

The 16th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 22 December, 1997)

No. CON/CPR-16/Rpt.

1. The Sixteenth Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the IPIS Building on 22 December 1997. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. H.Kazempour Ardebili, Senior advisor to the Representatives of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azarbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan and the Secretary General of ECO attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda

2. The Agenda of the meeting was adopted as proposed by the Secretariat. It is placed as **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Report of the fifteenth Meeting of the CPR

3. The Council adopted the Report of its fifteenth meeting held on 24 November 1997 as drafted by the Secretariat. The adopted Report has been circulated separately vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CON/CPR-15/97 (A), dated 22 December 1997.

Agenda Item No.3

Finalization of the Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 7 December 1997 in Tehran

4. The council finalized the Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on the December 1997 in Tehran. The said Report has been circulated to Member States vide Secretariat's Note No. CON/COM-EXT/97 (A) dated 23 December 1997.

Agenda Item No.4

Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Budget of ECO Secretariat for the Financial Year 1998

5. In accordance with the decision of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 7 December 1997 in Tehran, the Council took up the issue of the required additional equipment and furniture of the Secretariat under the relevant Head of Account to be considered in the Budget of 1998.

6. The Secretary General briefed the Council on the Additional requirements of the Secretariat related to conference facilities and catering. He requested for additional funds amounting to \$111,000/- under the sub-head "Furniture and Office Equipment." The Secretary General informed the Council that the Secretariat had already circulated a comprehensive report on the needs of the Secretariat for updated computer system. He expressed his thanks to high-level expert from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran who so kindly prepared the said report.

7. The Council reconsidered and cleared all the Heads of Account of the Budget for 1998, except the Heads of Account No. 11 (Furniture and Office Equipment) and No. 12 (Computer and Statistical Unit/Data Bank).

8. The Council took note of the amounts demanded by the Secretariat under the said two Heads of Account i.e. \$111 ,000/-for furniture and office equipment and \$122,000/-for computer system and decided to consider the overall Budget for 1998 in its next meeting for final approval. Meanwhile, the Secretariat was requested to circulate detailed information on the Head of Account No. 11.

Agenda Item No.5

Determination of the Rate of the Contributions of Member States to the Budget for 1998.

9. The Council agreed that Seven Member States will follow the interim agreement of 1997 for their contributions to the Secretariat's Budget for the year 1998.

10. Upon the request of the Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, it was agreed that the Secretariat will send a note explaining the rationale of the percentage agreed as an interim arrangement for seven Member States.

11. The Council called upon the Member States who had not yet paid their contributions to the Budget of 1997 to expedite their payments.

Agenda Item No.6

Secretary General's Proposals Related to Restructuring of ECO Secretariat as Mentioned in his Report to the Meeting of Council of Ministers held on 2nu October 1997 in New York (Paras 11-11. Part I)

12. The Secretary General, as an interim arrangement, proposed the followings to be endorsed by the Council:

- i. Legal Adviser who will be recruited on 1st July 1998 to be placed directly in the supervision of the Secretary General.
- ii. The Accounts Section shall report directly to the Secretary General.
- iii. The Assistant Director in charge of Administrative Affairs should be under the supervision of one of DSGs.

13. The Council took note of the Secretary General's proposals and agreement the present organizational set-up of the Secretariat shall be maintained until the UNDP's Study (Capacity Building of ECO Secretariat) is finalized.

Agenda Item No.7

Selection of the Panel in accordance with the Amendment Article 6.7 of EGO Staff Regulations

14. The Council decided that for recruitment and appointment to Categories I and II of ECO Secretariat's Staff, the Secretary General shall be assisted by a Panel comprising Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Turkey and Turkmenistan and their tenure will remain till the end of 1998. The composition and the tenure of the Panel shall be reviewed at the end of 1998.

Agenda Item No.8

Consideration of the Finalized UNDCP Project Document for ECO Drug Control Program and Authorization of the Secretary General to Sign the Said Document

15. The Council requested the Secretariat to provide information about the associated agency UNOPS which has been included by the UNDCP in their revised draft Project Document for ECO Drug Control Program.

16. On the provision of the required information on UNOPS, the Council will renew its authorization to the Secretary General in its next meeting to sign the project.

Agenda Item No.9

Consideration and Finalization of the Documents of ECO Cultural Institute

17. Since the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey were still waiting for instructions from their governments with regard to the subject documents, the Council decided to date this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.10

Consideration of the Revised Draft Agenda of the 2nd Transport Ministerial Meeting

18. The Council considered on the draft Agenda of the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Transport and Communications being held in Ashgabat in March 1998, accept Item No.8. However, the Council will reconsider this issue in the next meeting.

19. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey informed the Council that they had not yet received the views of their Government.

Agenda Item No. 11

Consideration of Preparing a Directory of ECO Road Network and Meeting its Cost from ECO Funds

20. During the discussion on this item, it was pointed out that ECO Functional Methodology should be followed for use of ECO Feasibility Fund to carry out such works in the future. In this regard, the Council requested the Secretariat to provide, in consultation with the concerned authorities in the Republic of Turkey, an outline containing the main components of the work and detailed break-down of the cost and submit it on the CPR meeting.

21. Furthermore, it was agreed that the Secretariat shall prepare a list of studies to be undertaken by each Directorate according to the priorities set-forth along with possible financing sources and submit it to the CPR before the next RPC meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12

Any Other Business

- Eight RPC Meeting

22. The Council agreed that the review and preparatory meetings for the Eight RPC Meeting will be held on 15-16 April 1993 in Tehran. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran offered to provide hospitality to the participants of the Eight Meeting of RPC for five days and on the basis of one plus four (head of delegation and four representatives) for each Member States. He added that Iranian authorities may extend lodging facilities on reduced rate for the participants to the review and preparatory meetings.

- The Document on Modalities of EGO Awards

23. The Council decided that the modalities of ECO Awards as finalized by ECO Awards Committee in its meeting held on 25-26 November 1997 shall be placed in the Agenda of one of the future CPR meetings for its submission to the COM for approval.

- [OIC Resolution](#)

24. Secretary General informed the Council that the Resolution on "Cooperation between OIC and ECO" was adopted by consensus at the Eight Summit Meeting of OIC held in Tehran. He further added that his statement delivered during the inaugural session had favourable impact and contributed to boosting of the image of the organization.

25. The Council called upon the Secretary General to work towards implementing the Resolution on Cooperation between OIC and ECO.

- [MOU between FAO and ECO](#)

26. Secretary General also informed the Council that an MOU has been signed between FAO and the ECO on 8th December 1997 on the sidelines of OIC Summit and invited the Member States to furnish their views/proposals about future cooperation with FAO.

27. The Council expressed its appreciation of the growing momentum gained by ECO with regard to its external relations. While underlining the importance of ECO's international relations, the Chairman asked for the inclusion of a separate item, whenever necessary, in the agenda of CPR meetings regarding relations between ECO and the other international organizations.

- [Calendar of Events and the Secretariat Program of Work](#)

28. The Council reiterated the need for active participation of all Member States in expert meetings, seminars and conferences envisaged in the Calendar of Events and expressed its regret over the delay in holding of some of these meetings. The Council proposed that the Secretary General prepare a report for CPR on the meetings held or postponed in 1997 and also reasons for postponement as well as on the possibility of reducing from 0 to 4 the quorum required for holding expert meetings.

Agenda Item No. 13

Date of the Next Meeting

29. The Council decided that its next meeting will be held on 19th January 1998 at 0930 hours at the IPIS building.

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