

# The 34<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

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1. The 34th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Tuesday, 27th July, 1999. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abbasaii 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 Tajikistan, 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-1**.

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

#### Adoption of the Agenda

2. The agenda proposed by the Secretariat was adopted with inclusion of two sub-items under item No.10 (Any other business) of the agenda. The adopted agenda is placed at **Annex-II**.

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

#### Adoption of the Report of the 33rd Meeting of CPR

3. The draft report of the 33rd CPR was adopted with an additional paragraph No.14. The text of the adopted report will be circulated separately.

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

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

##### A. Date of the Meeting

It was agreed that the Secretariat after due consultations with the ASEAN side will inform the Member States on the final schedule for informal COM and the joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial meeting.

##### B. Agenda of the Meeting

The draft agenda of the informal Meeting of the COM was modified. The revised draft agenda is as follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Opening remarks by the current Chairman of the ECO Council of Ministers.
3. Report of the Secretary General.
4. Consideration and endorsement of the draft Resolution to be submitted to the 54th UNGA.
5. Exchange of views on the forthcoming joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in New York.
6. The setting up of the ECO Contact Group in various capitals as decided by COM.
7. Any other business.
8. Vote of Thanks.

### C. Draft Resolution

The CPR reviewed the draft resolution as recommended by the Working Group in its July 11th meeting. The CPR made some amendments and the revised text of the resolution will be circulated separately.

### D. Agenda of the joint ECO-ASEAN Meeting

Agenda of the Joint ECO-ASEAN meeting will be circulated after having obtained confirmation from ASEAN.

### E. Any other matter related to the New York Mission.

No issue was raised under this sub-item.

## **Agenda Item No. 4**

### Review of the ECO Calendar of Events for 1999

4. The CPR reviewed the Calendar of Events/Meetings as recommended by the Working Group in its July 11th meeting and agreed on a revised schedule of various events/meetings to be carried out in 1999, taking into account suggestions/proposals by the Working Group and by several Member States. The revised ECO Calendar of Events/Meetings will be circulated separately.

## **Agenda Item No. 5**

### ECO Scale of Assessment Issue

5. The CPR took note of the outcome of the Working Group meeting held on 11th July, 1999 on ECO Scale of Assessment and authorized it to continue working on the above subject and report its conclusions to one of the next meetings of the CPR.

## **Agenda Item No. 6**

### Actionable Points in the Statements of Ministers/Heads of Delegation made in the 9th ECO COM

6. The CPR took note of the Secretariat's paper extracting actionable points of the Ministerial Statements and requested the latter to work out concrete proposals, in the form of Working Papers, on how to implement such actionable points, taking into account the ECO's existing Work Programme, for submission to the CPR through its Working Group for due consideration.

## **Agenda Item No. 7**

### Recruitment of two Steno-Secretariats

7. This issue has been deferred to the next session of the CPR.

## **Agenda Item No. 8**

### Recent Developments concerning ECO's external relations

#### a. MOU with OSZhd

The consideration of this issue has been deferred to the next session of the CPR.

#### b. MOU with UIC

The consideration of this issue has been deferred to the next session of the CPR.

#### c. Briefing by the Secretary General on recent developments (26th Session of the Ministers of OIC)

The Secretary General briefed the meeting on his attendance at the 26th session of the OIC Ministerial meeting (June 28 - 2 July) in Burkina Faso. The summary report on the subject was already circulated by the Secretariat.

The Secretary General also briefed the CPR on implementation of UNDCP project to establish a Drug Control Coordination Unit in the ECO Secretariat.

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

#### Removal of anomalies in the basic Documents of the ECO Cultural Institute

After the briefing by Mr. Ali Arif, the Executive Director of the ECO Cultural Institute on the subject, the CPR took the following decisions:

- The Executive Director of the Cultural Institute and the Legal Adviser of the ECO Secretariat shall jointly go through the documents and ensure that the correct language is used and necessary editorial requirements are made and report the outcome to the CPR.
- CPR approved the new pay scale as in Annex-6 of the document. These pay scales would take effect from July 1, 1999.
- Regarding the emblem and seal of the Cultural Institute the matter will be considered jointly by the Secretary General and the Cultural Institute, the recommendations of which will be submitted to a future session of the CPR.

### **Agenda Item No. 10**

#### Any other business

#### ECO Awards

The CPR made a pressing call on the Member States to send their Research works and achievements and extended necessary cooperation to fulfill the preparatory process for the ECO Awards ceremony to be held on the sidelines of the 6th ECO Summit in Bishkek.

#### Adoption of a Rotation Formula for appointment of the ECO Secretary General

The CPR decided to continue its informal consultations in the light of the relevant decisions of the 9th Council of Ministers Meeting.

### **Agenda Item No. 11**

#### Date of next meeting

11. The CPR decided to hold the next meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday September 7, 1999 at the Secretariat.

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