

The 57th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – August 26, 2001)

1. The 57th meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held in the ECO Secretariat on Sunday August 26, 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 some amendments. Some items were deferred for the next meeting. The revised adopted agenda is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the draft report of the 56th meeting of the CPR

CPR adopted the report of its 56th meeting. The adopted report will be circulated among member states separately.

Agenda Item No.3

Annual contribution 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. 4

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

CPR discussed the TORs and agreed to submit them to ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial meeting to be held in September, 2001 in New York with the addition of industry in the sectors to be covered under the study. However, comments from the member states, if substantively at variance with the contents of the TORs, would be considered in the next meeting.

Agenda Items No. 5, 6 & 7

- Implementation of the decisions of the 11th COM meeting

- Implementation of the decisions of other Ministerial meetings

- Matters relating to the Special Support Fund (SSF)

CPR decided to defer these items to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 8

Draft Agenda for the First ECO Ministerial meeting on Agriculture to be held in Islamabad on October 23-25, 2001

CPR, while agreeing on the draft agenda of the meeting, pointed out that to make the meeting fruitful, member states may furnish their views on the objectives of the meeting and on the potential areas of cooperation among member states in agriculture sector. In this context, it was suggested that items on standardization of agricultural products and promotion of trade of agricultural goods may be included in the agenda.

CPR further requested member states to confirm participation in the meeting and furnish the Secretariat with Curriculum Vitae of the participating Ministers.

Agenda Item No. 9

Appointment of the President of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)

CPR extended the tenure of the President of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) Mr. Mahmood Broujerdi from May 10, 2001 to October 10, 2001.

Agenda Item No. 10

ECO Shipping Company (ESC)

A member state informed CPR that the Articles of Association, the Procedure of Audit and the decision-making procedures of ECO Shipping Company had been changed. As a result the very character of the Company had been transformed. Also, the Company has not informed the relevant organs of ECO about these changes. Thus, CPR directed ECO Secretariat to initiate an urgent inquiry into these developments with a view to submit a comprehensive report on the legal status of the said amendments, financial position of the Company and its auditing system. The report should be submitted to next CPR meeting.

Agenda Item No. 11

Administrative matters:

- Appointments/extensions of Secretariat Staff (Category-II);

The Secretary General briefed the CPR about the recommendations of the Selection Panel held on the same day (August 26, 2001), for appointments/extensions of ECO staff in Category-II as follows:

- Russian Interpreter, Category-II, P3

Mr. Elmar Baghirzade from Republic of Azerbaijan: his tenure to be renewed for another term of four years.

- Russian Translator, Category-II, P2

Mr. Ishankuli Ishankuliev from Turkmenistan: his tenure to be renewed for another term of four years.

- Steno-Secretaries Category-II, P2

Mr. Muhammad Akbar from IR of Pakistan to be appointed.

Mr. Talib Hussain from IR of Pakistan to be appointed.

- Category-II, P1

Mr. Manzoor Hussain from IR of Pakistan to be appointed.

Mr. Hasan Sahin from Rep. of Turkey: his tenure to be renewed for another term of four years.

- Administrative Assistant, Category-II, P2

Mr. Mateen Ahmad Farouqi from IR of Pakistan to be appointed.

- Public Relations and Conference Services Assistant, Cat-II, P2

Mr. Talantbek Kasymbekov from Kyrgyz Republic: his tenure to be extended up to November 3, 2002 to complete his four years term.

- Accountant, Category-II, P3

Mr. Assadollah Hooshmand from IR of Iran to be appointed.

- Assistant Accountant, Category-II, P2

Ms. Jamilya Medetbekova from Rep. of Kazakhstan: her tenure to be renewed for another term of four years if her Government desires so, otherwise against this post the nominee from IR of Pakistan would be considered.

Social Secretary to Secretary General, Category-II, P2 Mr. Mohammad Harandi from IR of Iran; Translator, Category-II, P1 Mr. Mohammad Irvani from IR of Iran; and Computer/Telex Operator, Category-II, P1 Mr. Saeed Abedini from IR of Iran to be awarded two months extension. IR of Iran will nominate qualified persons to be selected for these posts in due course to be considered by Selection Panel and approved by CPR.

- Programme Officer (Project Research), Category-II, P3

Mr. Mohammad Javad Rezayat from IR of Iran to be appointed.

- Research Officer (Agriculture, Industry & Health), Cat-II, P3

Mr. Mohammad Mirzaei from IR of Iran to be appointed.

CPR approved the recommendations of the Selection Panel and respectively appointed/renewed & extended the tenure of the above-mentioned nominees/officials.

CPR also decided that the newly appointed resident and non-resident staff will assume duty in ECO Secretariat on September 15 and October 1, 2001 respectively. Three days overlapping period may be allowed for outgoing staff for handing over and briefing the nature of their duties to the incoming ones.

In response to a suggestion for a 7-day standard overlapping for the directing staff and 3-day for non-directing staff, CPR decided that Secretariat may submit the proposal alongwith its cost estimates to one of the next CPR meetings for a decision.

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

CPR deferred this sub-item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12

Preparations for Informal COM meeting to be held in New York in 2001

i. Draft UN General Assembly Resolution on “Cooperation between the United Nations and ECO”

CPR endorsed the draft Resolution as prepared by the Secretariat to be submitted to the 56th session of UN General Assembly (UNGA), scheduled to be held in September, 2001 in New York. Any proposal to be made by member states regarding the said draft would be considered during the forthcoming informal COM meeting to be held on September 25, 2001 in New York.

ii. Informal COM and Joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial meetings, New York

CPR also endorsed the draft Agendae of the informal COM and joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial meetings, to be held, on sidelines of the 56th UNGA session, on September 25, 2001 in New York.

Agenda Item No. 13

Endorsement of Agreement on Technical Assistant (Grant) with IDB on a Feasibility Study on Interconnection of Power Systems of ECO Countries

CPR endorsed the Agreement and authorized the Secretary General to sign it with IDB with a proviso that the agreement would take effect subject to CPR approval.

Agenda Item No. 14

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.

Agenda Item No. 15

Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting will tentatively be held on Wednesday September 5, 2001.

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