

# The 52<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – 22 February, 2001 )

The 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2001. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Ali Akbar Farazi, Deputy Director General (Multilateral Economic Cooperation Department), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. 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 Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan and Representatives of ECO Cultural Institute, as well as 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

The Council adopted the proposed Agenda with some amendments. The adopted Agenda is placed at **Annex-II**.

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

#### Adoption of the Reports of the 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> meetings of the CPR

The Council adopted the draft reports of 50<sup>th</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> meetings held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 and 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 respectively. The adopted reports are being circulated among the Member States separately.

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

#### Finalization of the Budget of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) for 2001

The Council decided to defer the matter to the next CPR meeting.

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

#### Preparations for the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC)

The Secretariat pointed out that the programmes of the Preparatory/Review meetings and the main session of the 11<sup>th</sup> RPC alongwith information on the venues of the meetings have been circulated among the Member States.

The representative of the IR of Iran informed the Council that IR of Iran would extend local hospitality to five (1+4) representatives from each Member State. In addition, they would arrange for transportation for all delegations.

The Council urged those Member States, who had not conveyed confirmation so far, to furnish to the ECO Secretariat and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (ECO Affairs Bureau) composition & flight schedule of their delegations.

The Council decided to submit the Calendar of Events/Meeting for 2001 to the 11<sup>th</sup> RPC meeting for its review and approval. Concurrently it pointed out that the RPC may take into account individual merit of the event as the sole criteria for final selection as

recommended by the first meeting of the Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO).

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

#### Preparations for the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM)

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan informed the Council that the 11<sup>th</sup> COM meeting would be held on 2-4 May, 2001 in Dushanbe and local hospitality extended to four delegates (1+3) from each Member State. He further explained that the programme of the meeting would be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> May: Arrival of the Senior Officials;
- 2-3<sup>rd</sup> May: The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Arrival of the Honourable Ministers/Heads of Delegation;
- 4<sup>th</sup> May: The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM);
- 5<sup>th</sup> May: The departure of the delegations.

The Council decided to take up the matters regarding the finalization of the draft Agenda and approval of the list of international organizations to be invited for the inaugural and closing sessions of the 11<sup>th</sup> COM meeting in the next CPR meeting.

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

#### Publication of the second edition of ECO Roads and Railways Networks Maps

As per the decision of the 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the CPR, the Working Group met on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 and took up the item and submitted the results to the CPR. However, since some Member States still did not receive instructions from their respective capitals, the Council deferred this item to the next CPR meeting.

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

#### Establishment of a Permanent Exhibition and Shopping Center of Industrial & Agricultural products and Engineering-Technical Services of ECO Member States in each Member State

The Council decided to defer this item to the next CPR meeting.

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

#### Future Activities of ECO-CEC

The Secretary General and the concerned DSG briefed the Council about the results of the meeting held between the ECO Secretariat and the ECO-CEC on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2001 at the Secretariat. The report of the meeting had been circulated among the Member States by the Secretariat.

Some of the Member States awaited information from their respective capitals about the requests of ECO-CEC as reflected in the report of the said meeting. The Council decided that this item could be brought again to the CPR as and when proposed by the Member States.

**Agenda Item No. 9**Any other business

The Secretary General informed the Council about his official visit to Azerbaijan and his visit to Jeddah to meet the Secretary General of OIC and the President of IDB. The Secretary General pointed out that detailed reports on his visits to Azerbaijan and Jeddah would be circulated among the Member States separately.

The Council also requested the Secretary General to pay country visits before the 11<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting to those Member States, which, so far, he could not go.

**Agenda Item No. 10**Date of the next Meeting

The Council decided that the exact date of the next meeting, after due consultations with the current Chairman of the CPR, would be conveyed to the Member State by the Secretariat in due course.

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