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The 38th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran - Sunday, 26 December, 1999)

1. The 38th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Sunday, 26th December, 1999. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, 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 Meeting resumed its second session on Monday, 27th December, 1999 to continue discussions on the Budget of the ECO Secretariat for the year 2000. The list of participants is placed at <u>Annex-I</u>.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

The adopted agenda is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the Agenda.
- 2. Adoption of the Report of the 37th Session of CPR.
- 3. Dates, venue and other matters related to the 10th Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers and the 6th ECO Summit to be held in the year 2000.
- 4. Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO.
- 5. Consideration of the ECO Secretariat's budget for the year 2000.
- 6. Preparations for the 10th RPC Meeting.
- 7. Matters pertaining to the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI):
 - The ECI budget for the year 2000.
 - The Emblem;
 - The Plan of Action.
- 8. Renewal of the composition of the Selection Panel for the year 2000.
- 9. The report of the Working Group regarding the Actionable Points of the Ministerial Statements made in the 9th COM Meeting and the Report of the Mid-Term Review Meeting.
- 10. Any other business.
- 11. Date of next Meeting.

However, due to paucity of time, no discussion could be conducted on Items 6, 7(b) & (c), 8 and 9. The adopted agenda is enclosed as **Annex-II**:

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 37th Session of CPR.

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3. The report of the 37th Meeting of the CPR, adopted with minor amendments in para 14, is being circulated separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

<u>Dates, venue and other matters related to the 10th Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers and the 6th ECO Summit to be held in the year 2000.</u>

- 4. In the absence of any other candidate for hosting the 10th Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers and the 6th ECO Summit, the CPR gratefully accepted the offer of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host these important Meetings in Tehran at appropriate time in the year 2000. The CPR requested the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to indicate the precise dates of these two Meetings as soon as possible.
- 5. The Council requested the Secretariat to prepare the draft text of the 'Summit Declaration' as a basis for discussion in the Working Group and subsequently in the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 4

Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO

6. The CPR considered the issue of the appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO, in particular, the admissibility of the candidature of the Islamic State of Afghanistan and decided to continue its deliberations on this issue during its next Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5

Consideration of the ECO Secretariat's Budget for the year 2000

- 7. Since the budget of the ECO Secretariat for the year 2000 could not be approved in due time, the CPR, in accordance with the Article 7.3 of the financial regulations, authorized the Secretary General to make payments to sustain Secretariat's essential functioning on provisional basis for a maximum of three months on the basis of budget approved for 1999.
- 8. The Council also decided that the funds kept under the General Reserve Fund and the Feasibility Study Fund, be utilized temporarily for current expenditure of the Secretariat. Upon the receipt of the outstanding contributions from the Member States, the said Funds will be replenished accordingly.
- 9. The Chairman of the Council requested that all Member States may be represented in the meetings of CPR at the Ambassadorial level. The Permanent representatives may also make necessary arrangements to receive appropriate and timely instructions for approving the budget.
- 10. The CPR also called upon those Member States who have not yet fulfilled their financial obligations, in respect of ECO Secretariat budget for 1998 and 1999, to do so as soon as possible.

Agenda Item No. 6

Matters pertaining to ECO Cultural Institute. ECI budget for the year 2000

11. Since the budget of the ECI for the year 2000 could not be approved in due time, the CPR authorized the President of the ECI to make payments to sustain Institute's essential functioning on provisional basis for a maximum of three months on the basis of budget

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approved for 1999. The Council also authorized the President of the Institute to utilize the savings from the previous year's budget.

Agenda Item No. 7

Any other business

12. No issue was raised under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 8

Date of next Meeting

- 13. The CPR decided to hold its next Session of the CPR at 1000 hours on Wednesday, 12th January, 2000 in which the following issues would be discussed:
 - Adoption of the ECO Secretariat's budget for the year 2000;
 - ECI budget for the year 2000;
 - Preparation for the 10th RPC.

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