

The 56th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Monday, 09 July, 2001)

1. The 56th meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held in the ECO Secretariat on Monday, 9th July, 2001, was chaired by H.E. Dr. Seyed Mohammad Hossein Adeli, Deputy Minister 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, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan and Representatives of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI), ECO Shipping Company as well as the Secretary General alongwith the ECO staff attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda

CPR adopted the proposed agenda, with proposals to defer some items for the next meeting which is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the draft report of the 55th meeting of the CPR

CPR adopted the report of its 55th meeting with some amendments. The adopted report will be circulated among the member states separately.

Agenda Item No.3

Consideration of the Project Document of UNDCP Phase-II - Assistance in strengthening the Drug Control Coordination Unit (DCCU) at the Secretariat of ECO

CPR approved the project document of UNDCP Phase-II - Assistance in strengthening the Drug Control Coordination Unit (DCCU) and authorized the Secretary General to jointly sign it with UNDCP.

Agenda Item No.4

Annual contribution of the member states to the budget of the Secretariat according to the UN scale of assessment

CPR decided to defer this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.5

Draft ECO resolution to be submitted to FAO's World Food Summit

CPR agreed on the draft ECO resolution to be put forward to the informal meeting of ECO Council of Ministers to be held in New York this year, for support and endorsement.

Agenda Item No. 6

Consideration of the offer of the Centre of Prevention of International Crimes (CICP) to hold a regional seminar on fighting against the supranational organized crimes

CPR accepted the offer of CICP to hold the said seminar on regional basis in Tehran and requested the Secretariat, on receipt, to circulate the agenda & programme of the seminar. The Council also emphasized that efforts should be made for ensuring high-level participation in the seminar.

Agenda Item No. 7

Consideration of the terms of reference (TOR) for the joint study on “strengthening ASEAN - ECO Cooperation”

Owing to lack of instructions on the subject TORs from their respective governments, CPR deferred the item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8

Implementation of the decisions of the 11th COM meeting

CPR decided to defer this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 9

Implementation of the decisions of other Ministerial meetings

CPR decided to defer this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10

Matters relating to the Special Support Fund (SSF)

As the revised ECO Calendar of Events (COEs) for 2001 was not discussed, it was decided that this item should be discussed in conjunction with Agenda Item No. 8 above at the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 11

Appointment of the President of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)

Following two proposals were tabled with regard to this agenda item:

- The tenure of the former President of ECI may be extended for 4 months, up-to 9th September, 2001.
- Pending instructions from respective governments and a decision of the 1st proposal (i. Above), Executive Director alongwith another official nominated by the Islamic Republic of Iran, should be authorized to make unavoidable and obligatory payments essential for daily running of the Institute.
- CPR approved that member states would seek instructions from respective governments on the above proposals urgently and the matter will be considered again in CPR.

Agenda Item No. 12

ECO Shipping Company

CPR while deferring this item to its next meeting, requested the Secretariat to invite again the representative of the ECO Shipping Company to be present at the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Agenda Item No. 13

Any other business

i. Request of Georgia for its experts to attend ECO meetings of transport & communications, trade & energy as guests

CPR deferred this sub-item to its next meeting.

ii. Request of the Group of 77 to receive support of ECO for organizing the 2nd meeting of Heads of the Secretariats of Regional Economic Organizations of the South (18-21, August, 2001, Tehran)

CPR agreed that the Secretary General, upon the invitation of the Chairman of G-77, may attend the 10th session of the Intergovernmental Follow-up and Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries (IFCC-X) to be held on 18-23 August, 2001 in Tehran. However, with regard to the request of G-77 for the ECO Secretariat's assistance (i.e. technical and logistical) to organize the "2nd meeting of Heads of Secretariat of Regional Economic Organizations of the South" of the said 10th Session of IFCC-X, the Council requested the Secretariat to circulate the following information among the member states so that the matter could be taken up in the next CPR meeting:

- The subject & purpose of the proposed meeting;
- The agenda of the meeting;
- The content of the report,

which the ECO Secretariat has been requested to prepare and present to the meeting.

iii. Invitation to Secretary General by UNCTAD

CPR agreed that the Secretary General, upon the invitation extended to him by UNCTAD, may attend the 5th meeting of Governmental Experts from Land Locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions to be held on 30th July to 3rd August, 2001 in New York. UNCTAD has funded the air-ticket.

Agenda Item No. 14

Administrative matters:

i. Appointments/extensions of staff of the Secretariat (Category-II)

The Council deferred this sub-item to its next meeting. However, the Council decided to extend the tenure of the following staff in Category-II for one month starting from the expiry date of their tenure:

No.	Name	Expiry Date of the tenure
1.	Replacement of Accountant (Retd.)	31.7.2001
2.	Mr. Mohammad Harandi, Social Secy. to SG	-do-
3.	Mr. Elmar Baghirzade, Russian Interpreter	-do-
4.	Mr. Saeed Abedini, Computer/Telex Operator	-do-

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| 5. | Mr. M. Mohammad Irvani, Persian Translator | -do- |
| 6. | Mr. Hasan Sahin, Steno-Secretary | -do- |
| 7. | Mr. Zahid Hayat, Steno-Secretary | 17.8.2001 |

ii. Job description of the officers working under the Deputy Secretaries General in the ECO Secretariat

The Council deferred this sub-item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 15

Date of the next Meeting

The exact date of the next meeting will be communicated to the member states in due course.

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