

The 28th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 27 January, 1999)

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1. The 28th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday, 27 January, 1999. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Gizzatov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Permanent Representatives/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 placed at [Annex-I](#).

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

2. The draft Agenda proposed by the Secretariat was adopted with some modifications. adopted Agenda is placed at [Annex-II](#).

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 27th Meeting of CPR.

3. The draft Report of the 27th Meeting of CPR was adopted as prepared by the Secretariat with minor changes. The text of the adopted Report has been circulated vide Secretariat's Note No. CON/CPR-27/98(A) dated 27 January, 1999.

Agenda Item No. 3

Consideration and finalization of the draft Budget of the Secretariat for the year 1999

4. After having reviewed the report of the Working Group, the Council approved the ECO Secretariat's Budget for financial year 1999. The approved budget will be circulated by the Secretariat separately.

5. Permanent Representatives who have taken the floor in this regard emphasized the need to observe maximum economy in the utilization of the budgetary funds without however affecting negatively the effectiveness and efficiency of the programme of activities.

6. The Council also agreed that the funds in the General Reserve Fund and the Feasibility Study Fund may be used temporarily for current expenditures of the Secretariat pending the receipt of the contributions from Member States. When the contributions will be received from Member States the said Funds will be recouped accordingly.

7. The Council also urged the Member States to expedite payments of their contributions for the Budget of 1999 as per new scale of assessment for the years 1999-2000 prescribed in the MOU signed in Ashgabat in May 1996.

Agenda Item No. 4

Finalization of the draft "Brochure of ECO Awards".

8. The CPR approved the revised version of the "Brochure of ECO Awards" with some modifications.

9. The Secretariat will circulate the "Brochure of ECO Awards" separately and will proceed with the necessary action to resume granting ECO awards beginning with the 6th ECO Summit Meeting in the year 2000.

Agenda Item No. 5

Consideration of the Report of the Working Group on the list of Projects and (feasibility) studies with possible sources of finance.

10. The CPR decided that the list of Projects and (feasibly) studies along with the report of the Working Group Meeting held on 24th January, 1999 on the subject will be submitted to 9th RPC Meeting to be held in Istanbul, Turkey for consideration. In the light of the recommendations/views of the 9th RPC Meeting the required action will be taken accordingly.

Agenda Item No. 6

Preparations for the 9th Meeting of RPC (19-23 February 1999, Istanbul, Turkey).

11. The CPR agreed to have a meeting on 10th February, 1999 with a restricted agenda in which the status report on the Calendar of Events for the year 1998 prepared by the Secretariat would be reviewed and consequently the ECO Calendar of Events for 1999 would be considered for recommendation to 9th RPC Meeting.

12. The Representative of the Republic of Turkey informed that the preparatory/review meetings and 9th RPC meeting will be held at Crown Plaza Hotel, Istanbul and 5 delegates from each Member State will be provided with local hospitality from 18 to 23 February, 1999. The representative of Turkey also urged the Member States to confirm their participation in the meeting and furnish the composition of their delegations along with their flight schedules.

Agenda Item No. 7

ECO Cultural Institute:

a) Consideration of the Report of the Working Group on the draft Budget of ECO Cultural Institute for the year 1999

13. The CPR approved the Budget of the ECO Cultural Institute for 1999 as recommended by the Working Group in its meeting held on 20th January, 1999 with some modifications. The approved budget will be circulated by the Secretariat separately.

14. The CPR will consider and decide on the mechanisms for contributions of Member States to the Budget of ECO Cultural Institute for 1999 and on the removal of the existing inconsistencies between the Charter of the Institute and its subsidiary documents in the light of the recommendations of the Working Group.

15. The date of the next meeting of the Working Group will be notified by the Secretariat in due course.

b) Appointment of Executive Director for the ECO Cultural Institute.

16. Keeping in view the decision taken by the Board of Trustees as reflected in para-9 of the report of its first meeting (Tehran 22-23 October, 1996) together with Rule No.2 Chapter-1 of the Rules of Procedure of ECO Cultural Institute, the CPR approved the appointment of Mr. Ali Arif from Pakistan, as Executive Director of the ECO Cultural Institute w.e.f. the date of the approval of the Budget of the Institute for 1999 by CPR.

Agenda Item No. 8

Consideration of the Report of the Working Group regarding the Terms of Reference of the Working Group to assist the CPR.

17. The CPR approved the report of the Working Group regarding the Terms of Reference of the Working Group to assist CPR with some modifications. The Report will be circulated by the Secretariat separately. The CPR requested the Permanent Missions of the ECO Member States in Tehran to nominate their representatives to attend the Working Group Meetings to assist the CPR".

Agenda Item No. 9

Pakistan's proposal to form a Working Group of ECO Ambassadors at various international fora where economic issues are discussed.

18. The CPR decided that the Secretariat will prepare a write up in the light of the views expressed by the Permanent Representatives and submit it to CPR for consideration.

Agenda Item No. 10

Consideration of the document on the Modalities, Scope and Procedures for granting Observer/Dialogue Partnership Status in ECO.

19. Within the framework of the synopsis containing the views/comments of Member States to be prepared by the Secretariat, the Working Group with the participation of ECO Legal Adviser will consider the matter and propose a revised draft to the CPR for consideration.

20 The date of the meeting of the Working Group will be notified by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item No. 11

Any other business.

(a) Employment on part-time basis of two advisers of the Turkish Embassy.

21. The CPR agreed with the proposal of the Secretary General to be allowed to employ on part- time basis of two Advisers (former Directors at the ECO Secretariat) of the Turkish Embassy for a period of six months w .e. f. 1st January 1999, without any financial implications for the ECO Secretariat Budget.

(b) Meeting of the Working Group on the Scale of Assessment.

22. The Secretary General pointed out that a new proposal by Pakistan was discussed during the meeting of the Working Group held on 24th January, 1999 without reaching any conclusion. So he urged the Member States particularly the group of Seven to reach on a compromise formula in the next meeting of the Working Group to be held on 9th March, 1999.

(c) Joint ECO-UNDCP Legal Training Workshop on Judicial Cooperation in Drug Related Casework for the ECO Region.

23. The Secretary General informed that a joint ECQ-UNDCP Legal Training Workshop on Judicial Cooperation in Drug Related Casework for the ECQ Region will be held on 1-5 March 1999 in the Secretariat. The Workshop will be hosted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and invitation letters will be sent by UNDCP to Member States. The detailed information will be circulated by the Secretariat shortly.

(d) ECO-WTO Seminar.

24. The Secretary General informed the meeting the readiness of WTO to hold a regional seminar on the multilateral trading system for members of ECO in Antalya Turkey on 20-22 April, 1999. He also urged the Member States to make it convenient to attend this important event.

Agenda Item No. 12

Date of Next Meeting

25. The Council decided to hold its 29th Meeting on 10 February 1999 at 0930 hours at the Secretariat.

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