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### **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 5 September 2025**

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/79/L.126](#))]

### **79/330. 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* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution [77/330](#) of 25 August 2023,<sup>1</sup> and acknowledges the growing cooperation between the two organizations;

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/79/302-S/2024/600](#).



2. *Also 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. *Further 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;<sup>2</sup>
4. *Takes note* of the Shusha Declaration, adopted at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Shusha, Azerbaijan, on 10 October 2023;
5. *Also takes note* of the Tashkent Communiqué adopted at the sixteenth summit meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Tashkent on 9 November 2023;
6. *Further takes note* of the fifth meeting of attorneys/prosecutors general of the Economic Cooperation Organization member States, held in Dushanbe on 16 May 2024;
7. *Takes note* of the ninth Economic Cooperation Organization ministerial meeting on disaster risk reduction, held in Dushanbe on 17 September 2024;
8. *Also takes note* of the second experts group meeting on the establishment of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Electricity Market, held in Dushanbe on 27 and 28 November 2024;
9. *Further takes note* of the Mashhad Communiqué adopted at the twenty-eighth meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3 December 2024;
10. *Takes note* of the Erzurum Declaration adopted at the sixth Economic Cooperation Organization ministerial meeting on tourism, held in Erzurum, Türkiye, on 26 April 2025;
11. *Also takes note* of the Tehran Declaration adopted at the tenth meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization Council of Heads of Customs Administration, held in Tehran on 28 May 2025;
12. *Further takes note* of the Tehran Declaration adopted at the thirteenth Economic Cooperation Organization ministerial meeting on transport, held in Tehran on 1 and 2 June 2025;
13. *Takes note* of the Hamedan Declaration adopted at the Third Economic Cooperation Organization Confobition on Health Tourism, held in Hamedan, Islamic Republic of Iran, from 11 to 13 June 2025;
14. *Also takes note* of the seventeenth summit meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Khankendi, Azerbaijan, on 3 and 4 July 2025;
15. *Further takes note* of the efforts of the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization to frame a comprehensive vision document for the post-2025 era;
16. *Takes note* of the efforts of the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization and its member States in organizing various Economic Cooperation Organization ministerial meetings on trade, tourism, transport, finance, the interior,

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<sup>2</sup> [A/67/581](#), annex.

and sustainable development, and efforts to further enhance regional trade and economic integration;

17. *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;

18. *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;

19. *Welcomes* the strengthened collaboration between the Economic Cooperation Organization and relevant United Nations entities, particularly in the areas of sustainable energy and the circular economy, acknowledges, in this context, the launch of the Economic Cooperation Organization Clean Energy Centre and the Regional Initiative on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability and Circular Economy (RESCUE) at the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Baku, and encourages increased international support to advance these initiatives;

20. *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;

21. *Appreciates* the efforts of the Economic Cooperation Organization to implement the Economic Cooperation Organization Trade Agreement<sup>3</sup> 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;

22. *Takes note* of the initiative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to declare 2024 as the Year of Enhanced and Resilient Economic Cooperation Organization Region through Expansion of Intraregional Trade, and the initiative of Kazakhstan to declare 2025 as the Year of Promoting Regional Transport Connectivity and Sustainable Development;

23. *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;

24. *Takes note* of the initiative to establish the Economic Cooperation Organization-United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Coordination

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2562, No. 45696.

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, with an emphasis on the commercialization of all regional corridors and their further extension to the neighbouring regions;

25. *Also takes note* of the initiative to establish a coordination committee for Euro-Asian Transport Links Route No. 1 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe Inland Transport Committee;

26. *Notes with appreciation* the ongoing cooperation between the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at promoting cross-border electricity connectivity for sustainable development in the region, most notably supporting the earliest launching of the project on the establishment of the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Electricity Market, as well as the dialogue between the Commission and the secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization to align the Economic Cooperation Organization Regional Electricity Market with the Commission's Regional Road Map on Power System Connectivity;

27. *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, climate change, 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;

28. *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;

29. *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;

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

31. *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;

32. *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;

33. *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;

34. *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;

35. *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;

36. *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 sustainable energy sources in line with the Sustainable Development Goals and Sustainable Energy for All, and thus calls upon the relevant United Nations institutions and agencies to consider rendering financial and technical support for Economic Cooperation Organization regional projects and activities in the fields of clean energy, renewables, energy efficiency and conservation;

37. *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;

38. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the United Nations Forum on Forests, particularly in the preparatory process for the midterm review of the effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests in achieving its objectives and the quadrennial programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2025–2028, 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;<sup>4</sup>

39. *Notes* the importance of the convening of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023, referred to as the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, and looks forward to the convening of the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, to be co-hosted by Senegal and the United Arab Emirates, and the 2028 United Nations Conference on the Final Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, to be hosted by Tajikistan;

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<sup>4</sup> See resolution [71/285](#).

40. *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;

41. *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 2015–2030<sup>5</sup> in the region;

42. *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;

43. *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;

44. *Takes note* of 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;

45. *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;

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<sup>5</sup> Resolution 69/283, annex II.

46. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

47. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-first 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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