

# The 9<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – 28 June, 1997 )

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1. The Ninth Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the Secretariat on 28th June, 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 the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan 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-I:**

#### Opening of the Meeting and adoption of the 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:**

#### Adoption of the Report of Eighth meeting of CPR

3. The Council adopted the Report of its Eighth meeting held on 26th May, 1997 as prepared by the Secretariat. The adopted Report is being circulated by the Secretariat separately.

### **Agenda Item-3:**

#### Final selection of the nominees of Category- and II posts

4. The Secretary General briefed the meeting on the outcome of the discussions of the Panel concerning the selection of candidates for the posts of Category I (four Directors and three Assistant Directors), informing them that the following recommendations have been made to the Council of Permanent Representatives for their consideration and approval:

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| ● Mr. Gumar Kassymov(Kazakhstan)     | Director (Transport & Communications)     |
| ● Mr. Ahmet Tiktik (Turkey)          | Director (Trade)                          |
| ● Mr. Mahmood Khagani (Iran)         | Director (Energy, Minerals & Environment) |
| ● Mr. Tauqir Ahmad (Pakistan)        | Director (Agriculture & Industry)         |
| ● Mr. Feyyaz Ozer (Turkey)           | Assistant Director (Chef de Cabinet)      |
| ● Mr. Mohammad Naeem Khan (Pakistan) | Assistant Director (Coord.)               |
| ● Mr. M.T. Masouleh (Iran)           | Assistant Director (General Affairs)      |

5. Secretary General also submitted the following practical arrangements for transitional purposes:

- The two re-assigned Directors (Mr. Gumar Kassymov and Mr. Tauqir Ahmad) will assume their charge under the new set-up with effect from 1st July, 1997.
- The two newly recruited Directors (Mr. Ahmet Tiktik and Mr. Mahmood Khagani) shall commence their work with effect from 1st August, 1997 to allow enough time to the Secretariat to proceed with the necessary formalities.
- To extend the tenure of one seconded Director actually working in the ECO Secretariat for one month till the end of July 1997. The special allowance which is currently being paid to the concerned Director be paid during the extension. Secretary General informed the Council that this would have no financial inconvenience for the budget of the Secretariat.
- Concerning the posts of Assistant Directors, while Assistant Directors (Chef de Cabinet and Coordination) could assume their duties with effect from 1st October, 1997, as decided by the Seventh Meeting of the Council of Ministers, the Assistant Director (General Affairs) may assume his charge from 1st July, 1997 helping the ECO Secretariat for shifting to the new premises which is expected to take place mid August 1997.

6. Almost all the participants expressed their views on the list of Directors and Assistant Directors recommended by the Panel. Some of the Permanent Representatives asked for detailed information regarding the nominations. As requested, the Secretariat distributed a set of documents containing biographical data about the candidates for Category-I.

7. The Secretary General pointed out that the proceedings had been in conformity with the regulations emphasizing that the recommendations of the Panel had been made on the basis of efficiency, professional experience and qualifications of the candidates.

It was decided to take up these nominations for posts in Category-II in the next meeting of CPR for final decision.

8. In the course of the discussions on this agenda item, the issue of accreditation of the Ambassadors / Charge d' Affaires to ECO was also raised. In this regard, the decision of the 41st meeting of the Council of Deputies was recalled. The said decision reads as follows:

"Pending the receipt of formal credentials, the Embassies of the Member States in Tehran may proceed with the provisional accreditation of their Permanent Representatives to ECO through a note verbale".

It was decided that the Embassies of the Member States in Tehran shall notify to the EGO Secretariat an alternative officer authorized to attend the meetings of the GPR on behalf of the accredited PRs to meet the quorum requirement stipulated in the EGO Rules of Procedure.

#### **Agenda Item-4:**

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

9. This proposal was further discussed during the Ninth Meeting. There was a common understanding on the utility of enlargement of the membership of the Panel while there was no consensus on the number of membership. Therefore, it was decided that the discussion on this issue be continued in the next meeting of CPR.

#### **Agenda Item-5:**

Preparation of draft Resolution on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization for Fifty-second Session of the UN General Assembly

10. The Council meeting decided to take up this issue in its next meeting.

**Agenda Item-6:**

Any Other Business

11. The Council decided to defer this issue in its next meeting.

**Agenda Item-6:**

Date of the next Meeting

12. The Council decided that its next meeting shall be held on 8th July, 1997 at 1030 hours at ECO Secretariat.

**Agenda Item-7:**

Adoption of the Report

13. The Report of the meeting shall be submitted to the Tenth Meeting of the CPR for adoption.

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