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REPORT:

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The idea of the “International Economic Informational Platform”, initiated and proposed by the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce was widely welcomed by the Federation of Chambers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) during a workshop hosted by it in the Qatari capital Doha on November 21, 2011. Eng. Mouddar KHOUJA, the Secretary General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) briefed the members on the details of this database.

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SG KHOUJA had travelled to Doha upon an invitation from the Federation of GCC Chambers to participate in a workshop on the exchange of experiences among the member chambers. Here, Mr. KHOUJA presented a paper titled "The International Economic Informational Platform (IEIP)" to be used as an international economic information database for the Gulf Chambers and the Joint-Arab Chambers. He pointed out the importance of the existence of an information and data base at the disposal of all the Arab and Joint Chambers that wish to achieve the utmost degree of communication between them. It will also facilitate work for businessmen and investors in the Arab and Western countries due to the vast information base that this platform has regarding the interests of those involved in trade and economy. Mr. Khouja presented the quality standards of the project and the schedule of its implementation.

The Secretaries General welcomed the idea of the project and recommended to take the necessary concrete steps for its implementation.

The project was also presented in detail to the Federation's Secretariat, and it was decided to form a committee of specialists in the field of information for follow-up and coordination with the Secretary General of the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce for completion of the final features in order to launch this project.

On another note, this visit to Qatar comprised a visit of the Secretary-General Mr. KHOUJA to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Khalid AL-ATTIYAH, along with Dr. Wolfgang PENZIAS, the Austrian Commercial Counselor to a number of Gulf states, where they discussed the preparations of the upcoming visit of the Federal President of Austria, H.E. Dr. Heinz FISCHER to Qatar in December 2011. Dr. Fischer will be accompanied by a high-ranking economic delegation that the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce had coordinated together with the Society for Austro-Arab Relations and the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber. During this meeting the anticipated initial opening of the Austrian Embassy in Doha, and the Office of the Austrian Trade Commission there were discussed.

The visit also included several meetings with a number of officials at the economic institutions in Qatar; some of these had been organized by Dr. PENZIAS. Mr. KHOUJA met with the Assistant Director General of QATAR STEEL, as well as the Director General of QATAR HOLDING and the Director General of the INTERNATIONAL FAIRS & PROMOTIONS QATAR (IFP Qatar), Mr. George AYACHE, who invited the Secretary General Mr. KHOUJA to participate in an exhibition that is to take place in Doha under the auspices of the Qatari Prime Minister in September 2012.

During these visits, SG KHOUJA availed himself of the opportunity to praise the existing cooperation between the Federal Austrian Economic Chamber - and in particular the Commercial Counselor Dr. Wolfgang PENZIAS and his deputy Mr. Gerd BOMMER - and the Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce.