

In the name of God
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In the opening of 1st session of the heads and
Experts of National Organization for civil status
Registration of ECO member states
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At the outset, I wish to extend a welcome to all valued guests and distinguished audience , as well as honorable heads, director – generals and experts of organization for civil status Registration of ECO Members states.

It is truly rejoicing for me as Interior Minister of I.R . of Iran that see another gathering in ECO region which has provided a new opportunity for continuation of regional cooperation among ECO member states.

Dear friends:

We believe that regional cooperation is the best method for converging of states view points in common issues and also experimental evidences confirm this matter.

Even globalization as a process or globalizing as a project weren't be able to meet the needs and expectations of their own defenders and in this regard as yet regionalism is being considered as the success process in International system which various regional processes and organizations confirm this claim.

Based on this belief and also necessities as a result of challenges and common goals in this significant geographical area of the world, Interior Ministers Meeting of ECO Member states convened in Tehran from 2005 and nowadays via changing to a regional entity within the framework of ECO, has made noticeable assistance in convergence among ECO region.

Although as before the goal of ECO founders is being insuring regional converging in the field of Economy, however the experience of other regions proved that without functional – technical cooperation, we aren't being able to pave the ground for economic development and by the same token, Interior Ministers Meeting precisely is being formed so that to secure the grounds of security stability would contribute towards Economic growth and sustainable development in the region.

The process of formation and continuation of this Meeting culminated in various functional – expert meetings that Ministry of Interior as the representative of I.R. of Iran, hosted and held many of such meetings including High Level Expert Group Meeting for fighting terrorism and transnational organized crime (HLEG), Expert Group Meeting (EGM), 1st Meeting of the Heads of Interpol of ECO members states, 1st Meeting of Border Commanders of ECO members states, and other meetings like this which held or will held in the near future which friend countries of ECO region are being resulted in effective and fruitful outcomes. To that end to provide grounds such as stability and security for Economic growth & development for ECO region.

Distinguished audience:

The current Meeting entitled <<1st Meeting of the heads and experts of organization for civil status registration of ECO member states >> avails another opportunity that we are being able to approach more and more the viewpoints of our countries towards concerned issues and to find common mechanisms for implementation of the said view points.

I.R. of Iran's Organization for civil status registration, Due to exceeding its implementation perspectives, follows important goals that all of these goals play an important role and lay the ground of a vision that governance has the intention to full fill such goals.

Registration of vital events and migration, issuance of identity and nationality documents are among the most important of these activities which are being considered as the initial ground of organization for many governments works.

Civil status registration in I.R. of Iran is independent entity to be presided by the deputy of Interior Minister.

The function and duties that civil status registration are being undertaken, in addition to extent would play an important role in macro policy making.

Cooperation among ECO Member states in this field is being considered as an appropriate ground and opportunity so that via obtaining common modern methods, to promote the rate of assurance for nationality and indenting documents of citizens of ECO region. This action, as the first step lay the ground for many goals that Interior Ministers of ECO member states follow as before for combating illegal immigrations, human trafficking, migrants smuggling, terrorism, drugs, illegal cross and other concerned transnational

organized crimes so that to tackle the security challenges mainly related with their own nationals and other nationals of ECO member states in their own territory. And in the next step lay the ground for legal movements (crosses) towards improvement of trade & Economic activities and businesses.

At the end, once again, I would like to thank all dear guests attended in this meeting, and wish a good stay for honorable delegations in IR. Of Iran: as well as external may gratitude to the chairman and colleagues of honorable organization for civil status registration in the capacity as the innovator and host of this meeting and would hope that such Meeting brings prosperity for the whole ECO region.