Monitoring Results of Decision Implementation of 20th Session of the Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan as of *4 March 2020, No:22-3/114*

N⁰	Content of the official assignment	Implementation process	Notes
1.	- take necessary measures on effective exploitation and full implementation of automated system of electronic collateral registry and real estate electronic registry, electronic procedures within the "One Stop Shop" on business registration, real estate registration, "Single window" on issuing permits for construction, export, import and transit operations, connecting to the electricity and provide reports quarterly to the Government of the country,	To be implemented on a regular basis	
	- develop necessary instructions and list of services, pricelists and information booklets in the shortest time to deliver regularly to population and entrepreneurs through official websites and other information facilities;	 The draft Government Decree "On the definition of the authorized state body in digital economy field" was developed and approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated June 23, 2020, No. 370. Agency on Statistics under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan The Agency on Statistics has fully integrated 31 types of statistical reports into the electronic system, especially in the industry; the process of collecting 3 types of statistical reports from entrepreneurs has been implemented electronically. 	
		 Customs Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan The contract between Customs Services and LLC MDO "Dushanbe City" on non-cash payments via e-payment equipments has been signed Amendments to the Customs Code introducing the concept of Authorized Economic Operator or Trusted Trader dated 02.01.2020 #1678 have been drafted in order to contribute to a significant improvement to the facilitation of foreign trade The Commentary of Customs Code of the Republic of Tajikistan has been developed and officially published and presented, as well as a System of non-cash payments of customs 	

	payments on 25 September 2020. ≻	
	National Bank of the Republic of Tajikistan	
	> A 2,827,2 thousand units of bank payment cards were put into operation as of 31 August	
	2020:	
	In total, 1,119 ATMs and 589 electronic terminals were installed by credit organizations	
	to serve bank payment card holders. From these electronic terminals, 1,889 cash	
	collection points and 3,700 units in trade and service institutions are installed. During	
	this period, the ratio of cash and non-cash transactions using e-payment was 91.9% to	
	8.1%, compared to the same period of the previous year, non-cash transactions increased	
	by 1.5 percent;	
	> Currently, the payment of a number of state services, as well as fees for the use of	
	electricity, water, utilities, public transport, DMV, health care, public telephone services,	
	civil status services and notary offices in Dushanbe city and its districts, tax and other	
	public services through e-payment;	
	Mobile banking, Internet-banking, QR payment, E-money, Cash back are successfully	
	being implemented.	
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	term Public Expenditure Programme, preliminary inspection and financing, cash	
	planning, accounting and reporting, banking operations, Treasury, self-financing of	
	automated payroll system and utilities are being introduced.	
	> The SUE "IBFOSC" has a Center thet certifies the digital signature. 50 state bodies are	
	connected to this Center, and electronic flow of documentation is established. More than	
	120 ministries, departments and executive bodies of state power of regions, cities and	
	districts have electronic signature certificates.	
Ministries of Justice, Energy and Water	To be implemented on a regular basis	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 Unified State Register of collateral obligations was introduced by the Ministry of justice 	
Trade, State Committee on Investment and		
	initative (<u>www.fehrist.tj</u>);	
	 initative (<u>www.fehrist.tj</u>); Based on the electronic program of Automated System of Registration of Real Estate in 	
Ministries of Justice, Energy and Water Resources, Economic Development and	 carried out according to this system. Budgeting with the Top-Down method, Medium-term Public Expenditure Programme, preliminary inspection and financing, cash planning, accounting and reporting, banking operations, Treasury, self-financing of automated payroll system and utilities are being introduced. The SUE "IBFOSC" has a Center thet certifies the digital signature. 50 state bodies are connected to this Center, and electronic flow of documentation is established. More than 120 ministries, departments and executive bodies of state power of regions, cities and districts have electronic signature certificates. 	

 Construction, Customs Service, National Bank of Tajikistan, HJSC "Barqi Tojik", executive government bodies of provinces, cities and districts: take necessary measures on effective exploitation and full implementation of automated system of electronic collateral registry and real estate electronic registry, electronic procedures within the "One Stop Shop" on business registration, real estate registration, "Single window" on issuing permits for construction, export, import and transit operations, connecting to the electricity and provide reports quarterly to the Government of the country 	 real estate <u>https://www.baqaydgiri.ti/fehris garav.html</u> have been developed and introduced with coverage of all regions of the country. Registers are freely available to the public online 24/7 on the website of SUE Registration of Real Estate. (www.baqaydgiri.tj) The geoportal for the electronic database system for registering borders, checking plans and providing cadastral information, including a geographical information system has been developed and launched on March 4, 2020. (www.geoportal.tj) The Single Window platform for dealing with construction permits has already helped businesses to register and request construction permits without visiting various authorities starting since December 16, 2019. The system was launched online on the portal of the Main Department of Architecture and Urban Planning of Dushanbe. (www.memori.tj) By the Decree of OSHC "Barki Tojik" city networks "Shabakahoi barqii shahri Dushanbe"(Dushanbe Electric Networks) is entitled to issue technical specifications on connection to electric networks in city Dushanbe as of January 2020. (http://dges.tj) According to the amendments and additions which were made to the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan "On State Duty" and the Law "On State Registration of Legal Entities and Individual Entrepreneurs" dated on 2 January 2020, the cost of state registration of business entities has been reduced to zero. The necessary documents for the state registration can be submitted to the "Single Window" via electronic portal of the Tax Committee (https://online.andoz.tj/). The list of required documents is available on this portal. If you provide a full set of documents, registration is carried out within 3 days for individuals and 5 days for legal entities. A range of e-services, starting from online registration, tax payment through the Visa, Master Card and National Card transactions (Internet Acquiring), online VAT refund, electronic declaration, electronic creation of bank accounts,
Ministries of Justice, Economic Development and Trade, Finance, State Committee on Investment and State	<u>Under implementation</u> State Committee on Investment and State Property Management jointly with Secretariat of

3.	 Property Management, National Bank of Tajikistan: 3. Submit according to the established procedure regulatory legal acts on investment activity, developed by the Interagency Working Group jointly with amendments to the Laws of the Republic of Tajikistan "On Joint Stock Company" and "On Limited Liability Company" to the Government of the country; 4. Develop and submit to the Government of the country relevant regulatory legal documents to improve the legal framework on bankruptcy (insolvency) according to the international best practices. 	Republic of Tajikistan "On Joint Stock Company" and "On Limited Liability Company" and submitted them to the relevant ministries and agencies, as well as ministries of justice, economic development and trade, Anticorruption Agency for their review and feedback. The implementation of ammendments and additions to the above-mentioned laws can strengthen the country's position in the Doing Business Report of the World Bank for several steps.	
4.	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade jointly with the Customs Service and relevant ministries and agencies take necessary measures to complete implementation of the "Single Window" on export, import and transit of goods and submit a report to the Government.	Implemented A Single Window for registration of export, import and transit operation has been officially launched as of 1 September 2020.	
5.	The Committee for Architecture and Construction jointly with the State Committee for Investment and State Property Management as well as relevant ministries and agencies, executive authorities in province, district and town to establish the Single Window on issuing permits for construction in all districts and towns across the country in the shortest time and report to the Government about	Implemented The Single Window system on issuing permits for construction has been established in many districts and towns across the country, as well as the simplification of this process by an initiative of the Committee for Architecture and Construction. The Instruction of "Single window on construction permit" has been approved in districts and towns. The Single Window platform for dealing with construction permits has already been helping businesses to register and request construction permits without visiting various authorities as of December 16, 2019. The system was launched online on the portal of the Main Department of Architecture and Urban Planning of Dushanbe. (www.memori.tj)	

	their performance every six months.		
6	The State Committee on Investment and State Property Management jointly with the Statistics Agency, Rural Development Committee, relevant ministries and agencies and local executive authorities, in cooperation with development partners to undertake necessary measures on regular conducting the national assessment of investment climate and summarizing its results.	Under ImplementationThe analysis on regular investment climate national assessment conduction has been developed and submitted by IC Secretariat for the Governemnt's consideration.The main purpose of creating a National Rating is to assess the current situation in the investment climate, taking into account the results of the measures taken by local authorities and their activities in the state policy implementation on improvement of investment climate in regions. In general, these measures are based on national and regional regulations, directions for the development of industries, and ensuring economic development through comprehensive private sector support in districts and cities.	
7	The State Committee on Investment and State Property Management, Consultative Council Secretariat, relevant ministries and agencies and local executive authorities in province, district and town to initiate pilot assessment in selected districts and towns on selected indicators of the Doing Business report at the local level, including	According to the results of the Doing Business report of the World Bank, which assesses the state regulation of business activities in the world, the Republic of Tajikistan for the fourth time became one of the top ten countries-reformers of the world. In particular, according to the indicator of business registration, the position of the Republic has risen by 24 steps (36th place), getting electiricity 10 steps (163 rd place), registering property by 14 steps (77 th place), getting credit by 113 steps (11 th place) and trading across borders by 7 steps (141 st place).	
	starting a business, getting a permit for construction, getting electricity and registering property.	The State Committee on Investment and State Property Management jointly with Consultative Council Secretariat monitors the implementation of the Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on improvement of country in the international ranking of the Doing Business Report of the World Bank for 2019-2022, dated on 2 May 2019, No. 223.	
	The Ministry of Agriculture, Committee for Environmental Protection and Food Security, jointly with relevant authorities to	Implemented Ministry of Agriculture	
8	establish a framework for the introduction of international standards, including "Global	 The Interagency Taskforce on the formation and development of agro-industrial clusters has been created by involving representatives of relevant ministries and agencies, and of the local private sector The Concept of Formation and Development of Agro-industrial Clusters in the Republic of Tajikistan until year 2040 and Program on the creation of favorable conditions for the 	

	Government for approval.	 implementation of good agricultural practices in agricultural production (Global G.A.P.) and Action Plan to this Program have been developed and submitted the Government for consideration; The Concept of Formation and Development of Agro-industrial Clusters in the Republic of Tajikistan until year 2040 and Program on the creation of favorable conditions for the implementation of good agricultural practices in agricultural production (Global G.A.P.) and Action Plan to this Program have been developed and approved by the Decree of the Government dated 28 October 2020, No. 566 and No. 567;
		Committee for Environmental Protection and Food Security
		The list of chemicals permitted for use in the Republic of Tajikistan has been updated and
		developed within the activity of the Chemical Security Commission. It has been planned to
		discuss this list during the next working meeting.
	Ministries of Agriculture, Industry and New	<u>Under Implementation</u>
	Technologies jointly with the relevant	
	ministries and agencies to improve draft	Ministries of Agriculture
	Action Plan on Establishment and	The Concept of Formation and Development of Agro-industrial Clusters in the Republic of
	Development of Agro-industrial clusters in	Tajikistan until year 2040 approved by the Decree of the Government dated 28 October 2020,
	Tajikistan taking into account proposals	No. 566.
9.	suggested in the session and in line with the defined procedures submitted it to the Government for approval.	Formation and development of clusters in the agricultural sector is one of the ways to improve the well-being of the population. It contributes to balanced economic development, increasing the competitiveness of the national economy, and the expansion of the transition process of the country's economy from the agrarian-industrial form to the industrial- agricultural one. There are four phases for the agro-industrial cluster' implementation according to the adopted concept:
		The first phase:
		Create active groups around selected products
		The second phase:
		A working plan and a clustering strategy will be developed
		The third phase:
		Provide the creation of a single cluster structure by defining the role of each actor The forth phase:
		High-quality agro-industrial cluster implementation with investment attraction.
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	Ministries of Agriculture, Industry and New	Under Implementation	
	Technologies, executive local government		
	authorities in regions, cities and districts in	Ministries of Agriculture	
	cooperation with the National Association		
	of Milk and Dairy Products Producers of	Regarding this issue, a comprehensive recommendation has been submitted to the	
10	-	Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (1/7-4056 dated 26.12.2020), as well as a proposal	
	establish modern breeding farms, improve	regarding the VAT, customs payment exemption of beekeeping farms, minerals, cattle,	
	breeding and health of livestock for farms	progeny crops, seasonal farms, and other milk processing types of equipment.	
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	and population considering their zoning,	Committee for Empireum antal Protection and Food Committee	
	import of milk processing equipment in	Committee for Environmental Protection and Food Security	
	rural and remote regions of the country, as		
	well as through agro-industrial clusters.	A number of necessary measures are being taken and currently in process to improve and	
		establish modern breeding farms, improve the breeding and health of livestock for farms and	
		population considering their zoning, import of milk processing equipment in rural and	
		remote regions of the country.	
	Ministries of Finance, Agriculture,	Implemented	
	Economic Development and Trade,		
	Industry and New Technologies, Tax	In order to support business activities, especially breeding farms, significant tax benefits	
	Committee and Customs Service to develop	have been established in the tax legislation as follows:	
11	1	- The import of raw materials for final products processing and production, with the	
11	and customs incentives for livestock		
•	5	Republic of Tajikistan as of 22 June 2019, No. 327, is exempt from VAT;	
	breeding farms.		
		- According to article 345 of the Customs Code and article 169 of the Tax Code, the import	
		of technology, equipment, and material of poultry and fish farming, which is necessary	
		for the economic entities and production of bird and animal food, is exempt from VAT	
		payment	
		- In accordance with paragraph 13 of Article 15 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan	
		"On State Budget of the Republic of Tajikistan for 2020", the import of seeds of	
		agricultural super-elite and elite crops, breeding farms, as well as all types of animal food	
		is exempt from VAT and customs duties	
	Ministries of Industry and New	<u>Under Implementation</u>	1
	Technologies, Economic Development and		
	Trade, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, State	Ministries of Industry and New Technologies	
	Committee on Investment and State		
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	Property Management, Rural Development Committee and Export Promotion Agency jointly with the Chairmen of provinces, districts and towns to undertake necessary actions to select zones for value chain covering "raw material - production of final products - marketing".	 Regarding the importance of the issue, comprehensive information has been submitted to the Government by an official letter. By the Head of the Office of the President of Tajikistan's order, the relevant ministries and agencies and related enterprises are committed to reporting this issue every six months. <i>Export Promotion Agency</i> The agricultural product export catalogs aim to access the necessary info which has been developed and submitted to the relevant ministeries and agencies for their feedback The industrial product export catalog, which aims to identify the <i>country's</i> export potential, has been developed and submitted to the Government for consideration The Export Promotion Agency was defined as the authorized state body under the Registered Exporter System of the European Union. 	
13	Ministry of Industry and New Technologies: - take necessary measures to strengthen activity of enterprises in the food industry, textile, silk and leather processing to reduce dependence of domestic market from imported products; - jointly with the Consultative Council Secretariat to establish a Working Group from relevant ministries and agencies' representatives with the involvement of development partners and the private sector to conduct analysis of the state of the industry sector in the country and discover new opportunities to increase the sector capacity and develop specific recommendations to present their results in the following sessions of the Consultative Council.	 Implemented Ministry of Industry and New Technologies Vahdat Textiles' first production line was launched in January 2020 last year. The Vahdat LLC company was created to promote the use of local raw materials, especially cotton fiber. Introducing the second production line into operation will increase the output from 19.4 million pairs to 34 million pairs of men's, women's and children's hosiery. The enterprise will also produce work gloves. Vahdat Textiles is a 95% export-oriented company with its products expected to be exported to Russia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The second stage of Pharm Tex LLC was put into operation on May 29, 2020. The company processes up to 2 tons of cotton fiber per day and various medical products. At the second stage, the production of medical gauze with a capacity of up to 5 million pieces per year was successfully organized. 120 jobs were created from this enterprise. In January-November 2020, the light industry enterprise, taking into account the activities of the cotton-producing enterprises, released products worth more than 2.8 billion TJS, which is 267 million somoni more than in the same time period last year. In January-November 2020, 6 leather-processing enterprises reached 582,920 pieces, which is 72,099 pieces more in comparison with 11 months of 2019. The Program of Sericulture and Silk Processing Development in the Republic of Tajikistan is being developed for 2020-2024 and approved by the Decree of the Government as of 25 June 2020, No. 388. 	

		 Secretariat of Investment Climate on Improvement of Investment Climate under the President of Tajikistan The Taskforce on improvement of investment climate in industry sector has been created by involving representatives of relevant ministries and agencies, development partners and private sector and its three meetings have been conducted; The regular meetings (April 10, August 21, and September 24, 2020) with key private sector representatives and development partners have been arranged and conducted (offline/online) regarding the main challenges and other vital aspects of this sector. The minutes of the meeting were recorded and all recommendations were included to the report; The draft analysis and recommendations on improvement of the investment climate in the industry sector has been developed according to the private sector suggestions and submitted to the second Intersession Meeting of the Investment Council, which took place on October 14, 2020. The final report will be submitted to the 21th IC Session. 	
14	National Bank of Tajikistan to develop and ensure the implementation of the Action Plan on access of population from rural and remote regions of the country to microloans with favorable interest rates.	<i>Implelemented</i> The National Bank of Tajikistan has developed and adopted an Internal Action Plan (2 April 2020, No.71/09.2). The implementation of the plan was kept under continuous review and consolidated information was provided.	
15	State Committee on Investment and State Property Management and Export Promotion Agency jointly with chairmen of provinces, districts and towns to regularly undertake initiatives to improve skills of businesses on development of business plans and export of products.	 To be implemented on a regular basis Export Promotion Agency ➢ In cooperation with the FAO Representative in Tajkistan, training courses on packaging of agricultural products, especially onions, have been organized in the cities and districts of the Khatlon region, taking into account the experience of specialists from the Sughd region, they aim to identify export markets, improve the entrepreneurs' skills, promote the agricultural exports development and promotion of further agricultural products export from the Khatlon region abroad. ➢ A working meeting was organized on 26 November 2020 at the SU "National Library of Tajikistan" by involving state bodies, private sector and international development actors who aim to strengthen the country's export opportunities, especially the lemon export, to find export markets, to stimulate export companies and to support domestic producers. 	

	Local executive government authorities in	State Executive Authority of Dushanbe City A range of meetings were organized and held with entrepreneurs in order to improve the skills of entrepreneurs in developing business and export plans at the beginning of the 2020 year period. This process continues regularly. To be implemented on a regular basis	
16	provinces, towns and districts to undertake regular measures on attraction of domestic and foreign investments using the existing opportunities and resources and provide reports to the Government on a regular basis.	 State Executive Authority of Katlon Region Within the first six months of 2020 year period, 850 units of buildings and structures, industrial and non-industrial enterprises and reconstructed recreation centers with a 255.2 million somoni were built and put into operation with the involvement of the region's entrepreneur's internal investments, of which 1,045 new jobs were created. According to the reports of the Khatlon region Statistics Agency Department, 9415.0 thousand somoni of foreign investment has been invested during the 3 months of 2020 year period, which is 6134.0 thousand USD as direct investment and 3281.0 thousand USD as other forms of investment. The volume of foreign capital received increased by 123.2% compared to the same period in 2019. Currently, there are 46 enterprises with the involvement of foreign capital in the region, most of the funds belongs to the Russia (37.0%), China (31.0%) and (Iran 16.0%). A Working Group of the Khatlon region' state executive authorities has a business trip to Moscow, Ufa, Novosibirsk, Ekaterenburg and Almaty cities aim to organize a meeting this year held a meeting with Tajik entrepreneurs (from 26 to 30 January 2020), and attract foreign investment to the region. 	
		 State Executive Authority of Sughd Region According to the Government Decree as of 30 December 30 2019, No. 659, 32 additional projects, and a total of 142 priority projects of the region, were included in the State Investment Program for 2016-2020 year period. In 2020, using all available opportunities by attracting more direct investment in the economy aim to implement the country's industrialization strategy, necessary measures were taken in the region, as well as a number of investment projects in sports, tourism, agriculture, education, transport and roads, industry, and healthcare, culture and energy sectors are included to the State Investment Programs. As a result of the measures taken in the region, 16 new enterprises were created in light 	

 industry, chemistry, construction and food materials sectors with 114 new jobs. The volume of industrial production is about 3.2 billion somoni, which increased by 117.0% compared to the same period last year. State Executive Authority of GBAO Region In order to improve the of educational institutions, health care, transport, irrigation and sector work conditions, 10 state investment projects are being implemented, the amount of which currently is more than 70 million somoni. According to statistical reports, within the first six months of 2020, 7 enterprises have been operated by involving the foreign investment. During this period, the region attracted 22408.2 thousand TJS of foreign investments. Foreign investments attracted in Sughd region in 2020, 17353.3 thousand TJS (or 77.4%) belongs the Swiss State, 2782.9 thousand TJS (or 10.2%) to the US, and 2272.0 thousand TJS (or 10.2%) to the Saudi Development Fund. Direct investments are mainly implemented in social sectors-60.5%, energy-7.7%, water resources-1.18%. In order to activate the private sector, attract foreign capital and improve the investment and business climate, the population access and small and medium-sized entrepreneurs to financial sources has been increased. More than 2.0.3 million TJS small loans were issued from banks and credit organizations operating in the region during January-December 2020 year period. During the January-June 2020 year period, the total exposure issued by the banking system to the conomy of the region, compared to the same period in 2018, increased by 16.2% and anounted to 4.1 million TJS. The share of loans to industrial enterprises is 7.02 million TJS or 24.2% of the total debt. To create favorable conditions, develop and implement various investment projects related to the analysis of the characteristics of regions and human resources, climate and conditions of ther ilocation, create ne			
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17	towns and districts: - To ensure full and timely implementation of the Council's Minutes of Meeting instruction and adopted action plan and consider private sector point of view while developing and coordinating regulatory	More than 10 Investment Councils' Sessions at the regional level have been organized and conducted during the year 2020 in the Khatlon, Sughd and GBAO regions. The issues of improvement of the investment climate in the IT sector, relevant issues of business and investment climates in regions have been considered during these meetings. The representatives of state authorities, the private sector, and development partners were involved. The Minutes have been signed and disseminated among the members of the	
	legal acts; - To strengthen activity on regular basis towards further simplification of bureaucracy procedures, eliminating artificial barriers and reduce additional costs of entrepreneurs and investors.	Councils. Following the official letters of local authorities, fruitful cooperation has established with entrepreneurs, regular meetings and training seminars have been organized and conducted which aim to improve the economic and legal skills and tax liability of entrepreneurs and involvement of the youth, women entrepreneurship, examining the development of investment projects to attract domestic and foreign investment, framework legislation for the implementation of business activities, and other business and investment issues. Also, the contribution of entrepreneurs to city beautification for the 30th anniversary State Independence celebration is very significant.	
18	Executive Secretary of the Council, jointly with the Secretariat of the Consultative Council, to take necessary measures on strengthening and effecteve implementation of activities of the Consultative Council's in provinces, cities and districts.	 To be implemented on a regular basis The draft Model Regulation of the Investment and Business Councils of GBAO, Khatlon, Sughd and state executive authorities of cities and districts have been developed and sent for the consideration and their feedback A range of meetings have been orginised with Investment and Business Councils of the GBAO, Khatlon, Sughd and state executive authorities of cities and districts in regard with Government measures for business support during COVID-19 pandemic period by Secretariat of Investment Council' initiative A session and meetings of Counciltative Council on improvement of Investment climate in Rasht Valley has been organized and conducted by Secretariat of Investment Council' initiative and support. As a result, the modern Information and Consultation Center for young entrepreneurs in Lakhsh District was launched dated 2 October 2020, which will offer services for Rasht Valley entrepreneurs. The First Business Incubator was launched in Nurobod district on 5 December 2020. 	