

Annex-XI

*Your Excellency,
President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates,*

We have come to the conclusion of a historic Summit meeting of our Organization. The decisions taken by us will have far reaching and enduring consequences for the welfare of the peoples of our region. As E.C.O. enters a new era of cooperation, strengthened in membership and stabilized in structure, we have every reason to look forward to the future with hope and confidence.

Our countries have been blessed with enormous resources and their proper harnessing and utilization can make an immense contribution to the prosperity of our peoples. Our renewed commitment to regional cooperation will no doubt accelerate our march towards development and the challenges of the 21st century.

Mr. President,

The successful outcome of this historic conference owes a great deal to Your Excellency's wise and inspiring leadership. For this we offer our profound gratitude and appreciation.

Mr. Chairman,

We share your view that, along with political developments in international relations, we are also witnessing extensive changes in the international economic order. Therefore, due attention must be paid to the constructive and active role that can be played by our Organization in bringing about a balanced economic order and in bridging the gap between the North and the South.

My brother President Turgut Ozal has aptly observed that due to dramatic world-wide political and economic events our region has become the focus of international attention. The relations between the three founding members of E.C.O. have always been exemplary. We now have the great opportunity to further enrich these relations with the participation of other fraternal states from Central Asia.

We have heard very constructive statements from our brothers President Niazov of Turkmenistan, President Motalibov of Azerbaijan and from the distinguished representatives of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia and Kazakhstan. We welcome and applaud the commitment shown by our brothers from Central Asia to actively participate in our endeavours towards achieving our goals.

We are living in very critical and exciting times. It calls for vigilance and solidarity to defend our collective interests. It demands courage and pragmatism to strive for peace and progress so that we can achieve self-reliance and contribute to a just and fair international

order.

On behalf of all other delegations present here, it is my proud privilege to express our profound gratitude for the warm welcome and gracious hospitality extended to us in this magnificent capital of the brotherly state of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The warmth and affection shown to us by the Government and people of Iran has left a deep and lasting impression on us.

May I also take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the commendable work done by the Secretariat of our Organization and, particularly, by our able and dynamic Secretary General Mr. Ali Reza Salari. The success of our deliberations owes a lot to the dedicated hard work put in by the members of the Secretariat in preparing the documentation and doing the ground work.

Before I conclude, I must express our deep appreciation for the excellent arrangements made for this meeting by the Government of Iran.

We have all felt completely at home and will take back with us most pleasant and abiding memories.

Thank you.

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