

The 53rd CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Wednesday, 18 April, 2001)

1. The 53rd meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday, 18th April, 2001. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Seyed Mohammad Hossein Adeli, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic 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 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, which is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the report of the 52nd meeting of the CPR

The Council adopted the report of its 52nd meeting, held on 22nd February, 2001. The adopted report is being circulated among the Member States separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

Preparation for the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO)

The CPR approved the Agenda and the tentative programme of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO), scheduled to be held, on the sidelines of the 11th COM meeting, on 2nd May, 2001 in Dushanbe. The said agenda and the programme are placed at **Annex-III**.

The reports of the 1st meeting of WGSO (held on 5-6 February, 2001 in Tehran) and the 2nd meeting of WGSO (to be held on 2nd May, 2001 in Dushanbe) will be submitted to the 54th CPR meeting, which is scheduled to be held on 2nd May, 2001 in Dushanbe.

Agenda Item No. 4

Preparation for the 11th meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM)

a. Approval of the Agenda of the meetings of Senior Officials and 11th COM

The Council reviewed and finalized the draft Agenda of the meetings of Senior Officials and the 11th Council of Ministers (COM), scheduled to be held on 2-4 May, 2001 in Dushanbe (Tajikistan), which are placed at **Annex-IV**.

b. Consideration of the tentative Programmes of SOM and 11th COM meeting

The Council finalized the proposed tentative programmes, which are placed at **Annex-V**.

c. Invitation to the Int'l Organizations for the COM meeting

The CPR Council considered and approved the proposed list of International Organizations to be invited by the host authorities (Tajikistan) for inaugural as well as the closing ceremony of the 11th COM meeting. The list is placed at **Annex-VI**.

The Council pointed out that ECO may hold bilateral discussions on joint activities with the UNDCP, IDB, ITC and World Bank officials who will be in Dushanbe for the 11th COM meeting.

d. Approval of the draft Dushanbe Communiqué

The Council referred the matter to the Working Group to work on the draft Communiqué and submit the result to CPR, the meeting of which will be held on 2nd May, 2001 in Dushanbe. The date of the meeting of the working group is being conveyed by the Secretariat separately.

e. Preparation of the host country

The representative of the Republic of Tajikistan informed the Council about the venue and arrangements of the meeting. The Council suggested that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan may inform the Embassies of the Member States in Dushanbe about its preparedness to host the 11th COM meeting and measures taken to ensure foolproof security for delegations. Thus the Council requested the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in Tehran that it may transmit this suggestion to its Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Dushanbe) in due course.

f. Confirmation for participation

The Council urged those Member States who had not yet confirmed participation to furnish composition alongwith flight schedule of their delegations to the Secretariat at the earliest.

Agenda Item No. 5

Appointment of the Audit Board

Considering that the new Scale of Assessment for contribution of the Member States to the budget of the Secretariat (UN Scale of Assessment) will come into effect after three year in 2004, some Member States proposed to renew the tenure of the existing Audit Board comprises the Senior Audit Officials of the Governments of the IR of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey.

The Council agreed with the proposal and decided to submit it to the 11th COM meeting for approval.

Agenda Item No. 6

Consideration of the Work Programme of ECO for 2001

The Council considered the draft Work Programme of ECO for the year 2001 and after making some amendments endorsed it for submission to the 11th COM meeting for approval.

Agenda Item No. 7Date of the next Meeting

The Council decided to hold its next meeting on 2nd May, 2001 in Dushanbe on the sidelines of the 11th COM meeting.

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