

Industry, Mining and Trade (IMT) Sector Problems System and Challenges on the Eve of The Seventh Development Plan

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On the eve of drafting the 7th development plan, explaining the system of problems and determining the key challenges in the “IMT” sector is the cornerstone of policy making in this field. So, this study uses the problem tree technique to explain the main issues and challenges. Firstly, based on latest performance of 6th development plan law, a hierarchical and operational method has been used for determining, structuring and analyzing of limitations and gaps in the progress of the “IMT” sector aims. Secondly, the roots of the problems have been calculated using the information of 22 provincial industrial, mining and commercial organizations. The results of the surveys showed that the most important issues and challenges can be considered in: Limitation in the creation of higher added value; Restrictions on the development of industrial and mineral investments; Limitation in technological content and complexity of manufactured products; Restrictions on goods and services’ competitiveness; Limitation in employment creation and limitations in the production and distribution chain. The mentioned issues are rooted in cases such as Effects of external impulses; Macroeconomic environment instability; High centralism in policy matters; Heavy bureaucracy, complexity and inconsistency in some processes; Difficulty of issuing some licenses; Lack of attention to practical considerations in planning; Lack of financial resources; Human resource problems; Inadequacy of infrastructure and system problems. The signs and roots of the problems include production reduction and loss of competitiveness; Increase in price and decrease in quality; Allocative inefficiency and distributive inefficiency.

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