



Economic Cooperation Organization

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> ECO SUMMIT

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November 28, 2021  
Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

## Summary Record

The 15<sup>th</sup> Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held in Ashgabat on November 28, 2021 under the theme of "**Into the Future Together**". The Meeting was attended by:

**H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev,**  
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

**H.E. Dr. Seyed Ebrahim Raisi,**  
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

**H.E. Mr. Sadyr Zhaparov,**  
President of the Kyrgyz Republic

**H.E. Dr. Arif Alvi,**  
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

**H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon,**  
President of the Republic of Tajikistan

**H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan,**  
President of the Republic of Turkey

**H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov,**  
President of Turkmenistan

**H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev,**  
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

**H.E. Mr. Askar Mamin,**  
Prime-Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan

1. H.E. Ambassador Khusrav Noziri, Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), along with the relevant staff of ECO Secretariat also attended the Summit. *The list of participants is attached at Annex-I.*

### **Agenda Item No. 1**

#### Welcoming Remarks by the President of Turkmenistan

2. H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan warmly welcomed the Head of States/Governments and the ECO Secretary General in Ashgabat for participation in the event.

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

### Opening Ceremony

- Remarks by the Chairman of the previous (14<sup>th</sup>) ECO Summit

3. H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey extended his sincere gratitude to the Government of Turkmenistan for their warm hospitality. While referring the impact of COVID-19 as well as damage caused by the pandemic, he hoped that this 15<sup>th</sup> Summit would be instrumental in further strengthening cooperation and solidarity amongst the Member Countries to jointly fight against corona virus. He underlined that Turkey had endeavored to meet the request for assistance that it received from all over the world during this difficult period, adding that Turkey provided aid to 160 countries and 12 international organizations including ECO Member States. He further referred the envisaged aims of the ECO Vision 2025 and emphasized on the intensification of joint efforts to raise ECO trade volume to the level of 100 billion dollars. The President Erdogan also desired that ECO Trade Agreement must be put into force to meet our trade objectives. *A copy of his statement is attached as Annex-II.*

- Election of the Chairman

4. As per ECO Rules of Procedure, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey proposed the election of H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan as the Chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit.

5. H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan, was unanimously elected to chair the 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. The Heads of States/Governments congratulated H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov on his election as Chairman of the Summit.

- Remarks by the Chairman of the 15<sup>th</sup> Summit - H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan

6. H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan, deeply thanked the ECO leaders for participation in the Summit. He noted that Turkmenistan regarded the organization of this event as quite important which is aimed at strengthening the cooperation amongst the Member States in the economic, trade, investment, cultural and humanitarian spheres. He emphasized that as a neutral state and a responsible member of the world community, Turkmenistan is always open for broad interaction with all interested foreign partners, including authoritative regional international organization. He underscored that during its chairmanship, Turkmenistan made every effort to ensure that joint work acquired the proper dynamics filled with new creation impulses. He underlined the importance of enhancing cooperation in medicine and healthcare, recommending the establishment of systemic channels for the exchange of experience, methods and best practices in the field of combating dangerous infectious diseases, within the framework of ECO.

7. H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov stated that the implementation of large infrastructure projects with the participation of the ECO member States, without exaggeration, means a qualitative breakthrough in the formation of new geo-economic space on the continent opens up colossal prospects for cooperation, attracting large external investments, and solving a number of important social problems. Emphasizing the importance of Afghanistan's participation in such processes, he stressed the provision of urgent and effective humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people in this difficult period. The Turkmen President expressed his gratitude to the ECO Secretary General and his team for skillful and effective coordination and congratulated all the participants on the ECO Day, *copy of his statement is attached as Annex-III.*

- Statement by ECO Secretary General

8. H.E. Ambassador Khusrav Noziri, ECO Secretary General felicitated H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, the President of Turkmenistan for organizing and chairing the 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. Addressing the meeting, the ECO Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri made a focused briefing concerning the Organization's key areas of cooperation, particularly, trade, transport, energy, tourism etc. He mentioned that following the guidelines of the ECO Leaders, given during the 14<sup>th</sup> Summit in special consideration of the pandemic, the Organization made considerable progress to secure its developmental goals as envisaged in the ECO Vision 2025 under the chairmanship of Turkmenistan. He emphasized that the Summit's theme is more important in particular reference to the conditions developed after the COVID-19 defining the significance of enhanced collaboration and partnership among Member countries during the time of crisis. While noting the importance of ECO's external relations with other regional and international bodies as most essential tool for achieving strategic objectives, the Secretary General informed that during the 25<sup>th</sup> COM held a day before Summit, an MoU between the ECO and UNESCAP was signed for further institutionalizing the mutually developed cooperative ties between the two sides. He also reiterated ECO Secretariat's commitment to accomplish the organization's aims and objectives in line with its Vision 2025 and the Treaty of Izmir. To meet this end, the Secretary General looked forward to the continued patronage and support and guidance of the ECO Leaders. *A copy of his statement is attached as Annex-IV.*

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

9. The 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meeting adopted the following agenda of the Summit:

- 1) Welcoming Remarks by the President of Turkmenistan
- 2) Opening of the Event and:
  - Remarks by the Chairman of 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit
  - Election of Chairman
  - Statement by the Chairman of 15<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit

- Statement by the ECO Secretary General
- 3) Adoption of the Agenda
  - 4) Statements by Heads of State/Government
  - 5) Adoption of the Ashgabat Consensus for Action
  - 6) ECO Awards Ceremony
  - 7) Any other business
  - 8) Date and Venue of the next Summit
  - 9) Closing remarks by the Chairman and Vote of Thanks

#### **Agenda Item No.4**

##### Statements by the Heads of States/Governments

10. The Heads of ECO Member States/Governments also agreed to expand and develop their trade and economic ties in the shared areas of interest, highlighting some priority areas of cooperation, trade, transport and energy. While noting the progress and implementation on some joint projects, the ECO Leaders also put forward various ideas, initiatives and proposals for development of some new projects in diverse areas of collaboration. Moreover, they appeared poised to remain united and make consolidated efforts to address the impacts of the pandemic on ECO regional economy. They appreciated the ECO Secretary General for his comprehensive statement, valuing the performance of the Organization especially to counter and manage the post-COVID negative impacts on the overall socioeconomic condition of the region. *Copies of their statements are attached Annex-V.*

#### **Agenda Item No.5**

##### Adoption of the Ashgabat Consensus for Action

11. The Summit also adopted the Ashgabat Consensus for Action, renewing the Member States' commitment for the shared progress, prosperity and development in the region, as well as promotion of ECO as a more effectual regional economic forum. *Document attached as Annex-VI.*

#### **Agenda Item No.6**

##### ECO Award Ceremony

12. The Chairman announced the winners of ECO Award 2021 and asked the Governments of the Member States to manage the delivery of the given ECO Awards to their relevant winners in their respective Capitals:

No.	Names of Winners	Country	Field
1.	Prof. Ms. Ulduz Fayizi Gizi Hashimova	Republic of Azerbaijan	Science & Technology
2.	Dr. Mitra Rahanejat	Islamic Republic of Iran	Economics
3.	Mr. Orazak Ismagulov	Republic of Kazakhstan	History, Culture, Literature, & Fine Arts
4.	Ms. Mambetova Nazira Ismailovna	Kyrgyz Republic	History, Culture, Literature, & Fine Arts
5.	Prof. Dr. Robina Farooq	Islamic Republic of	Agriculture and

		Pakistan	Environment
6.	Mr. Nizomov Jahongir Nizomovich	Republic of Tajikistan	Science & Technology
7.	Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ocal Oguz	Republic of Turkey	Education
8.	Mr. Yazklych Orazklychev	Turkmenistan	History, Culture, Literature, & Fine Arts
9.	Ms. Mastura Khalimova	Republic of Uzbekistan	Agriculture & Environment

### **Agenda Item No.7**

#### Any other business

13. No issue was discussed under this agenda item.

### **Agenda Item No.8**

#### Date and venue of the next Summit

14. The Summit appreciated proposal of H.E. President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to host next 16<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. The dates of the next Summit will be coordinated through diplomatic channels in consultation with the Host.

### **Agenda Item No.9**

#### Closing remarks by the Chairman and vote of thanks

15. The Heads of State/Government extended their gratitude to the President and the Government of Turkmenistan for hosting the successful Summit. They also congratulated the ECO Secretary General and his team for their professional work during the relevant preparations and organization of the event.

16. The President of Turkmenistan H.E. Mr. Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov re-expressed his gratitude to all the Heads of State/Governments for their kind participation and valuable contributions to enrich the Summit process. He also appreciated the ECO Secretary General and his team for assistance in preparation of relevant documents and coordination with all ECO Member States to ensure the organization of the event in effective and efficient manner.

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