

**Terms of Reference**

**For the Senior Trade/Economic Officials of BIMST-EC**

**1. Objectives**

The objectives of the Senior Trade/Economic Officials Committee of BIMST-EC are:

- Ø to oversee, coordinate and expedite the work programs relating to the field of trade and economic cooperation.
- Ø To make recommendations to the Trade/Economic Ministers and ensure implementation of the decisions taken by Trade/Economic Ministers.

**2. Composition**

- Ø The Senior Trade/Economic Officials delegation should be led by high ranking trade/economic officials from BIMST-EC countries.
- Ø Each delegation shall be composed of relevant officers from concerned agencies approved from the respective BIMST-EC countries.

**3. Frequency of meetings**

Senior Trade/Economic Official Meetings (STEOM) may be held regularly, at least once a year. The meetings may normally be held immediately prior to the Trade/Economic Ministers meeting.

**4. Chairmanship**

The Chairman of STEOM will be representative of the country holding the chairmanship of BIMST-EC.

**5. Coordination with Senior Officials Committee**

The Senior Trade/Economic Officials Committee should work in close coordination with the Senior Officials Committee of BIMST-EC.