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## **CHARTER OF THE ECO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

### **PREAMBLE**

The Countries, Members of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO);

Bearing in mind the indispensable role played by education, mental and physical training in bringing about economic and social progress as well as promoting a better understanding and cultivating stronger and deep rooted ties amongst the peoples;

Fully aware of the importance of intellectual activity, including the exchange of persons active in the field of education as well as the exchange of publications and other materials of information, in enhancing collaboration amongst peoples and nations;

Resolved to develop and to increase the means of communication among the peoples of the Region through education and training for promoting mutual understanding and a truer and more perfect knowledge of each other;

Determined to broaden and enlarge the scope of cooperation among ECO countries in the field of education and training along the principles, aims and the spirit of the Treaty of Izmir;

In consequence thereof, have decided to create hereby ECO Educational Institute for the purpose of giving fresh impulse to the realization of the objectives of the Treaty of Izmir as well as to the promotion of the common welfare of the peoples of the Region through ensuring a better education and training.

## **ARTICLE - I**

### **Name/Aims and Functions**

The ECO Educational Institute hereinafter referred to as the "Institute" shall function as an initiating, coordinating, financing and monitoring agency within the framework of ECO for the realization of the following activities:

a) To promote programme development activities for educational institutions at all levels of education, to help reflect the regional values in these programmes in the light of the contemporary principles of education, and to support all research projects in this field;

b) To carry out researches in education and training experiences of the Countries of the Region for the purpose of shedding light on and strengthening of those values which bind the peoples of the Region together;

c) To promote teaching of the languages of the Region with a view to fostering a better understanding among the peoples of the Region;

d) To promote widespread employment and exchange of contemporary educational technologies among the member countries and encourage researches and other works for facilitating the adoption by the educational institutions of the Member Countries of such technologies;

e) To promote cooperation among the educational institutions at all levels of education;

f) To promote and coordinate educational and training exchange programmes such as visits of scholars, academicians, teachers and students;

g) To organize joint programmes of in-service training for the teachers of the Region;

h) To organize meetings on educational issues and problems;

i) To follow the recent developments in the field of education and to provide guidance to the Member Countries for the application of these developments, namely the new techniques;

j) To promote cooperation in teaching of History, Literature and Geography of the Member States for establishing closer ties among the peoples

of the Region;

k) To stimulate interest and public awareness among the peoples of the Region for the effective solution of the existing educational problems of the Region;

l) To disseminate the news of the educational and training programmes devised and introduced for the people of the Region as well as the events such as conferences, seminars, congresses, etc. in the fields of education and training;

m) To provide the students, teachers, academicians and other persons concerned of the Region with the most contemporary knowledge, education and training in all fields of social and natural sciences by employment of widespread education system by introduction of most contemporary training programmes, and by organizing seminars, conferences, etc. with the ultimate aim of promoting closer ties among the peoples of the Region in these areas;

n) To provide scholarships to the academicians, students, teachers, and other related staff in the fields of education and training by establishing a scholarship pool, the contributions to be made by the Member States and international institutions being the major sources for the fund to be raised for that purpose;

o) To grant awards and prizes to eminent scholars in the fields of education and training in ECO region.

## **ARTICLE - II**

### **Legal Status**

The institute, as an ECO Specialized Agency, shall possess juridical personality in the Territories of the Member States, in particular, full capacity;

- a) to contract,
- b) to acquire immovable and movable property,
- c) to initiate legal proceeding.