

The 15th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 24 November, 1997)

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1. The Fifteenth Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the IPIS Building on 24 November, 1997. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Nasrollah Kamyab, Permanent Representative and Director General (ECa Affaires Bureau), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran. The representatives of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Uzbekistan and the Secretary General of ECa attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda

2. The agenda was adopted by deferring two items to the next meeting. adopted Agenda is attached as **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Report of the Fourteenth Meeting of the CPR

3. The Council adopted the Report of its Fouteenth Meeting held on 9 November, 1997 with some amendments. The adp[ted Report has been circulated separately vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CON/CPR-14/97 dated 26th November, 1997

Agenda Item No.3

Consideration of the draft Budget of ECO Secretariat for the financial year 1998.

4. Secretary General presented to the Council the outcome of the Meeting of the Working Group held on 17 November, 1997 to finalize the draft Budget for the financial year 1998 and kindly asked the Council to consider the possible delay in recruitment of some staff in Category II and Category III.

5. The Council agreed on the new recruitment schedule prepared on the basis of Working Group suggestion. According to the new recruitment schedule some posts in Categories II and III will be postponed from three to six months. The Council also discussed all the thirteen head of accounts of the budget and accepted twelve of them. The discussion on the head of account No. 12 (Computer and Statistical Unit/Data Bank) and the final approval of the budget have been deferred to the next meeting of CPR. Meanwhile, the Secretariat will prepare on the request of the Council, an informative paper, regarding the needed computers and their estimated cost.

Agenda Item No. 4

Consideration and approval of the draft MOU to be signed between FAO and ECO on the sidelines of the 8th OIC Summit Meeting in Tehran.

6. The Council approved the draft MOU between FAO and ECO and authorized the Secretary General to sign it \1"ith the Director General of FAO. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey stated that they will convey their views about the MOU to the Secretariat before 8th December, 1997. The text of the MOU is enclosed as **Annex-III**.

Agenda Item No.5

Consideration of the draft Resolution on Cooperation *Between* OIC and ECO to be introduced during 8th OK Summit Meeting.

7. The Council considered the draft Resolution on Cooperation between OIC and 'ECO to be introduced during the 8th OIC Summit Meeting. The Secretary General reminded the Council that the Resolution will be introduced by the Islamic Republic of Iran, the current chairman of ECO Council of Ministers, on behalf of all the Member States. The draft Resolution is enclosed as **Annex-IV**.

Agenda Item No.6

The Report of the Secretary General on his activities in New York on the sidelines of the 52 Session of the UN General Assembly

8. Secretary General informed the Council that the Resolution as endorsed by CPR and confirmed by the Council of Ministers has been adopted with some modifications in the 52nd Session of UN General Assembly' on 21st November, 1997. The said Resolution will be circulated by the Secretariat separately.

9. Secretary General paid a courtesy call to H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary General of United Nations during his last visit to New York.

10. Secretary General also informed the Council about the outcome of the ASEAN- ECO Ministerial Meeting held on 3rd October, 1997, in New York and stated that ASEAN agreed to host a Workshop next year to promote international trade.

11. Furthermore, the Secretary General brought to the attention of the Council that there was no full participation of Member States in the New York Meetings and requested from the Member States to ensure adequate participation of their representatives in the next meetings to be held in New York on the sidelines of the Sessions of UN General Assembly.

Agenda Item No.7

The Secretary General's Proposals related to restructuring of ECO Secretariat as mentioned in his Report to the Meeting of COM held on 2nd October, 1997 in New York. (Paras 1 to 11 part i).

12. The Council decided to defer this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.8

Consideration and Finalization of the documents of ECO Cultural Institute.

13. The Council agreed with the proposal of Permanent Representative of Pakistan to defer this item to the next CPR meeting.

Agenda Item No.9

Any other Business

a) Consideration of the request of Kazakhstan to replace Mr. Kainar Oralbaev with another Russian translator from their country.

14. The Council agreed on the request of Kazakhstan to replace Mr. Kainar Oralbaev with another Russian translator from their country. Consequently, the advertisement made earlier by the Secretariat to fill the subject vacancy will be withdrawn.

b) Consideration of the request of Georgia for seeking invitation to send guest experts to the forthcoming Second Meeting of ECO Ministers for Transport and Communications to be held in Ashgabat in February 1998.

15. The Council considered the request of Georgia seeking invitation to send guest experts to the forthcoming 2nd Meeting of ECO Ministers for Transport and Communications. Most of the Permanent Representatives were in favour of Georgian's request. However, it was agreed to defer the final decision on the request until the finalization of the Modalities on the Observer Status and Dialogue Partner for ECO.

c) Any other issue to be raised by the Secretary General.

16. The Secretariat briefed the Council about the two Ad-hoc Committee Meetings on Power and on Oil and Gas Pipelines held in Ashgabat between 10-13 November, 1997. In accordance with the decisions of the Ad-hoc Committee Meetings the Secretariat urged the Member States to appoint the expert nominees and forward to the Secretariat at the earliest their names for the- High Level Expert Task Group (HLETG) which was formed in accordance with paras 13 and 14 of Ashgabat Declaration. It was also pointed out that the First Meeting of HLETG shall be held before the next RPC Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10

Date of Next Meeting

17. The Council decided to hold its next meeting on 22nd December, 1997 at 1000

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