

## The 8<sup>th</sup> Summit

Opening Statement of H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmanov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

( Dushanbe, 14 September, 2004 )

*Annex-II*

*Esteemed Heads of the nations and the governments of ECO Member States*

*Heads of delegations,  
Ladies and gentlemen,  
Friends,*

First, I would like to express my gratitude for giving me your confidence to preside at this meeting. I hope that with your help the goals of our meeting will be achieved.

Let me sincerely welcome you all – the heads of nations and governments, chiefs of high delegations, heads and representatives of international organizations, experts of the various ECO bodies, all dear guests on the ancient and hospitable tajik land and express my feelings by the lines of great Rudaki:

*I'm happy when I see  
My closest friends beside.*

You are the dear friends and welcome guests in every home of Tajikistan, as our nation, assuming ancient traditions of hospitality, neighborliness, sincere respect to other nations and their leaders, counts a great honor to conduct ECO Summit in its country and wishes all us successful work.

It is to be emphasized, that ECO is virtually the single economic organization, which integrates all countries of our vast region. The major objective of ECO is to provide steady development and prosperity, and, based on this, enhancement of living standards of our nations.

Our friendly nations are looking hopefully at our today's meeting. I am sure, that during the Summit and after it, we will undertake all necessary measures and practical actions to justify these hopes with honor.

With this kind wishes let me, by your permission, start the work of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the heads of nations and governments of ECO Member States.

---

[\[Home\]](#) - [\[Back\]](#)