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Subject: **8<sup>th</sup> Session of Pak-Azerbaijan Joint Commission (JC) Held at Islamabad, Pakistan.**

Reference is invited to the Ministry of Economic Affairs' communique no. 7(1)CARS/AZER/JMC/07 dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 on subject matter cited above.

2. During the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of Pak-Azerbaijan Joint Commission (JC) held on 23-24 January 2025 in Islamabad, Governments of both countries agreed to expand collaboration and partnerships in various domains including education and science. In compliance to the decision points pertaining with cooperation in Higher Education sector, the HEIs are encouraged to explore the possibility of collaboration with the Azerbaijani counterparts and share their proposals. Please refer to enclosed copy of protocol for relevant decision points (12.1-12.7).

3. Apropos to above, it is requested that the proposals, along with action plans, be shared at [sidwazir@hec.gov.pk](mailto:sidwazir@hec.gov.pk) by February 25, 2025, for onward sharing with Azeri side.

With best regards,

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No.NO. 7(1) CARS/AZER/JMC/07

Islamabad, the 27<sup>th</sup> January , 2025

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: 8TH SESSION OF PAK-AZERBAIJAN JOINT COMMISSION (JC) TO BE HELD AT ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to enclose herewith the signed Protocol of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of Pak-Azerbaijan Joint Commission held on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

It is further stated that a **follow-up meeting on the implementation status** of the decisions may be held in the near future, therefore, it is kindly requested to take further necessary action on priority basis under intimation to this Ministry.

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**Protocol  
of the 8th Session of the Pakistan-Azerbaijan Joint  
Commission between the Government of the Islamic  
Republic of Pakistan and the Government of the Republic of  
Azerbaijan**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Pakistan-Azerbaijan Joint Commission between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan was held on January 23-24, 2025 in Islamabad.

The meeting was attended by members of the Joint Commission and representatives of ministries and departments of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties").

The meeting of the Joint Commission was Co-Chaired by H.E. Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Defence Production of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and H.E. Vugar Mustafayev, Minister of Defence Industry of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The agenda (Appendix No. 1) and the list of Pakistan delegation (Appendix No. 2) and list of Azerbaijan delegation (Appendix No. 3) are attached.

In accordance with the agenda, the Parties reached the following agreements:

**1. On the implementation of the Protocol of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Commission**

The Joint Commission took into account the information provided by the Parties regarding the progress in implementing the decisions reflected in the Protocol of the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Commission. The Parties noted that various issues are currently at different stages of implementation, as indicated in the Protocol of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session.

The Joint Commission directed the relevant ministries and departments of the Parties to accelerate the timely execution of measures aimed at developing mutually beneficial practical cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Azerbaijan, as delineated in this Protocol.

**2. Development of Trade and Economic Cooperation**

2.1. The Parties exchanged information on the current status of mutual trade indicators between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

2.2. The Parties welcomed the Azerbaijan-Pakistan Preferential Trade Agreement, signed on July 11, 2024.

2.3. The Parties agreed to implement the decisions made during the 4th meeting of the Joint Working Group on Trade between Pakistan and Azerbaijan held in September, 2024.

2.4. The Parties agreed to promote mutual investment cooperation through webinars and business to business meetings as and when required, by facilitating investors for joint ventures.

## 12. Development of Cooperation in the field of Education and Science

12.1. The Parties agreed to exchange information on scientific and education reforms in both countries.

12.2. The Parties agreed to explore the possibilities for organizing Joint academic discussions, conferences, seminars, and trainings in the field of higher education and scientific research.

12.3. Both Parties agreed to promote research and academic collaboration between higher education and scientific institutions of both countries in the fields of mutual interest, including information technologies, engineering and aerospace research.

12.4. Both Parties agreed to promote the opportunities for exchanging students and academic staff between higher education and scientific institutions of both countries.

12.5. Both parties agreed to enhance collaboration in the field of vocational education.

12.6. Both parties agreed to establish Joint Working Group on Educational and Research Cooperation.

12.7. The Parties agreed to establish joint research centers in the fields of social sciences and humanities in the relevant universities and/or research organizations.

## 13. Development of Cooperation in the field of Health

13.1. Both Parties agreed to hold the second session of Joint Working Group on Health in 2025.

13.2. Both Parties agreed to the exchange of experts, scientists, academic staff, mutual participation at scientific and practical events, trainings held in both countries, and collaboration in organization of such events.

13.3. Both Parties agreed to initiate cooperation in following areas:

- Capacity building on advanced and novel methods of diagnostics;
  - Molecular diagnostics of communicable diseases, including tuberculosis;
  - Epidemiological surveillance on communicable diseases;
  - Preparedness to public health emergencies;
  - Climate change and health.
- exchange of experience in medical equipment and drug supply, robotic surgery, telemedicine;
- implementing joint health research projects;
  - exchange of experience to improve the quality standards of medical care;
- study experience of Pakistan on establishing and organizing the activities of medical training simulation centers.
- Arrange visits of specialized Azerbaijani medical personnel to Pakistan, to conduct required medical examinations and give treatment recommendations.

13.4. The parties agreed to cooperate in the field of medical tourism, organize bilateral meetings between medical tourism companies and promote the potential of medical tourism.

#### 14. Development of Cooperation in the field of Hydrometeorology

14.1. Both Parties agreed on exchanging experience using modern digital technology on water resource management, monitoring, including disaster risk reduction of extreme hydrological disasters (floods, mudflows, and GLOF).

14.2. Both Parties agreed on exchanging of experience on improving early warning systems and weather prediction modeling, collaborative research, climate changes impact.

#### 15. Development of Cooperation in Climate Change

15.1. The Joint Commission highlighted the pivotal role of the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, from November 11 to 22, 2024.

The Azerbaijani side expressed its appreciation of the Pakistan side for endorsing seven declarations and pledges developed under the COP29 framework, and invited the Pakistan side to join the remaining initiatives, namely:

- i. The COP29 Declaration on Reducing Methane from Organic Waste (ROW)
- ii. The COP29 Hydrogen Declaration,
- iii. The Baku Initiative for Climate Finance, Investment, and Trade (BICFIT) Dialogue.

The Pakistan side agreed to consider the proposal.

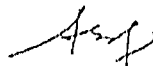
#### 16. Dates and venue of the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the Joint Commission

The Parties noted with satisfaction that the results of the eighth meeting of the Joint Commission were a proof of mutual interest in further intensifying and deepening the bilateral cooperation.

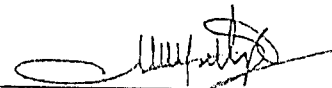
The Parties decided to hold regular meetings of the Joint Commission, and decided to hold the ninth meeting in Baku in 2027. Specific dates will be negotiated through diplomatic channels in the near future.

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