

The 8th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 26 May, 1997)

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1. The Eighth Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the Secretariat on 26th May, 1997. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Nasrollah Kamyab, Permanent Representative / Director General of ECO Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Representatives of 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 ECO attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item 1:

Opening of the Meeting and adoption of Agenda

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

Agenda Item 2

Selection of the candidates for the posts of Category-I (Four Directors and Three Assistant Directors)

3. The Council deferred this item for discussion to its next meeting.

Agenda Item 3

Proposal by the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Kazakhstan for amendment in the Article 6.7 of the Staff Regulations

4. The Council discussed the proposal of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan for amendment in the Article 6.7 of the Staff Regulations of Eco Secretariat.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan stated that his original proposal for amendment in Article 6.7 should read as “comprising five members” and the remaining part of the proposed amendment may be deleted. He proposed also as another option, the deletion of the whole para 6.7 from the Staff Regulations.

5. The Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kyrgyz Republic and Islamic Republic of Pakistan expressed their views on the proposed amendment. Since no consensus could be reached on this issue, it was decided to continue discussion on this matter in the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item 4

Invitation to International Bodies to attend the Second Meeting of the ECO Railway Authorities to be held in Tehran on 10-12 June, 1997

6. The Council agreed with the proposal of the host authorities to invite the concerned international bodies to attend the meeting of ECO Railways authorities to be held in Tehran on 10-12 June, 1997.

Agenda Item 5Briefing by the Secretary General on the Third Consultative Meeting among the Executive Heads of Asia's Sub-Regional Organizations and UN/ESCAP held in Tehran on 18-19 May, 1997

7. Secretary General briefed the Council on the outcome of the deliberations of the Third Consultative Meeting among the Executive Heads of Asia's Sub-Regional organizations i.e. ECO, ASEAN, SAARC, Forum and UN/ESCAP held in Tehran on 18-19 May, 1997.
8. The Council expressed its satisfaction on the conclusions of the above meeting.

Agenda Item 6Any other Business

9. Under this agenda item, the Secretary General raised the following issues:
 - a) Members States who had not yet notified names of their senior officials to be included in the ECO delegation to visit ASEAN countries, may kindly do the needful at the earliest. So far only Iran and Turkmenistan had sent their nominations.
 - b) Regarding the contributions of the Member States towards the ECO Budget for 1997, the Secretary General stated that upto now only Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Uzbekistan had paid a part of their budgetary contribution. Since ECO Secretariat is facing cash flow constraint, the Member States are urged to pay their contributions at the earliest.
 - c) The Ambassadors of ECO Member States in Tehran who had not yet presented their credentials to the Secretary General may kindly do so at the earliest as per para-20, chapter-IV of Rules of Procedure.
 - d) Secretariat will appreciate receiving at the earliest the proposed dates for the First Meeting of the Board of Trustees of ECO Science Foundation to be held in Pakistan.
 - e) Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan was requested to convey to the Secretariat additional information relating to holding ECO Trade Fair in Kyrgyzstan.
 - f) The PRs of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey were reminded to assign Auditors to carry out the audit of ECO Accounts for the year 1996-97 scheduled to take place on 8-10 June 1997.
 - g) Central Asian Member states were requested to convey their comments on IDB's proposal to hold a Seminar on Export Capabilities of Central Asian Republics as well as any other issues which may be raised by the delegation of ECO Secretariat during its visit to IDB headquarters in the first half of July 1997.
 - h) As the date for receiving applications for the recruitment of Category-II staff in ECO Secretariat had been extended upto 15th June, 1997, the Member States may like to furnish their nominations urgently.

i) The Ambassador of Mongolia in Cairo called on the Secretary General and enquired about the goals and objectives of the ECO. He showed interest in exploring the possibility of acquiring observer status in ECO. However, this was just informal and personal initiative of the Ambassador.

j) In order to have a representative atmosphere in the new premises of Secretariat, the Member States who have already been requested to provide the following items may kindly do the needful at their earliest.

- 10 national flags,
- 2 colored photographs of Heads of States,
- One painting preferably oil on canvas to be hanged in the Conference Room, and
- Some art books on their respective cultural heritage.

9. The Secretary General was requested by the Council to convey on its behalf a message of felicitations to H.E. Hojjatoleslam Seyed Mohammad Khatami, on his election as President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

10. The Council expressed its appreciation and thanks to the Secretary General and his colleagues for their valuable services render for the success of the Extraordinary ECO Summit meeting held in Ashgabat on 13-14 May, 1997

Agenda Item 6

Date of the next Meeting

11. The Council decided that its next meeting shall be held on 28th June, 1997 at 1000 hours.

Agenda Item 7

Adoption of the Report

12. The Report of the meeting shall be submitted to the Ninth Meeting of the CPR for adoption.

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