

The 8th Summit

Summary Record

(Dushanbe, 14 September, 2004)

No. Summit/8th/2004/01

1. The Eighth Summit meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), held on September 14, 2004 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, was chaired by H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmanov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, and attended by H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, H.E. Mr. Artur Rasi-zade, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr. Daniyal Akhmetov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Askar Akaev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Rejep Saparov, Deputy Chairman of People's Council of Turkmenistan, and H.E. Mr. Erkin Khalilov, Chairman of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay, Secretary General of ECO along with the ECO staff. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No. 1 & 2

Inaugural Ceremony/Election of the Chairman

2. As the Republic of Turkey was the Chairman of the 7th ECO Summit, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, opened the meeting and delivered a short statement.

3. The meeting elected H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, as the Chairman of the 8th ECO Summit. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey delivered the Chairmanship to the President of the Republic of Tajikistan. Upon the assumption of the Chairmanship, the President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, made welcoming remarks and inaugural statement. A copy of the inaugural statement of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 3

Adoption of the Agenda

4. The 8th ECO Summit meeting adopted the following agenda as recommended by the 14th Council of Ministers (COM) meeting held on September 12, 2004, in Dushanbe:

1. Inaugural Ceremony
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation
5. Statements by the Heads of International Organizations
6. Report of the Chairman of the 14th Meeting of Council of Ministers (COM)
7. Report of the Secretary General
8. Any other business
9. Date and venue of the next meeting
10. Consideration and adoption of the Dushanbe Declaration 2004
11. Ceremony for ECO Awards
12. Vote of thanks and closing address by Chairman of the 8th Summit
13. Closing of the meeting

Agenda Item No. 4

Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation

5. The Heads of State/Government/Delegation delivered their statements. The texts of the statements are placed at **Annex-III**.

Agenda Item No. 5

Statements by the Heads of International Organization

6. The Heads/Representatives of some UN agencies and other regional & international organizations attended the 8th Summit. The list of the participants from the regional and international organizations is placed at **Annex-IV**.

7. H.E. Mr. Kim Hak-Su, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP has delivered his statement on the cooperation between ECO and UNESCAP and activities of UNESCAP in the region. A copy of the statement is placed at **Annex-V**

Agenda Item No. 6

Report of the Chairman of the 14th Council of Ministers (COM)

8. H.E. Mr. Talbak Nazarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, in his capacity as the Chairman of the 14th COM, presented a brief note on the 14th COM's proceedings and decisions of the 14th COM to the 8th Summit. A copy of his brief note is placed at **Annex-VI**.

Agenda Item No. 7

Report of the Secretary General

9. H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay, Secretary General of ECO, made a statement, highlighting the important activities of the Organization since the 7th ECO Summit held in Istanbul October 14, 2002. A copy of his statement is placed at **Annex-VII**.

Agenda Item No. 8

Any other issue

10. No issue was raised under this item

Agenda Item No. 9

Date and venue of the next Summit meeting

11. The meeting agreed with the offer made by H.E. Mr. Artur Rasi-zade, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 9th ECO Summit meeting in 2006 in the capital city, Baku, of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The exact date of the meeting will be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Agenda Item No. 10Consideration and adoption of the Dushanbe Declaration 2004

12. The Summit adopted the Dushanbe Declaration 2004, as recommended by the 14th Meeting of Council of Ministers, held on September 12, 2004 in Dushanbe. The text of the Dushanbe Declaration 2004 is placed at **Annex-VIII**.

Agenda Item No. 11Ceremony for ECO Awards

13. H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, as Chairman of the 8th Summit meeting, presented ECO Awards 2004 to the winners from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Turkey, and Tajikistan. The three winners from Azerbaijan, Iran and Uzbekistan did not attend the ceremony and their Awards were received by the respective countries' Ambassadors. The winners from nine ECO member states were recommended by the Selection Committee and endorsed by the 89th CPR meeting and finally approved by the 14th COM meeting held on September 12, 2004, in Dushanbe. The list of the winners are placed at **Annex-IX**.

Agenda Item No. 12Vote of thanks and closing address by Chairman of the 8th Summit

14. The Heads of State/Government/Delegation expressed profound gratitude to the President, the Government and the people of the Republic of Tajikistan for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and warm hospitality extended to the delegations. They also congratulated ECO Secretary General and his dedicated staff for the efficient and successful organization of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 13Closing of the meeting

15. H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, as a concluding remarks, stated that the endeavours of the Heads of State/Government/Delegation and the participants to the Summit were very constructive and meaningful. He expressed his hope that all the ECO member states will do their best to implement the decisions taken in the Summit and stated that the significant ideas, wishes and proposals expressed by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation will thoroughly be summarized, studied and implemented by the member states and other ECO institutions with cooperation of the Secretariat. He also expressed satisfaction over the organization's close and active interaction with other international and regional institutions and organizations. He reiterated his sincere gratefulness and wished all the participants and the people of the ECO region progress, welfare and prosperity. At the end, he declared the 8th ECO Summit meeting closed.