

The 58th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – September 05, 2001)

1. The 58th meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday September 05, 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, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan and 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. The adopted agenda is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the draft report of the 57th meeting of the CPR

CPR adopted the report of its 57th meeting with some amendments. The adopted report will be circulated among member states separately.

Agenda Item No.3

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

CPR pointed out that member states may convey their proposals, if any, to the Secretariat before the meeting so that those proposals could be taken up at the meeting in New York.

Agendae Item No. 4 & 5

- Implementation of the decisions of the 11th COM meeting

- Implementation of the decisions of other Ministerial meetings

CPR decided to defer these items to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6

Matters relating to the Special Support Fund (SSF)

CPR approved the list of events to be supported by Special Support Fund (SSF) of the budget of the Secretariat for 2001. The list of the events is placed at **Annex-III**.

Agenda Item No. 7

Matters pertaining to ECO Shipping Company (ESC)

The Secretary General informed the meeting that the Secretariat requested the ECO Shipping Company (ESC) to provide the requisite information on the changes made in the Articles of Association and Procedures of the Audit Board as well as the existing legal, financial and auditing systems of ESC. Based on the information to be supplied by ESC, a report on the matter will be submitted to CPR.

Agenda Item No. 8

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

CPR agreed that :

- The calculation of the annual contribution for the budget of 2000 may not be revised.
- The contribution of the seven member states to Secretariat's budget for 2001 may be calculated according to relevant UN scale of assessment. However, considering its inability to pay the additional amount which may come from the calculation based on the UN scale of assessment, Afghanistan would report its situation to UN. The Secretariat would consider (comply with) the reply of UN to Afghanistan in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 9

Preparations for the 1st ECO Ministerial meeting on Agriculture (October 23-25, 2001, Islamabad)

The Permanent Representative of the IR of Pakistan informed CPR that the meeting will be held on October 23-25, 2001 in Islamabad and hospitality will be granted to three participants including the Head of Delegation i.e. (1+2). The Permanent Representative, while recapitulating the contents of the working papers to be prepared by the Secretariat, solicited the views of the member states on the main objectives of the meeting and areas of cooperation.

Furthermore, ECO Secretariat was requested to get information from the member states on:

- Animal and Plant Quarantine Rules;
- Import and Export Rules regarding livestock and livestock products;
- Animal and Plant Services Infrastructure;
- Veterinary Public Health Infrastructure, and
- Country Paper/Profile on Livestock and plant quarantine

The Secretary General informed CPR that the annotated agenda of the meeting and working papers, as articulated in the 55th CPR meeting, had already been circulated and views of the member states were awaited.

CPR urged the member states to confirm their participation in the meeting and furnish composition alongwith flight schedule of their respective delegations.

The Permanent Representative of the IR of Iran informed the meeting that the Minister of Agriculture of IR of Iran would participate in the subject meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10

Implementation of the Technical Assistance Agreement (Grant) of IDB

CPR agreed that the comments/views of the member states on the annexes/implementation of the agreement should be conveyed to ECO Secretariat by 30 September, 2001 so that CPR, in its next meeting, may take-up the matter again and approve implementation of the agreement.

Agenda Item No. 114th ECO Trade Fair and the 2nd ECO-CCI Trade Fair

Due to lack of quorum, the events, mentioned in the title of this item, were postponed. Fresh dates would be announced in due course. However, CPR requested the member states to confirm participation in the events.

Agenda Item No. 12Consideration of the Audit Report of the fiscal year 2000

CPR deferred this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 13Any other businessi. Old Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD) Archives

The Secretary General asked CPR's consent to form a team of ECO Secretariat to review and reduce the archives/old files of RCD.

CPR pointed out that this matter was already at the discretion of the Secretary General.

Agenda Item No. 14Date of the next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday October 16, 2001.

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