

Monitoring

Results of Decision Implementation of 17th Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan from January 30, 2017

№	Content of the official assignment	Deadline	Status of implementation	Comment
1.	<p>Ministry of Energy and Water Resources</p> <p><i>-together with other relevant ministries and agencies to conduct monitoring of implementation of regulatory legal acts of energy sector in shortest time and submit comprehensive recommendations to the Government of the country regarding their improvement to attract more investment, including private investment, increase production capacities, introduce energy saving technologies and reduce its loss;</i></p> <p><i>- together with other relevant ministries and agencies to facilitate solution of development challenges of the energy sector within the framework of a define permanent system;</i></p> <p><i>-to study proposals of the private sector and development partners on development of energy sector and improvement of investment climate in this sector and to submit comprehensive recommendations to the Government;</i></p> <p><i>- Together with development partners to develop and implement joint projects on installation of modern meters and introduction of new technologies for losses' reduction;</i></p>		<p><i>Is being implemented</i></p> <p>Ministry of Energy and Water Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interdepartmental Working Group has been established on June 23, 2017 by Decree #38 of Minister of Energy and is inspecting and monitoring the legislation in energy sector. The results of the Working Group will be submitted to the Government of Tajikistan. • All recommendations of private sector and development partners are taken into consideration in draft Action Plan of the Government of Tajikistan. Drat Action Plan is under the review of the Government. • Based on Agreement between Government and Kuwait Development Fund on Technical Assistance Fichtner GmbH & Co. KG & SOOR Engineering (Germany – Kuwait) started to develop Feasibility Study for a number of projects. Currently Fichtner GmbH & Co. KG & SOOR Engineering has developed Feasibility Studies for spillway tunnels, electric power substations, electric power distribution equipment, restoration of high voltage electric grids, introduction of automated electric power distribution system (AEPDS) and submitted them for consideration of Ministry of Energy and JSHC “Barqi Tojik”. According to preliminary calculations, introduction of AEPDS in 	

	<p>- to improve coordination and monitoring the implementation of joint projects by Government of the country and development partners, to ensure the effectiveness of the projects;</p> <p>- to improve developed draft Action Plan of the Government on improvement of investment climate in energy sector and provision of the private sector with electricity taking into account the proposals outlined in the session and submit it for the consideration of the Government as soon as possible.</p>		<p>Tursunzade district costs USD 8,105 mln; districts of republican subordination - USD 39,437 mln; Kulyab town –USD 5,490 mln and south electric grids –USD 32,984 mln that totally cost USD 96,016 mln excepting restoration of high voltage electric power grids. After approval of the mentioned projects’ feasibility studies, it is expected to submit them to development partners for financial support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry developed a mechanism for coordination and monitoring the joint projects to ensure their effectiveness that is currently under the consideration of the development partners. • Draft Action Plan has been improved and currently is on the process of review of the Government. 	
2.	<p>Ministry of Energy and Water Resources and JSHC “Barqi Tojik” to take necessary measures on simplification of procedure for connection to the electricity grids through reducing the number of procedures, time and submit a report to the Government of the Republic.</p>		<p><i>Has been implemented</i></p> <p>As a result of simplification of procedures in this direction currently connection to the electricity consists of following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer request for the technical conditions; • Reviewing the request is going within 10 days. Technical condition is prepared free of charge; • Customer takes technical conditions from the related branch of Barki Tojik to get connected to the electrical grids. <p>Based on this, report has been sent to DB team with a list of businesses connected to electricity grids of Dushanbe city during the 2016-2017 where the time to connect to electricity is 6-30 days. This reform achievement will be reflected in Doing business 2019 of the World Bank Group.</p>	
3.	<p>The Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Committee</p>		<p><i>Has been implemented</i></p> <p>There are two Taskforces under the Ministry of Energy and Water</p>	

	<p><i>on Architecture and Construction, JSHC “Barqi Tojik” jointly with other agencies to implement installation of energy-saving technologies while developing the project design for construction of facilities, to conduct explanatory works with population and enterprises continuously.</i></p>		<p>Resources are being operated in regard with monitoring the implementation of adopted regulatory legal acts of energy sector, conducting necessary researches and awareness campaign with population and businesses on installation of energy saving technologies while development of construction project design.</p> <p>Committee of Architecture and Construction has obliged project design firms to take into account obligatory installation of energy saving technologies while development of construction project design for buildings and facilities as well as to conduct awareness campaign on a regular basis. Sector Experts supervise using the energy saving technologies by population and organizations.</p>	
4.	<p><i>Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Energy and Water Resources, State Committee on Investment and State Property Management, JSHC “Barqi Tojik” and other relevant ministries and agencies to study issues about the introduction of incentives for the private sector and increase its contribution in the sector of energy development, to develop and submit to the Government of the country new tariff methodology that transparently determines value of all the phases of power generation production, transmission and distribution to the final consumer,</i></p>		<p><i>Has been implemented</i></p> <p>Concept on New Electricity Tariff Policy has been developed by Interagency Taskforce under the Ministry of Energy and approved by the Government based on which Ministry of Energy, JSHC “Barqi Tojik” have been obliged to develop New Methodology on Electricity Tariff jointly with Antimonopoly Agency and international consulting company until the end of March 2017.</p> <p>New Methodology on Electricity Tariff has been developed and approved by the Government Decree dated May 26, 2017, #259 and new tariffs have been introduced since October this year.</p>	
5.	<p><i>State Committee on Investment and State Property Management</i></p>		<p><i>Has been implemented</i></p>	

- jointly with Secretariat of the Consultative Council and relevant ministries and agencies to establish competent Working Group to submit comprehensive conclusions on improvement of country' indicators in international ratings;

- jointly with Secretariat of the Consultative Council and relative ministries and agencies to establish cooperation with development partners for organization of Electronic Registry of business inspection.

-Working Group has been set up to work with other relevant ministries and agencies to improve Tajikistan indicators in Doing Business report. A number of videoconferences have been conducted with Doing Business team in regard with starting a business, getting permits for construction, getting electricity, taxation and trading across borders procedures. Awareness of the relevant public bodies has been raised on methodology of the Doing Business report as well as comprehensive information on reforms' achievements have been prepared and discussed with World Bank experts in regard with simplification of business regulation procedures.

As a result, Tajikistan has improved its position totally for 5 positions in 2018 getting 123 place, comparing to the 128 of last year. Particularly it has been achieved due to improvement of "Starting a Business" indicator by 28 positions through the raising the revenue threshold for mandatory VAT registration, elimination of VAT registration procedure and cutting 11 days for business registration; raising "Getting Permits for Construction" indicator by 26 position through the elimination of separate procedure on request and obtain technical conditions from Barki Tojik and procedure on receive a periodic inspection from the State Body on Automobile Activity Management that reduced the time for getting permit for 60 days; "Registering Property" indicator by 7 position through the elimination of need to register the sale-purchase agreement at the municipal office; "Taxation" indicator by 8 position through the reduction of payments for 6 per year and time for 34 days; "Trading across Borders" indicator by 3 positions through the improvement of international trade infrastructure within CAREC cooperation.

-Electronic Registry of Inspections of the public bodies was developed.

-Consultative Council developed a website for the entrepreneurs to check its current inspection status <http://ijozat.iktmaster.ru/>

	<p><i>Committee on Youth Affairs, Sport and Tourism together with other relevant ministries and agencies take purposeful measures on tourism development, full implementation of the adopted Action Plan of Government on Improvement of Investment Climate in Tourism Sector and indicators of the National Concept on Tourism Development, preparing experienced professionals and providing modern services to tourists and in general presentation of Tajikistan as a tourism destination country.</i></p>		<p><i>Is being implemented</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the ITB Berlin for 10 years to present Tajikistan as tourism destination country; • Participation in International Tourism Exhibition in Moscow for 2 years to present Tajikistan as a tourism destination country; • Modern relevant literature has been purchased and submitted free of charge for 10 high and secondary education institutions preparing tourism professionals; • In cooperation with high education institutes favorable conditions have been provided to cover students with vocational training. • In 2017 British Magazine Wanderlust Travel has published ranking of countries in which Tajikistan got 4th position among the countries with the simplest visa procedures. • In 2016 World Tourism Organization included Tajikistan to the list of 10 countries most attractive for tourism. 	
7.	<p><i>Customs Service, Border Troops Main Department of the State Committee of National Security, Ministry of Transport together with the country's international airports to introduce international norms and requirements of arrival and departure of guests at international airports, other borders and customs crossing points as well as to submit results to the Government of the country within a month.</i></p>		<p><i>Has been implemented</i></p> <p>Ministry of Transport has developed “Rules on arrangement of servicing to international passengers in Tajikistan airports” together with other relevant agencies that currently is under the consideration of ministries. Rules envisage collaboration of all relevant bodies on ensuring custom, borders, migration, phytosanitary, carantin, veterinary and aviation security of flights which implementation is obligatory for all services, agencies, legal entities and individuals relating to servicing to international passengers of Tajikistan airports.</p> <p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs has developed and implements a Program on “Visa and Border Management” approved by Decree of Government dated June 13, 2016, #405 “On Arrangement of Information Electronic System for Getting Tajikistan Visa and Introduction of Tajikistan E-visa for foreign citizens”.</p> <p>12 cross-borders point (airports of Dushanbe, Khujand, Kulob and Madaniyat, Fotehobod, Panji Poyon, Dusti, Patar, Guliston, Qushtegirmon and Ruzvay and Tem of GBAO) have been connected to the Single Unified Network as well as equipped with modern information</p>	

			<p>technologies. Also 4 servers have been placed in order to enhance the activity of cross-border points in Dushanbe and Khujand airports.</p> <p>Capacity building of ministries and borders staff has been arranged and is being continued to ensure the appropriate use of mentioned system.</p>	
8.	<p><i>National Bank and the Ministry of Finance together with Secretariat of the Consultative Council and other ministries to conduct comprehensive analysis on improvement of role of the banking and finance sectors in business development and investment attraction, to systematize activity of commercial banks, to study rules for determining the percent rates of bank credits and other aspects of the sector as well as submit comprehensive recommendations to the next sessions of the Council.</i></p>		<p><i>Is being implemented</i></p> <p>National Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group is set up by decree №86/φφ on 18th April 2017; • Letters are sent to all stakeholders and recommendations are taken; • Comprehensive analyses as well as Draft Action Plan of Government are being developed and will be submitted to subsequent IC session. 	
9.	<p><i>State Committee on Investment and State Property Management and the Secretariat of the Consultative Council:</i></p> <p><i>Jointly with relevant ministries and agencies and in collaboration with development partners to conduct comprehensive analysis regarding the modernization of public services to the investors and entrepreneurs and in general to the country population as well as to submit specific recommendations to the next sessions of the Council;</i></p> <p><i>Jointly with ministries, agencies and business associations to develop the draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Handcraft” and to submit to the next sessions Council;</i></p>	<p>2018 2023</p>	<p><i>Is being implemented</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working group consisting from interdepartmental representatives are set up and work is in the progress • Package of recommendations and draft of action plan are expected to be presented coming session <p>Draft Law of the Republic of Tajikistan “On Handcraft Activities” has been developed and to be presented in session XVIII</p>	

	<i>In order to intensify discussion of considering issues of the Council and ensure more participation of active investors and entrepreneurs to improve the conduction of the session in future</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New format of conducting the sessions will be used in session XVIII with participation of group of entrepreneurs – from logistic, banking and handicraft sectors	
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