**ACTION PLAN ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND KAZAKHSTAN**

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| **No** | **Activity** | **Plan of Action** | **Period** | **Responsible Institution**  **Turkish side** | **Responsible Intuition Kazakhstan side** |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT** | | | | | |
|  | Trade facilitation through electronic pre-declaration of customs data. | “Agreement Between the Government of The Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan Establishing Simplified Customs Corridor” negotiations will proceed. Following the entrance of the Agreement into force, border crossing procedures shall be facilitated through risk analysis that shall be implemented in advance. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Trade  Turkish Exporters’ Assembly (TİM) | Ministry of Finance |
|  | Signing of the Mutual Recognition on AEO Programs. | Negotiations on signing of the Agreement on Mutual Recognition on Authorized Economic Operators-AEO between Turkey and Kazakhstan shall proceed. Within the framework of the Action Plan, Turkey – Kazakhstan Authorized Economic Operators-AEO Working Group shall hold meetings and review the relevant legislation in force. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Trade | Ministry of Finance |
|  | Developing maritime transportation in the “Middle Corridor” and the Caspian Sea. | In order to evaluate the opportunities in maritime transportation in the “Middle Corridor” and Caspian Sea, a joint report will be carried out until 2022. | 2022 | Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure  Ministry of Trade | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development |
|  | Organization of the “Joint Seminar of Turkish-Japanese Cooperation in Third Countries” in Kazakhstan. | ~~The Kazakh side will consider the proposal of the Turkish side, and in case of interest of Kazakh side, an organization will be held with the participation of the Turkish and Kazakh contracting companies and relevant Kazakh Ministries and institutions."~~  **(Proposal of the RK - Exclude~~)~~**  In order to strengthen the existing cooperation in the field of contracting services, the Turkish Side expressed its willingness to make a sectoral delegation visit to Kazakhstan for gathering Turkish companies with the related Kazakh Ministries and institutions as well as Kazakh companies in the beginning of the year 2022.  **RK - AGREED** | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Trade  Turkish Contractors Association (TMB) | Ministry of trade and integration  Trade Chamber «Atameken» |
|  | Signing of a new “Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments” | The negotiation between Turkey and Kazakhstan on the “Agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investments” will be held to reach a compromise final text. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Industry and Technology | Ministry of National Economy  Ministry of Justice |
|  | Exchange of "Potential Products Lists" which is considered to incorporate bilateral trade potential and establishment of a “Working Group” in order to remove non-tariff and technical barriers on these Products. | A “Working Group” will be established in order to abolish non-tariff and technical barriers to trade in products that both countries have significant export potential but not sufficient share in each other's market.  The Working Group shall hold its first meeting in the first half of 2021 and submit its report.  **(Proposal of RK – given that the first quarter ends soon, it is suggested to specify the 1st half of the year). Accepted by TR** | 2021 | Ministry of Trade  Turkish Exporters’ Assembly (TİM)  Foreign Economic Relations Board of Turkey (DEİK) | Ministry of Trade and Integration  Ministry of Agriculture  Ministry of Finance  Ministry of  Industry and  Infrastructure Development |
|  | Development of cooperation in the field of consumer protection. | Exchange information on legal and institutive framework in the field of consumer protection of two countries will be provided. Exchange of knowledge and experience and training programs will be organized. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Trade | Ministry of Trade and Integration |
| **COOPERATION ON THE FIELD OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY** | | | | | |
|  | ~~Signing of a Social Security Agreement in order to ensure the social security rights of the citizens of the two countries reciprocally.~~  negotiations for the **advisability of developing a draft** **A**greement **of social** **security** in order to guarantee the rights of the citizens of the two countries under the **disabilities**, old age, death, work accident, occupational disease, sickness and maternity insurance within the framework of reciprocity principles  **Position of the RK – leave in this version**  Signing of a Social Security Agreement in order to ensure the social security rights of the citizens of the two countries reciprocally. | Negotiations on the draft of the Agreement of social security will start at the second half of 2021 | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services  Social Security Institution (SGK) | Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population |
|  | Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services of the Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan. | Upon completion of the approval procedure of the draft of Memorandum, it is planned to sign during upcoming visits or events. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Family, Labor and Social Services | Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF CULTURE,TOURISM AND DIASPORA** | | | | | |
|  | Cooperation in the field of culture/performing Arts: Theatre Festival. | A theatre group consisting of 20 persons from Kazakhstan will be invited to the State Theatres- Konya 13th A Thousand Breaths in One Voice International Festival of Countries Who Are Making Theatre in Turkish.  A theatre group deemed appropriate by Kazakhstan will be contacted and invited to the festival. | 2021 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Staging of Kazakh Opera piece in the Republic of Turkey. | The opera «Abay» by Akhmet Zhubanov and Latif Hamidi by the National Directorate of the State Opera and Ballet of Turkey together with the Kazakh State Academic Opera and Ballet Theater named after Abay will be staged in one of the cities of Turkey (Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Mersin, Antalya and Samsun) in 2022. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Protection of cultural heritage. | Necessary studies have been conducted regarding the “Memorandum of understanding on Cooperation between Turkey and Kazakhstan in the field of Museology, Conservation and Restoration of Monuments”. And parties are agreed on revising and signing of MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) till the end of 2021. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Cooperation in the field of cinematography. | Efforts shall be carried out in order to sign “Memorandum of understanding on Turkey-Kazakhstan Cinematographic Cooperation” | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Republic of Turkey | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Organizing a cultural and tourism cooperation meeting. | Meetings will be held to create cooperation projects that will make an impression in both countries by initiating diplomatic correspondence between the two countries and bringing together the technical experts in the field of culture and tourism.  The meeting will be held via videoconference in 2021 | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Republic of Turkey | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Infotour Organization. | Infotours will be organized in order to bring tourism representatives of the two countries together and negotiate opportunities for cooperation. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Organizing Workshop in the field of tourism. | With the aim of exchanging experiences in the field of tourism of both countries, such activities as workshop will be organized mutually. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
|  | Establishment of Alumni Associations and Promotion of their activities. | Promotion of associations of graduates of educational institutions of both countries and holding cultural events, congresses, meetings, seminars, etc. in order to strengthen relations between graduates. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Culture and Tourism | Ministry of Information and Social Development  Ministry of Education and Science |
|  | Supporting the Bozok Museum. | Exchange of experience and technical support will be provided for Bozok Museum, which is planned to be constructed over the historical ruins near Nur-Sultan. | 2021-2022 | TİKA Nur-Sultan Office | Ministry of Culture and Sport |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION** | | | | | |
|  | Signing the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Education. | The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall sign the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Education | 2021 | Ministry of National Education | Ministry of Education and Science |
|  | Signing the Protocol on the Opening of Schools by Turkish Republic in Kazakhstan. | The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan to sign the Protocol on the Opening of Schools by Turkish Republic in Kazakhstan | 2021-2022 | Ministry of National Education | Ministry of Education and Science |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH** | | | | | |
|  | Renewing the Agreement on cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Turkey in the field of medicine and healthcare (signed on September 10, 1997, Almaty). | Renew of this Agreement is planned in order to improve cooperation in the field of health. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Health | Ministry of Healthcare |
|  | Considering the possibility of increasing the allocation of grants for training Kazakhstani students in Turkey in relevant medical specialties. | Kazakh and Turkish Sides will arrange a joint meeting in Ankara with relevant authorities to explore new opportunities for increasing number of grants for medical training activities. | 2021 | Ministry of Health | Ministry of Healthcare |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** | | | | | |
|  | Exchange of information on digital transformation in manufacturing industries. | Exchange of information and experience on "Digital Turkey Road Map" will be made. Likewise, information about digital transformation strategies and road maps will be obtained from Kazakhstan authorities. | 2021 | Ministry of Industry and Technology | Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry |
|  | Cooperation between R&D, design centers and Technoparks of Turkey and Kazakhstan. | Experience and good practices in the field of technology and innovation will be made.  An event will be organized in order to improve the cooperation between technology-based companies of both countries (private sector R&D and Design Centers and Technoparks) and entrepreneurs. | 2021 | Ministry of Industry and Technology | Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry  ~~Ministry of Education and Science~~ |
|  | Signing an Implementation Protocol in order to support for academic research and development between Turkey and Kazakhstan. | An Implementation Protocol will be concluded within the context of the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Science and Technology which was signed between Turkey and Kazakhstan in 2009 and entered into force in 2014.  Above-mentioned protocol will include administrative and financial details on supporting joint R&D projects, exchanging of scientists and organizing joint events.  The Implementation Protocol would be signed in 2021, if MES RK expresses its positive comments on the text. | 2021 | Ministry of Industry and Technology  TÜBİTAK | Ministry of Education and Science |
|  | Signing a Cooperation Protocol in order to support for research, development and innovation projects. | A Cooperation Protocol will be signed between TÜBİTAK and related institution of Kazakhstan in order to conduct joint R & D and innovation projects and to share information by the industrial organizations of both countries. | 2021 | Ministry of Industry and Technology  TUBİTAK | Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry  JSC «Center for Engineering and Technology Transfer» |
|  | Organizing training programs and technical visits for Kazakh specialists in order to benefit from the Turkey’s expertise in iron, steel and non-ferrous metals production. | The Turkish Side will send proposals through diplomatic channel regarding the organization of training programs and/or technical visit for Kazakh specialists in order to benefit from the turkey’s expertise in iron, steel and non-ferrous metals production.  The Kazakh Side will consider the proposal of the Turkish Side, and in case of interest of Kazakh Side will inform Turkish Side through diplomatic channel. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Industry and Technology | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE** | | | | | |
|  | Signing the Capacity Building Program (FishCAP) agreement on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture in Central Asia adopted under FTPP II | With the mentioned agreement, planned to be signed in 2021-2022, it is aimed to improve the existing capacity of Kazakhstan and also increase the trade of fishery products.  *RK - AGREED* | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | Ministry of Ecology, Geology and National Resources |
|  | Exchange of information on food security and phytosanitary and veterinary measures necessary for the sale of agricultural products. | Between 2021 and 2022, works will be carried out on information, experience and expert exchange on the relevant issues.  *RK - AGREED* | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | Ministry of Agriculture |
|  | Within the scope of increasing agricultural trade,  -Increasing export of milk and dairy products, poultry meat and egg  - Increasing the export of high quality surplus products in Turkey (tea, hazelnut, dried figs, pomegranates, olive oil, citrus fruits, vegetables)  - Organizing an Business Forum in İzmir in 2021/October, within the scope of bringing Turkish and Kazakh businessmen together. | Within the scope of increasing agricultural trade, market analyses, exchange of information and expert, technical visits, business forum, B2B business meetings will be organized by both Sides in order to bring businesspeople together.  Visits will be organized in the last quarter of 2021 in order to increase the exports of milk and dairy products, poultry meat and eggs.  *RK - AGREED* | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  Ministry of Trade  Turkish Exporters’ Assembly (TIM) | Ministry of Agriculture  Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
|  | Organizing Turkey-Kazakhstan Agricultural Steering Working Group meeting and addressing agricultural trade issues on this occasion. | The second term meeting of Turkey-Kazakhstan Agricultural Steering Working Group meeting (which was firstly held in 1995) will be held in Nur-Sultan on May 2021.  Activities will be organized according the Action Plan created after performing the Second Term Agricultural Steering Committee Meeting,  *RK - AGREED* | 2021 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | Ministry of Agriculture |
|  | Signing of Cooperation Agreement in the field of Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine between the Government of The Republic of Turkey and the Government of The Republic of Kazakhstan. | Approval of signing “the Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan” is expected from Kazakh Side.  *RK - AGREED* | 2021 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | Ministry of Agriculture |
|  | Signing of Cooperation Agreement in the Field of Forestry between the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of The Republic of Turkey and Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of The Republic of Kazakhstan. | Activities will be carried out in the field of forestry with the Kazakh side as a result of signing the said agreement. | 2021 | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry | Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT**  **,** | | | | | |
|  | Consideration the issue of extending the term of permits for 3 months. | Validity term of the permits used for transport operations by road, which is currently one month, will be worked on the extension to 3 months in order to facilitate road transport operations.  Kazakh side will elaborate the subject. The results will be discussed at the meeting in 2021. | 2021 | Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development |
|  | Holding Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport. | Turkish-Kazakh Joint Committee Meeting on Road Transport will be held in 2021 in order to discuss the problems faced by haulers of both countries (such as quota, transport operations under TIR carnet, penalties etc.) | 2021 | Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure  Ministry of Trade | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development |
|  | Holding civil aviation negotiations. | The parties agreed that heads of civil aviation administrations will meet when the pandemic allows the Parties to hold a meeting to discuss relevant issues for further developing air transport between Turkey and Kazakhstan. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development |
|  | Signing of Agreement on International Combined Transport of Goods. | After the negotiation of the draft text on May 10-11, 2018 in Ankara, both sides initiated the English version of the draft Agreement. The agreement will be signed in Turkish, English, Russian and Kazakh languages in the first half of 2021. | 2021 | Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructural Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND URBANIZATON** | | | | | |
|  | Initiating cooperation in the field of urbanization. | With the aim of establishing cooperation in the field of urbanization between the two countries, Turkish side will send a draft MoU through diplomatic channels for the consideration of Kazakh side. Kazakh side will elaborate aforesaid draft MoU and will send its reaction to Turkish side. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Environment and Urbanization | Other KZ Government agencies are considering  Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development |
|  | Exchange of experience and information in the field of Smart Cities. | Information sharing and transfer of knowledge with Kazakhstan in line with gains in the field of Smart Cities in Turkey will contribute to the development of the public-private cooperation platform of two countries, especially with Nur-Sultan (Astana). | 2022 | Ministry of Environment and Urbanization | Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Aerospace Industry |
|  | Visiting programs and cooperation protocols will be made in the field of regulatory documents related to coping with illegal construction, urbanization and construction. | Experiences will be exchanged in the field of regulatory documents related to illegal construction, urbanization and construction.  In this context, mutual training programs, meetings, scientific-technical visiting programs for the purpose of introducing EBIS (Electronic Monitoring System for Concrete), which is a system for monitoring concrete using RFID tag will be organized | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Environment and Urbanization | Ministry of Industry and Infrastructure Development |
|  | Signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan on cooperation in the field of Environment”. | With the aim of development of cooperation, parties will carry out the efforts to examine and agree on the final text of the Memorandum of Understanding. | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Environment and Urbanization | Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources |
| **COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH** | | | | | |
|  | Cooperation in the field of youth. | The Parties, in order to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the field of youth, agreed to mutually organize the meetings, expert and youth exchanges, international youth camp and endeavor to sign the “Memorandum on Mutual Understanding Between the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and the Ministry of Information and Social Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the Field of Youth Policy.” | 2021-2022 | Ministry of Youth and Sport | Ministry of Information and Social Development |