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**COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR IMPROVEMENT  
OF THE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT (YOIKK)  
TECHNICAL COMMITTEES ACTION PLAN**

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The approach of preparing an Action Plan with the aim to evaluate the performance of the works conducted by the YOIKK Technical Committees and publicizing the results was adopted in 2007. In line with this approach, actions to be carried out by YOIKK Technical Committees in 2011 and the following period to improve the investment climate of the country have been determined by the public and private sector representatives who gathered in the 15th YOIKK meeting on March 5, 2011 within the framework of the 5th Kizilcahamam Investment Conference.

The progress achieved in line with the Action Plan items will be monitored annually by the YOIKK Secretariat and be publicized via YOIKK Portal ([www.yoikk.gov.tr](http://www.yoikk.gov.tr)) quarterly\*.

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\* Up-to-date information on the YOIKK Technical Committees 2010 Action Plan is available at <http://www.yoikk.gov.tr/yoikk/277>.



## **YOIKK TECHNICAL COMMITTEES**

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<b>Technical Committee</b>	<b>Technical Committee Presidency/Co-Presidency</b>
<b>Company Transactions</b>	<b>Ministry of Industry and Trade</b>
<b>Employment</b>	<b>Ministry of Labour and Social Security</b>
<b>Sectoral Licenses</b>	<b>State Planning Organization</b>
<b>Location of Investment</b>	<b>Ministry of Public Works and Settlement</b>
<b>Taxes and Incentives</b>	<b>Ministry of Finance and Undersecretariat of Treasury (Co-Presidency)</b>
<b>Foreign Trade and Customs</b>	<b>Undersecretariats of Foreign Trade and Customs (Co-Presidency)</b>
<b>Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights</b>	<b>Ministry of Culture and Tourism and Turkish Patent Institute (Co-Presidency)</b>
<b>Investment Promotion</b>	<b>Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey</b>
<b>Foreign Direct Investment Legislation</b>	<b>Undersecretariat of Treasury</b>
<b>SME</b>	<b>Ministry of Industry and Trade</b>
<b>Corporate Governance</b>	<b>Capital Markets Board</b>
	<b>The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey</b>

**COMPANY TRANSACTIONS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject	Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/Organizations	Proposed Calendar	
1	Conduct a study to simplify the procedures and reduce the costs of company establishment and branch set-up processes.	a) Working Report b) Legislative Amendment	a) Identify the fees charged for - Notarial transactions, - Trade registry transactions, - Chamber of commerce registrations, - Public announcement in the Turkish Trade Registry Gazette and - Local authorities' transactions for company establishment and branch set-up processes and prepare relevant legal and administrative regulations to reduce the costs. b) Follow the effects of Central Registration System Project on company transactions.	Prime Ministry	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Notaries Union of Turkey, Union of Municipalities of Turkey, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	a) May 2011 b) November 2012
2	Assess the restructuring and liquidation processes of companies and conduct a study to streamline these processes.	a) Working Report b) Legislative Amendment	Identify the obstacles encountered within the processes of a) Restructuring, b) Liquidation, c) Concordat ve d) Liquidation of the companies that are currently discharged and prepare relevant legal and administrative regulations to remove these obstacles.	Ministry of Industry and Trade	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Capital Markets Board, Union of Turkish Lawyers Associations, Notaries Union of Turkey, Expert Accountant's Association of Turkey (TURMOB), TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	a) December 2011 b) March 2012

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3	Examine the impacts of new Turkish Commercial Code, Law No: 6102 on the company establishment and branch set-up processes.	Working Report	Assess the effects of the new Commercial Code, Law No. 6102, on the company establishment and branch set-up processes, prior to the enforcement and prepare an Action Plan comprising measures for more effective and less costly procedures.	Ministry of Industry and Trade	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Finance, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Capital Markets Board, Union of Turkish Lawyers Associations, Notaries Union of Turkey, TURMOB, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	March 2012

**EMPLOYMENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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1	Within the context of the flexicurity principle, implement the relevant labor market regulations which will also take place in the National Employment Strategy.	Legislative Amendment	Provide flexicurity in the labor market regulations, while protecting vested rights and considering the opinions of all concerned parties.	Ministry of Labor and Social Security (MoLSS)	Related Public Institutions and Organizations, Social Partners, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, Other Related NGOs	June 2012
2	Establish a system to encourage and facilitate employing a trainer and setting up a training unit instead of imposing an obligation for the companies, in accordance with the Law on Vocational Training, Law No: 3308,	Legal Amendment	Increase the contribution of private sector to vocational and in-service training through well-designed support mechanisms.	Ministry of National Education	MoLSS, The Council of Higher Education, Social Partners, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, Confederation of Artisans and Small Traders (TESK), Other Related NGOs	June 2012
3	Review and streamline the work permit processes and criteria.	Regulation and Implementation Amendment	Assess the effects of the criteria established by the MoLSS as of August 2, 2010 within the context of Article 13 of the Implementation Regulation concerning work permits and eliminate the potential disturbing impacts.	MoLSS	Related Public Institutions and Organizations, Social Partners, Other Related NGOs	September 2012

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4	Review the employment components of the sectoral strategies and action plans prepared by relevant institutions.	Working Report	Review the employment chapters of the strategies and reports such as Industrial Strategy, SME Strategy and Action Plan, to produce some proposals in line with the existing and potential sectoral conditions, thus contribute to the employment component of these strategies.	MoLSS	National Productivity Center, Related Public Institutions and Organizations, Social Partners, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, Other Related NGOs	December 2011
5	Explore possibilities of the participants of the vocational training courses organised by the workers' and employers' confederations, professional organizations authorized as public organizations or their foundations and associations, to benefit from the premium support.	Working Report	Increase the number of vocational training institutions benefiting from employment incentives.	Ministry of National Education	MoLLS, Related Public Institutions and Organizations, Social Partners, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED,                   TESK, Other Related NGOs	December 2011

**SECTORAL LICENSES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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<b>1</b>	Amend Packaging Waste Control Regulation for reorganization of recycling obligations of companies.	Regulatory Amendment	Remove the obligation for giving packaging waste to municipal and / or contracted licensed collection and seperation facilities free of charge.	Ministry of Environment and Forest	Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry and Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, Other related public institutions	April 2011
<b>2</b>	Revise Water Pollution Control Regulations in conformity with the amendment in Mining Law.	Regulatory Amendment	Ensure parallelism between regulations.	Ministry of Environment and Forest	Ministry Energy and Natural Sources General Directorate for Mining Works, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED	December 2011
<b>3</b>	Complete deficiencies in Environmental Compliance Plan during Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process.	Regulatory Amendment or Circular	Simplify harmonization process of mining activities with the environment.	Ministry Energy and Natural Sources General Directorate for Mining Works	Prime Ministry, Ministry of Environment and Forest General Directorate of Forestry, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED	September 2011

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<b>4</b>	Shorten permit processes for coastal plants by amending the Regulation on the Principles and Procedures for Granting Permit to Coastal Plants.	Regulatory Amendment	Shorten and simplify the permit processes for coastal plants and remove the duplications between the regulation.	General Directorate for Mining Works	Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Works and Settlement, Ministry of Transport and Communications, General Directorate for Railways, Ports and Airports Construction (DLH), TOBB, TUSIAD	September 2011
<b>5</b>	Revise the distance between the enterprises and olive orchards by amending the Regulation No 3573 on Olive Improvement and Vaccination of Wilds.	Regulatory Amendment	Allow some businesses to invest near the olive orchards in the lack of alternative area, with the condition of taking the necessary measures to prevent possible damage to the surrounding agricultural land.	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	Ministry Energy and Natural Sources, TOBB, TUSIAD	September 2011

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<p><b>6</b> Harmonize Law No 2464 on Municipal Revenues with the Law No 5996 on Veterinary Services, Plant Health, Food and Feed Law dealing with permissions and inspections of municipalities on natural spring water.</p>	<p>Legal Amendment</p>	<p>Ensure that the municipalities do not charge fee for the operation of natural spring water.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p>	<p>Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED</p>	<p>December 2012</p>
<p><b>7</b> Prepare the Standard Cost Model Implementation Guide and develop the system proposal for reducing the sectoral licensing costs and simplifying the process.</p>	<p>Pilot Project and System Proposal</p>	<p>Assure widespread the usage of Standard Cost Model to reduce the cost of licensing.</p>	<p>Prime Ministry</p>	<p>State Planing Organization, TOBB, TUSIAD, Other Related Institutions</p>	<p>September 2011</p>

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8	Provide the necessary permits for mining activities during the Environmental Impact Assessment process.	Working Report	Simplify the permit processes of mining activities.	Prime Ministry	Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Works and Settlement, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Environment and Forest General Directorate of Forestry, Other Related Public Institutions TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	June 2012

**LOCATION OF INVESTMENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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<p><b>1</b> Provide land to large scale and high value added investments which bring new technology and necessitate to be made in a certain area.</p>	<p>Legal amendment</p>	<p>Provide special investment areas along side with government real estates for the specified investments via expropriation and barter.</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance General Directorate of National Estate, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement</p>	<p>Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, State Planning Organization (SPO), Undersecretariat of Treasury, Other Related Public and Private Institutions</p>	<p>December 2012</p>
<p><b>2</b> a) Regulate license fees taken by municipalities for ports and filled coastal areas.</p>	<p>Law and Amendment on the Council of Ministers Decree</p>	<p>Regulate fees taken from ports and filled coastal areas in line with the scope and function of those areas, by amending Law No 2464 on Municipal Revenues and the attachment of the Decree No 2005/8730 dated 4/13/2005.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED</p>	<p>June 2012</p>
<p>b) Evaluate the real estate tax on ports and filled coastal areas, areas under the authority of the state and forestries.</p>	<p>Administrative Regulation</p>	<p>Terminate the practice of taking real estate taxes by the municipalities from ports and filled coastal areas which are under the authority of the state but has been opened to the use of private sector via usage allowance contract.</p>	<p>Ministry of Interior</p>	<p>Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment and Forest General Directorate of Forestry, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED</p>	<p>December 2011</p>

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<p><b>3</b></p> <p>a) Complete the Coastal Buildings Sectoral Master Plan. b) Make the necessary legal amendment regarding integrated coastal planning.</p>	<p>a) Ministerial Regulation b) Legal Amendment</p>	<p>Complete the sectoral projections of coastal investments, determine investment sites for coastal investments and other uses and provide integrated planning of the coastal areas by the necessary amendments on the Coastal Law.</p>	<p>Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement</p>	<p>Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs, SPO, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED</p>	<p>a) December 2011 b) March 2012</p>

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4	Finalize the land selection process without waiting the registry of the unregistered areas in the Organised Industrial Zones, in the name of Treasury and the change on the characteristics of the feeding grounds.	Regulatory Amendment and Amendment of the Protocol	Fasten the land provision process by amending the related regulations and reviewing the protocol signed between Ministry of Industry and Trade and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.	Ministry of Industry and Trade	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, Ministry of Finance General Directorate of National Estate, TOBB	December 2011
5	Make it attractive to establish industrial facilities, the closed area of which is below 2,000m <sup>2</sup> and which do not take special permits from Ministry of Industry and Trade, in Organised Industrial Zones (OIZ).	Regulatory Amendment	Prevent informal economy and employment, provide appropriate working conditions, protect agricultural lands and make the non-profit sale of the plots in the OIZs compulsory.	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement	Ministry of Interior	June 2012
6	Fasten the land allocation process by transferring inventory of the public immovables to the geographical information systems base and planning lands to be allocated to investments.	Inventory	a) With the aim to determine lands to be allocated to investments; - Determine the fields which have the characteristics of feeding ground and which have lost this characteristics by forming a Central Feeding Ground Registry, - Form inventory of the lands to be allocated to investments among public lands, - Authorise Ministry of Public Works and Settlement (or the related Ministry for sectoral investment zones) to develop lands in the areas allocated to investments. b) Fasten the land allocation process.	Ministry of Finance General Directorate of National Estate, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT), Other Related Public Institutions, TOBB	December 2012

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<p><b>7</b> Review the 400 m technical security distance clause regarding the maritime pipelines on the Regulation on Technical Security and Environment for Constructing and Managing Raw Petroleum and Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities.</p>	<p>Legislative Amendment</p>	<p>Review the distances related with coastal investments.</p>	<p>Petroleum Pipeline Corporation (BOTAS)</p>	<p>Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, Undersecretariat for Maritime Affairs, TOBB</p>	<p>December 2011</p>

**TAXES AND INCENTIVES TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject		Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/Organizations	Proposed Calendar
1	Amend the Income Tax System.	Law	Establish a new effective and efficient tax system, which conforms to the market economy, supports sustainable economic growth through increased investment and employment and decreases informality by enhancing tax conformity.	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Capital Markets Board, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	June 2012
2	Provide tax incentives for service enterprises which will be found to serve exclusively abroad.	Law	Form tax incentive mechanisms for enterprises which will be found to give services like call center, accounting, medical reporting exclusively to abroad.	Ministry of Finance		June 2012
3	a) Take declarations, which can be combined, at once. b) ) Take declarations and notifications, which can be combined, at once.	a)Law b)Administrative Regulation	Evaluate the tax declarations other demanded notifications which are taken separately and combine them to be taken at once.	Ministry of Finance	Revenue Administration	a)June 2012 b)December 2011
4	Review the stamp duty and fees.	Law	Review the stamp duty and fees in order to reduce investment costs and informality.	Ministry of Finance		June 2012
5	Provide the transfer pricing system to operate efficiently.	Administrative Regulation	Continue works on finalizing secondary legislation on transfer pricing, strengthen the human resources and IT infrastructure of the Ministry of Finance.	Revenue Administration	Undersecretariat of Customs	December 2011

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<b>6</b> Revise the "Decree No 2009/15199 Concerning State Encouragement to the Investments".	Cabinet Decision Amendment	Revise the investment incentive system in accordance with the necessities that arise in the implementation process.	Undersecretariat of Treasury		March 2011
<b>7</b> Clarify the tax practices related with the new investment incentive system.	Administrative Regulation	Remove the uncertainties that arise in terms of tax practices related with the investment incentives.	Revenue Administration	Undersecretariat of Treasury	April 2011
<b>8</b> Enhance the predictability of tax practices.	Administrative Regulation	Provide standardization and coordination in tax audit, and increase the efficiency of the tax ruling system.	Revenue Administration		December 2011
<b>9</b> Remove the hesitancies that arise in the implementation of tax incentives related with R&D.	Administrative Regulation	Remove the discrepancies among incentive implementations for R&D activities.	Revenue Administration	TOBB	July 2011
<b>10</b> Initiate the implementation of set-off system by up-to-date monitoring of asset and liability statements of taxpayers from single account electronically. (Current Account of Taxpayer Project)	Administrative Regulation	Follow up all accrual and collection accounts of a taxpayer present in different tax offices from a single pool, monitor existing balance of the accounts of taxpayers and accelerate process through twinning of the procedures of postponement, cancellation, accrual and collection electronically.	Revenue Administration		March 2012

**FOREIGN TRADE AND CUSTOMS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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<p><b>1</b> Review the legislation in order to abolish the factors that increase time and costs in foreign trade transactions, reduce the number of documents in the annex of declaration and take measures to ensure the effective execution of the implementation.</p>	<p>Infrastructural Work and Legal Amendment</p>	<p>Ensure the use of electronic product safety system, realize the single window implementations and reduce the transaction costs of the foreign trade, by the use of risk analysis based controls on the foreign trade transactions after the customs responsibilities halt.</p>	<p>Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Undersecretariat of Customs, Prime Ministry Administrative Development Unit</p>	<p>Related Public Institutions, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED</p>	<p>June 2012</p>
<p><b>2</b> Enhance Turkey's national and international logistics ability.</p>	<p>Infrastructural Work and Legal Amendment</p>	<p>Realize activities for Turkey to be prominent on international logistics; continue activities to form logistics centers; make activities towards forming alternative land/sea transport lines; continue initiatives in EU and WTO about the problems that Highway Transition Certificate quota which the EU countries implement.</p>	<p>Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade</p>	<p>Ministry of Transport and Communications, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED</p>	<p>December 2012</p>
<p><b>3</b> Reduce and simplify the criterias related with Authorized Person Status Certificate especially for exporting.</p>	<p>Regulation and Declaration</p>	<p>Reduce the actual export and employment criterias for taking Authorized Person Status Certificate which takes place in Customs Regulation Article 24 and ensure efficient declaration of the simplifications provided in the context of certificate.</p>	<p>Undersecretariat of Customs, TOBB</p>	<p>TUSIAD, TIM, YASED</p>	<p>December 2011</p>
<p><b>4</b> Revise the issues related with Export Valuation Survey.</p>	<p>Circular</p>	<p>Reduce the number of Export Valuation Price surveys that take place in the circular No 2010/54.</p>	<p>Undersecretariat of Customs</p>	<p>Related Institutions</p>	<p>July 2011</p>

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<b>5</b>	Improve the physical structure of Customs Administration.	Infrastructural Work	Meet the physical infrastructure and technical equipment necessities of the Customs Administrations, especially the Halkalı Customs Directorate and Nusaybin border gate.	Undersecretariat of Customs	Related Institutions	March 2012
<b>6</b>	Transition to automation in all free zones.	Administrative and Technical Implementation	Ensure the implementation of the Free Zone Computer Application Program in all regions.	Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade	Undersecretariat of Customs	June 2012
<b>7</b>	Harmonize the current Computerized Customs Activities system with the European Community Integrated Tariff System (TARIC).	Infrastructural Work	Set up the infrastructure that will make the immediate use of the TARIC system possible, in case of a joint decision taken by EU and Turkey to integrate TARIC system also in Turkish custom administrations.	Undersecretariat of Customs	Ministry of Finance, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	December 2011

**INTELLECTUAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject	Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/ Organizations	Proposed Calendar	
1	Enact the regulation, which ensures legal penalties for the violation of the rights on patent, utility model, industrial designs and geographic marks.	Law	Determine preventative penalties for effective protection of the industrial property rights, elimination of the loophole arisen from the cancellation of the Supreme Court and maintaining the conformity with the new Commercial Code.	Turkish Patent Institute (TPI)	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Industry and Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	December 2011
2	Reassess the Draft Laws at the Turkish Grand National Assembly (TGNA) and the Prime Ministry (Draft Laws on Trademark, Patent, Geographic Marks and Design) and submit to the TGNA.	Law	Ensure that the Drafts provides effective protection of the investor rights in line with the international obligations and improvements.	TPI	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Industry and Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	June 2012
3	Amend Law No 5846 on Intellectual and Artistic Works to maintain conformity with the EU legislation and eliminate the problems arising from the implementation.	Legal Amendment	Fight effectively against the intellectual property rights and ensure a fair legal system for the tariff of the use of intellectual properties at the public places.	Ministry of Culture and Tourism,	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Interior, TOBB	June 2012

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4	Establish disciplines on intellectual and industrial property rights at the law schools.	Council of Higher Education Decision	TPI Council of Higher Education	Ministry of Culture and Tourism	September 2011

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5	a) Execute the Design Strategy. b) Prepare the National Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights Strategy Document and the Strategies on Patent, Trademark, Industrial Designs and Traditional Information and Genetic Resources.	Strategy Document	Determine Turkey's road map on protecting intellectual and industrial property rights issue.	TPI	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, State Planning Organisation (SPO), Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Undersecretariat of Customs, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	a) September 2011 b) December 2011
6	Determine necessary steps to promote commercialization and use of industrial and intellectual property rights at the businesses.	Working Report	Assess the current support mechanisms and the efficiency of the supports for promoting the use of intellectual and industrial property rights by the companies.	TPI	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Industry and Trade, SPO, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	December 2011

**INVESTMENT PROMOTION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject	Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/Organizations	Proposed Calendar	
1	Increase the efficiency of the cooperation between the Development Agencies and Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT).	Regulation	Increase the efficiency of the cooperation between the Development Agencies and ISPAT; provide national integrity between promotion materials of the Development Agencies.	State Planing Organization (SPO), ISPAT	Development Agencies	December 2011
2	Enhance the cooperation among public and private sector representatives abroad to increase the variety and efficiency of the promotion network abroad.	Prime Ministry Circular	Maintain the sychronization among the public and private sector representatives network abroad in the area of investment promotion.	Prime Ministry, ISPAT	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Other Public and Private Sector Institutions which	July 2011

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3	Design and implement specific promotion programs to attract sovereign wealth funds, pension funds and corporate investors of some countries to Turkey.	Working Report	Entend the investor base; attract more long term investments at higher quantities.	ISPAT	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Capital Markets Board, Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, The Banks Association of Turkey, Association of the Insurance and Reinsurance Companies of Turkey, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, MUSIAD	December 2011

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4	Prepare the inventory regarding status of the investment lands in free zones.	Inventory	Alleviate land allocation to investors in free zones and increase the investment opportunities to free zones.	Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, ISPAT	TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED, MUSIAD	July 2011
5	Cooperate for active promotion of large scale public and private sector projects and form a project inventory to be used by all related institutions.	Project Inventory	Maintain active promotion of projects by forming a uniformed project inventory to be offered to potential investors; gather together Turkish and foreign investors who are interested in the projects which are on the privatisation agenda.	ISPAT, Privatisation Administration	Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Industry and Trade, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED,	August 2011

**FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS LEGISLATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject		Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/ Organizations	Proposed Calendar
1	Reduce the cost of the arbitration proceedings.	Legal Amendment	Disseminate the arbitration and contribute for the Istanbul Financial Center Project.	Ministry of Finance	Ministry of Justice, State Planing Organization, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED Other related public institutions	December 2012
2	Review the legislation of international institutions and countries dealing with foreign direct investment.	Working Report	Inform Steering Committee members about current international implementations on foreign direct investment regime.	Undersecretariat of Treasury	Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, ISPAT, Other related public institutions	December 2011
3	Explore investments and the related mechanisms for which political risk guarantees will be provided.	Working Report	The protection of investments abroad.	Undersecretariat of Treasury	Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Eximbank (Export Credit Bank of Turkey), TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED Foreign Economic Relation Board, Other Related Public Institutions	December 2011

**SMEs TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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1	a) Increase the effectiveness of the Credit Guarantee Fund system in favor of the SMEs.	Council of Ministers Decree	Trigger the Treasury supported guarantee system.	Undersecretariat of Treasury	Ministry of Industry and Trade, State Planning Organization (SPO), Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA), Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organisation (KOSGEB), TOBB, Credit Guarantee Fund Corporation (KGF A.Ş.)	December 2011
	b) Assess the alternatives of credit guarantee fund system.	Working Report	Evaluate the applicability of the Portfolio Guarantee System on the guarantees of Credit Guarantee Fund (KGF A.Ş.) for SMEs.	Undersecretariat of Treasury, Credit Guarantee Fund Corporation (KGF A.Ş.)	Ministry of Industry and Trade, KOSGEB, SPO, BRSA, TOBB	December 2011

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2	Revise the SME definition.	Regulation	Revise the limits of the SME definition, in accordance with the prevailing conditions.	Ministry of Industry and Trade	Ministry of Finance, SPO, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), KOSGEB, TOBB, Confederation of Artisans and Small Traders (TESK)	December 2011

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3	Support entrepreneurship abilities of the businesses established at the Technology Development Centers (TEKMER) or benefiting from technology entrepreneur capital support.	Protocol	Conduct studies to encourage entrepreneurship and new investments at R&D and innovative projects with the contribution of the credit guarantee and venture capital companies.	KOSGEB	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, The Scientific and Technological Research Council (TUBITAK), Technology Development Foundation of Turkey (TTGV), TOBB, TUSIAD, TESK, KGF A.Ş., KOBİ Venture Capital Investment Trust Inc. Co. (KOBİ A.Ş.), Development Bank of Turkey	December 2011
4	Increase the efficiency, effectiveness and institutionalization of the consultation mechanism for SMEs.	Project	Take measures for reinforcing the efficiency, competitiveness and institutional capacities of SMEs.	KOSGEB	Ministry of Industry SPO, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, TOBB, TESK	December 2011

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5	Increase the awareness towards "Privileges Recognized to Small" in the context of the Small Business Act for Europe.	Circular/ Project	Ensure that the "Think Small First" principle of the Small Business Act for Europe, is taken on the agenda of the country.	KOSGEB	Ministry of Industry and Trade, TOBB, TESK, Other Related Institutions, Organizations and NGO's	December 2011

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

Subject		Action	Objected Results	Institution/Organization Responsible for Coordination	Other Related Institutions/ Organizations	Proposed Calendar
1	Amend Corporate Governance Principles declared by Capital Markets Board.	Board Decree	Evaluate and make the necessary amendments in Corporate Governance Principles declared by Capital Markets Board in line with the working report prepared in 2009, new Turkish Commercial Code and international developments.	Capital Markets Board	Istanbul Stock Exchange (ISE), TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED, Other Related NGOs	June 2011
2	Implement "Non-Financial Reporting Standarts in No-Stock Companies" in one or a few SMEs to be selected as pilots.	Pilot implementation	Evaluate the applicability of corporate reporting standards in no-stock companies.	YASED	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Capital Markets Board, KOSGEB, TOBB, TUSIAD,	October 2011
3	Update the "Corporate Governance Principles in No-Stock Companies" in line with the new Turkish Commercial Code.	Working Report	Establish the concept of corporate governance in no-stock companies by preparing corporate governance principles for no-stock companies.	TUSIAD	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Capital Markets Board, TOBB, YASED	June 2011
4	Introduce "Non-Financial Reporting Standarts in No-Stock Companies" and "Corporate Governance Principles in No-Stock Companies".	Information Meeting	Increase the awareness on non-financial reporting standarts and corporate governance principles in no-stock companies.	TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Capital Markets Board	December 2011
5	Develop suggestions on the mechanism to be developed to form an accreditation system for certifying the companies which implement "Corporate Governance Principles in No-Stock Companies" successfully and on the incentives related with this mechanism (aids, fee reductions, etc.)	Working Report	Determine the mechanism to certify the no-stock companies which implement corporate governance principles and the tools to be used to promote implementation of these principles in the certified SMEs.	Capital Markets Board, TOBB, TUSIAD, YASED	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Treasury, KOSGEB, Other Related NGOs	December 2011

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN**

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<b>1</b>	Review the "Regulation Concerning to Implementation Principles and Procedures on Distribution of Additional Payment of Circulating Capital System in Universities" in order to increase the number of projects carried out in university-industry collaboration.	Regulation Amendment	Increase the number of projects carried out in university-industry collaboration by regulating circulating capital system.	Council of Higher Education	Ministry of Finance, TOBB	July 2011
<b>2</b>	Make the necessary amendments to assign the university academicians in private institutions for research and innovation studies within the framework of 7th year permission.	Regulation Amendment	Assure that the private sector take advantage of the academic experiences and ensure dissemination of scientificity.	Council of Higher Education	Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Industry and Trade, The Scientific and Technological Research Council (TUBITAK), TOBB, TUSIAD	December 2011

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3	Establish Tecnology Transfer Offices.	Legal Amendment and Regulation	Ensure the transfer of the knowledge at the universities and research institutions into industry and commercialize the knowledge.	Council of Higher Education	Ministry of Industry and Trade, State Planning Organization (SPO), Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Undersecretariat of Defence Industries, TUBITAK Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organisation (KOSGEB), Turkish Patent Institute (TPI), Tecnology Development Foundation of Turkey (TTGV), TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	July 2011
4	Ensure the reflection of Turkey's actual position on the international innovaton indices.	Working Report	Continue to communicate with the international institutions preparing the indices and ensure accurate interpretation of the information.	TUBITAK	Undersecretariat of Treasury, Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), TPI, TOBB, YASED	December 2011

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<b>5</b>	Determine the working topics of Turkish researchers resident abroad and create a platform (World Turkish Researcher Platform) interrelated with the World Turkish Businessmen Platform, where Turkish researchers can share their studies.	Create Information System	Prepare a comprehensive study on the Turkish researchers who has R&D related studies and who produce R&D based products, ensure to keep this work update, Ensure that domestic industry benefit from R&D activities of Turkish researchers and enterprises resident abroad, Provide Turkish entrepreneurs abroad take part in R&D activities of local entrepreneurs, in order to enhance the knowledge and experience of the qualified labor force in Turkey.	TUBİTAK	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of National Education, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Treasury, Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade, Council of Higher Education, KOSGEB, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, Foreign Economic Relation Board	December 2011
<b>6</b>	Introduce and present technology and innovation administration system guide for private sector.	Guide	Scrutinize OECD Guides and EU Researchers Guide and inform private sector; prepare guides for Turkish private sector according to Turkish circumstances; increase the efficiency of R&D expenditures of the private sector; inform the private sector and other related institutions about R&D Support Programs.	TUBİTAK, TOBB, TUSIAD, TIM, YASED	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Council of Higher Education, KOSGEB, TTGV	December 2011

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7	Amend the university programs to reflect the Turkey's strategic purposes related with R&D and Technology Administration.	Form department and program	Increase human resources sophisticated on R&D and Technology Administration.	Council of Higher Education	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Undersecretariat of Defence Industries, TUBITAK, TOBB, YASED	December 2011
8	Improve efficiency of Technology Platforms.	Working Report	Activate sectoral Technology Platforms which will determine action proposals to enhance Turkey's competitiveness in the medium and long term by triggering R&D competence in industry.	TUBITAK	Undersecretariat of Defence Industries TOBB, TIM, Other Related Institutions and NGOs	December 2011