

# The 33<sup>rd</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

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The 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Monday, 21 June, 1999. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador of the Azerbaijan Republic. 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 and Republic of Uzbekistan and the Secretary General of ECO attended the Meeting. The list of participants is placed at [Annex-I](#).

2. The Permanent Representatives and the Secretary General congratulated the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan Republic H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, for assuming the Chairmanship of CPR for the year 1999. They also extended their thanks and appreciation to H.E. Mr. Gizzatov the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the outgoing chairman of the CPR meetings.

### **Agenda Item No. 1**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

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

### **Agenda Item No. 2**

#### Follow-up of the actionable points decided by the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of COM

##### a. Status of Ratification of ECO signed Agreements

The CPR requested the Secretary General to address a pressing appeal to Member States to expedite the ratification process of the ECO signed agreements i.e. basic documents, Regional Institutions and Specialized Agencies. The Secretary General will keep the CPR informed about the progress made in this regard on regular basis.

After the preparation of a Regular Paper by the Secretariat on the issue, a high level Working Group will carry out a review of the general situation and submit the result to the Meeting of CPR, to be held in August, 1999.

##### b. Issues related to the appointment of next Secretary General of ECO

The Secretariat will take action in compliance with the provisions of the documents on procedure for selection and appointment of the Secretary General approved by the 9<sup>th</sup> COM meeting. The announcement for the vacancy will be made in due time i.e. mid August, 1999. The CPR will determine the appropriate rotation formula for selection of the Secretary General.

##### c. Issue related to the new post of Deputy Secretary General

The CPR agreed that the Secretariat will announce the posts of Deputy Secretary General in due time after the responsibilities, job description, financial implications and other matters related to the third post of DSG had been determined in the context of sub-item(s) of this agenda item.

#### d. ECO Scale of Assessment

The CPR decided that the Working Group will continue its deliberations on the issue and submit the results to CPR. Meanwhile the Member States who had not yet responded to Pakistan's proposal on the issue were requested to do so expeditiously

#### e. Implementation plan on ECO Secretariat's Reorganization and Restructuring Process.

The CPR requested the Secretariat to prepare a Working Paper in this regard within two months which will also incorporate the issues related to the third post of DSG as mentioned in item 2(c). The CPR will take up the matter in its meeting to be held in August, 1999.

The CPR also requested the Secretariat to submit to the next CPR meeting the actionable points in the statements of the Ministers/Heads of delegations made in the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of COM held in Baku.

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

#### Preparations for the information ECO COM Meeting to be held in New York in 1999

4. The Secretary General suggested that the informal meeting of the COM may be held on one of dates of 28, 29 or 30 September, 1999 in New York followed by the joint ECO/ASEAN Foreign Ministers meeting. After confirmation of the Azerbaijan Republic, the current Chairman of the COM, the exact date will be communicated to the Member States.

5. The Chairman of the CPR (the Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijan Republic) informed the CPR that the date of the informal COM meeting will be confirmed shortly.

6. The CPR agreed that the draft Resolution on cooperation between UN and ECO which was being prepared by the Secretariat be taken up by the Working Group in its next meetings.

7. The CPR also agreed that after ECO activities in New York, ECO delegation may also visit World Bank in Washington to participate in the annual meeting of Governors of World Bank and IMF and to follow-up the ongoing contacts with World Bank officials.

### **Agenda Item No. 4**

#### Quarterly review of the ECO Calendar of Events

8. It was decided that the Secretariat will circulate a status report on implementation of ECO Calendar of Events/Meetings for the year 1999 as a whole. The Working Group will review the status report and make its recommendations to the CPR.

### **Agenda Item No. 5**

#### Issue of finalization of the Annexes of TTFA

9. The CPR was informed that the 5<sup>th</sup> HLEG Meeting could not take place due to lack of quorum. The CPR appealed to Member States to assign experts to meet at the Secretariat on 6-7 September, 1999 to finalize the said annexes.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6**

##### Recruitment of two Steno-Secretaries & Extension in the tenure of Selection Panel

10. The CPR deferred the decision on recruitment of two Steno-Secretaries to its next meeting.

11. The CPR extended the tenure of the existing Selection Panel comprising Permanent Representatives of Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Turkey and Turkmenistan for one year w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1999. However, the Representative of Uzbekistan, stated that they will express their views on the matter in the next CPR meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7**

##### Recent developments concerning external relations of ECO

12. The Secretary General briefed the CPR about the latest developments regarding the external relations of the Organization. An informative note in this regard is placed at **Annex-III**.

13. It was agreed to defer the consideration of the i) MOU between ECO and OSZhD and ii) MOU between ECO and UIC to the next meeting of the CPR.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8**

##### Any other business

14. The Secretary General briefed the CPR on the status of the contributions of the Member States to the budget of the Secretariat 1999 and called upon the Member States who had not yet paid their contributions to expedite their payment.

15. The CPR agreed that the Working Group shall meet on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1999.

#### **Agenda Item No. 9**

##### Date of next meeting

16. The CPR agreed to hold its next meeting on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 1999 at 0930 hours in the Secretariat.

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