

The 29th CPR Meeting

Report

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1. The 29th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday, 10 February, 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 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 amendments. The adopted Agenda is placed at [Annex-II](#).

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 28th Meeting of CPR.

3. The draft Report of the 28th Meeting of CPR was adopted as prepared by the Secretariat with some changes in Para-I? The text of the adopted Report will be circulated by the Secretariat separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

Final preparation for the 9th RPC Meeting

Review of the Status Report on the ECO Calendar of Events for 1998 and consideration of the draft ECO Calendar of Events for 1999

4. The CPR reviewed the Status Report on the ECO Calendar of Events for 1998 and the draft ECO Calendar of Events for 1999 and formulated the following recommendations:

- a. The Secretariat shall revise the draft ECO Calendar of Events/Meetings for 1999 in the light of the recommendations made by the CPR.
- b. RPC may designate some events/meetings of Calendar of Events for 1999 as priority events/meetings. Priority meetings shall be hosted by the Member States to the extent possible. The remaining such events will be held in the Secretariat.
- c. Out of the remaining meetings/events included in the Calendar, 30% will be held in the Secretariat on non-hospitality basis while the rest of them will be reviewed by the CPR after three months. If they did not find any volunteer country for hosting these meetings, they will be deleted with the approval of CPR.

d. The Secretariat will conduct a quarterly review of the Calendar events/meetings for making appropriate recommendations to the CPR.

5. The meeting in principle agreed with the Iranian proposal to hold biennial Ministerial meetings in the priority sectors of Trade and Energy in addition to the Transport and Communications. The Council also welcomed the Iranian offer to host the first meeting of the Ministers for Trade of ECO Member States in the fourth quarter of the year 1999. This proposal will be included in the Calendar of Events/Meetings for the year 1999.

6. The Kazakhstan delegation offered to host a meeting of Executive Directors of Oil, Gas and Petro-chemical Industries of the ECO Member States to be held in Astana in June 1999 to consider the present level of cooperation between the Member States in this priority field and to prepare ground for the ECO Ministerial meeting on Energy which may be held in the year 2000.

7. The Council also welcomed the offer of Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Turkey to hold the Third and Fourth meetings of the SETG on Power in first and second half of the year 1999 respectively. These meetings may also be included in the Calendar of Events/Meetings 1999.

8. The Council agreed to the Kazakhstan proposal to include the next meeting of the HLEG on TTFA in the Calendar of Events/Meetings for 1999 to be held in the first half of 1999. The Council also recommended that this activity should also be included in the priority list.

Agenda Item No. 4

Consideration of the report of the Working Group On the Mechanism for contributions of Member States For the Budget of ECO Cultural Institute for 1999

9. The CPR agreed that the Member States who have ratified the Charter of the Cultural Institute shall meet among themselves and elaborate an ad-hoc formula for contribution to the budget of the Institute for 1999 and submit the same to the next CPR for approval.

10. The CPR also urged the Member States who did not ratify the Charter of the ECO Cultural Institute to expedite the necessary formalities to that end.

Agenda Item No. 5

Consideration of the Report of the Working Group Meeting on Agreement for Promotion and Protection of Investment among ECO Member States

11. The CPR endorsed the recommendations/views of the Meeting of the Working Group held on 31st January, 1999 and decided to recommend to the 9th RPC Meeting to constitute a High Level Expert Group (HLEG) for review/finalization of the draft Agreement for Promotion and Protection of Investment among ECO Member States.

Agenda Item No. 6

Any other Business

a. The Budget of the Secretariat for 1999

12. In accordance with the para 3.2 of the ECO Financial Regulations, the CPR finally approved the Budget of the Secretariat for the year 1999 on behalf of ECO Council of Ministers.

b. Terms of Reference with regard to the Working Group to Assist the CPR

13. The Secretariat will circulate the amended Terms of Reference with regard to the Working Group to assist CPR separately.

Agenda Item No. 7

Adoption of the Report of 29th CPR Meeting.

14. The report of the 29th CPR Meeting was adopted. The adopted text of the report will be circulated by the Secretariat separately.

Agenda Item No. 8

Date of Next Meeting

15. The next meeting of the CPR will be held on 16th March, 1999, Tuesday at 0930 hours.

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