their technical and financial support for the relevant activities of the Organization, including the recent Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction fostering the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030⁶ in the region;

33. *Acknowledges* the adoption of the implementation status and road map for the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction;

34. *Highlights* the importance of high-quality statistics as a tool for the implementation of development goals and the importance of future cooperation and partnership between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in this regard, and encourages the Division to consider extending technical and financial support to the Organization in the field of statistics, as appropriate;

⁴ See resolution [71/285](#).

⁵ Resolution [70/1](#).

⁶ Resolution [69/283](#), annex II.

35. *Appreciates* the efforts and activities of the Economic Cooperation Organization in compiling and disseminating drug-related data, and organizing workshops and training programmes aimed at enhancing the technical and professional expertise of the officials working in the relevant anti-narcotics forces and agencies of its member States, and encourages the United Nations agencies and the donor community, such as the European Commission and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to continue to provide technical and financial assistance to the Organization in its efforts against drug-related and other related crimes;

36. *Acknowledges* the ongoing efforts of the States members of the Economic Cooperation Organization to strengthen regional cooperation to combat drugs and organized crime, including the establishment of a police mechanism, a regional judicial and legal cooperation mechanism and the Economic Cooperation Organization regional centre for the cooperation of anti-corruption agencies and ombudsmen, and invites the relevant organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations, including the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, to assist and support those efforts;

37. *Appreciates* the contributions made by the Economic Cooperation Organization towards reconstruction and development in Afghanistan, and invites relevant United Nations agencies and other international organizations to assist the Economic Cooperation Organization in implementing its Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan;

38. *Notes with appreciation* the activities of the Cultural Institute, the Science Foundation and the Educational Institute of the Economic Cooperation Organization as specialized agencies of the Organization to foster regional cooperation among its member States in the fields of culture, science and education, respectively, and encourages the relevant specialized agencies of the United Nations system, especially the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to cooperate with these bodies, within the scope of their mandate and existing resources;

39. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

40. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-ninth session, under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations", the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization".

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