

The 5th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 15 April, 1997)

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1. The Fifth Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the Secretariat on 15th April, 1997 under the chairmanship of Ambassador of Turkmenistan. The Representatives of Azerbaijan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 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 1

Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the Agenda

2. The Council adopted the Agenda proposed by the Secretariat. The adopted Agenda is attached as Annex-II.

3. The Permanent Representative of Pakistan made a statement explaining the position of his Government on the representation of Afghanistan in ECO bodies/meeting. The text of his statement is attached as Annex-III.

Agenda Item 2

Adoption of the Report of the Fourth Meeting of the CPR

4. The Council adopted the Report of its Fourth meeting held on 16th March, 1997 as prepared by the Secretariat. The adopted Report is being circulated by the Secretariat separately.

Agenda Item 3

Follow up of the Preparation for the Extraordinary ECO Summit meeting

5. The Chairman and the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan informed the meeting about the preparations made so far by the host authorities to hold the Extraordinary ECO Summit meeting scheduled to be held in Ashgabat on 13-14 May, 1997. In this regard, he briefed the Council about the tentative program of the meeting.

6. In the light of the information given by the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan, the Council recommended the following work program for the Extraordinary ECO Summit meeting.

12th May, 1997

1000-1230 hours : Senior Officials meeting

13th May, 1997

Morning : Arrival of the delegations

1500-1630 hours : Ministerial meeting.

1700-1900 hours : First Session of the Extraordinary Summit meeting

14th May, 1997

1000-1200 hours : Concluding Session of the Extraordinary Summit meeting

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7. The Council was informed that all the Member States of ECO had confirmed their participation in the Extraordinary Summit meeting and requested the Member States to convey the composition and flight schedules of their delegations to the concerned authorities of the host Government and the ECO Secretariat as soon as possible.

8. The Council suggested to the host Government that the Executive Heads of the following International / Regional Organizations be invited to the Extraordinary Summit meeting:

- United Nations
- UNDP
- UN ESCAP
- UNCTAD
- IDB
- OIC
- ASEAN
- European Commission
- SAARC
- Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)
- World Bank
- European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)

9. The Council acknowledged with appreciation the work of the High-level Experts Group which met in Ashgabat on 7-9 April, 1997 to finalize the draft Ashgabat Declaration. The draft declaration will be submitted to the Senior Officials meeting and the Council of Ministers for approval.

10. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan proposed that the meeting of ECO Customs and Transport Authorities previously scheduled to be held on 26-28 May, 1997 in Kazakhstan be held on 5-6 May, 1997 prior to the Extraordinary ECO Summit meeting so that the outcome of the meeting could be considered by the Summit meeting.

Agenda Item 4

Follow up of the preparation for the Seventh Meeting of ECO Council of Ministers

11. The Council urged the Member States who had not confirmed their participation in the Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers to be held on 28-29 April, 1997 to confirm their participation and convey the composition and flight schedule of their delegations to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the I.R. of Iran as well as the ECO Secretariat urgently.

12. The Council endorsed the draft work Program for the Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers prepared by the host Government.

13. The Secretary General informed the meeting that Agenda for the Senior Officials meeting and Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers as well as Annotated Agenda for the Senior Officials meeting had been circulated. He further proposed an amendment to the Agenda of the Council of Ministers, which was endorsed by the Council. The revised Agenda for the Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers is being circulated separately.

14. The Secretary General also informed the meeting that the Working Papers of the Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers containing all related documents to be discussed during the Senior Officials meeting and meeting of the Council of Ministers will be sent to the Member States shortly.

15. The Secretary General also informed the Council that three sideline meetings were scheduled to be held prior to the meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers namely:

1. Meeting of the High Level Experts of the ECO Member States on cooperation among the National News Agencies of ECO Member States (Tehran, 26-27 April)
2. High-Level Drafting Committee meeting to finalize Articles of Agreement of ECO Reinsurance Company (Tehran, 25-26 April)
3. An Interim Committee meeting of ECO Cultural Institute (Tehran, 26-27 April)

16. The Council proposed that the Islamic Republic of Iran may extend invitations to the Executive Heads of those International / regional organizations with which ECO has established institutional relationship of any kind of working relationship to the Seventh meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers to be held on 28-29 April, 1997. the Secretariat will convey the list of invitees to the Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Agenda Item No.5

Secretariat's proposals regarding amendments in some Articles of the Staff Regulations

- a) Article 24.3 of the Staff Regulations concerning the Daily subsistence Allowance (DSA)
- b) Salary Scale of the Staff employed under Category-III
- c) Article 14.1 concerning the special bonus to be granted to the members of Category-III staff.

17. This agenda item has been deferred to discuss in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 6

Discussion on appointment to posts in Category-I (Directing Staff)

18. This agenda item has been deferred to discuss in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 7

Outcome of the meeting of the open-ended working group on the modalities, scope and nature of the observer and dialogue partner status

19. This agenda item has been deferred to discuss in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 8

Consideration of the work of the Committee of Experts on ECO's Scale of Assessment

20. This agenda item has been deferred to discuss in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 9

Relations with International Organizations

- a) BSEC
- b) IDB
- c) INMARSAT
- d) UNDP
- e) ASEAN

21. This agenda item has been deferred to discuss in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 10

Any other business

Agenda Item 11

Date of the Next Meeting

22. The Council decided to hold its next meeting on 22nd April, 1997 at 1030 hours.

Agenda Item 7

Adoption of the Report

23. The council of this meeting shall be adopted in the next meeting of CPR.

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