

**Joint Statement following the seventh meeting of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Sweden.**

The seventh meeting of the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation between Iran and Sweden was held in Tehran on 26 June 2018. It was co-chaired by Deputy Minister Mojtaba Khosrowtaj and State Secretary Oscar Stenström.

The purpose of the meeting was to further strengthen and develop economic and commercial ties. During the meeting the sides discussed ongoing and future cooperation in these fields. The two sides exchanged views on the economic situation and prospects in Iran, Sweden and the EU, as well as recent developments in the global economy. The two sides agreed on the need for continued economic reforms and cooperation. The parties underlined the importance of continued implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and deeply regretted the decision by the United States to withdraw from the JCPOA.

Recent developments in bilateral trade between Iran and Sweden were assessed. An exchange of views was held on the topic of sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

The Commission discussed and assessed progress in the areas covered by bilateral Memoranda of Understanding between Iran and Sweden as below and decided to facilitate cooperation:

- *Health*
- *Communication and Information Technology*
- *Women Empowerment*
- *Higher Education and Research*
- *International Road Transport*
- *Technology and Innovation*

The two sides expressed their wish to expand bilateral cooperation, trade and investments. They agreed on the need to remove, wherever possible, obstacles to such cooperation.

The Swedish companies present in the Commission highlighted the significant opportunities in the Iranian market, while also underlining the difficulties posed by sanctions against Iran.

The two sides expressed their readiness to convene the next meeting of the Joint Commission at a mutually suitable date.

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