

The 62nd CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – February 26, 2002)

The 62nd meeting of Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held in the ECO Secretariat on Tuesday February 26, 2002, was chaired by H.E. Dr. Seyed Mohammad Hossein Adeli, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran. The Permanent Representatives of Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, and Republic of Uzbekistan as well as ECO Secretary General alongwith 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 additions/amendments. The adopted agenda is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the draft report of the 61st meeting of CPR

CPR adopted the report of its 61st meeting with some amendments in paragraphs 5 and 11. The adopted report would be circulated among Member States separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

Preparations for 12th meeting of Regional Planning Council (RPC)

a. Draft Agenda

CPR endorsed the draft agenda of 12th RPC meeting which had previously been circulated by the Secretariat.

b. Draft Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2002

CPR reviewed the draft Calendar of Events for 2002 which will be taken up by the 12th RPC meeting. CPR agreed with the proposal of IR of Iran to include in the said Calendar a Workshop on the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to be held in Tehran.

c. Confirmation of participation

CPR urged those Member States who had not yet confirmed their participation in RPC meeting to do so and also convey the composition of their delegations alongwith flight schedules to Secretariat as early as possible.

Agenda Item No. 4

Postponement/Preparations for the 3rd meeting of Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO)

CPR discussed the postponement of the 3rd WGSO which was scheduled to be held in Tehran on February 19-20, 2002.

CPR expressed its disappointment over the postponement of the 3rd meeting of Working Group of Senior Officials (WGSO) which was scheduled to be held in Tehran from February 19 to 20, 2002 due to the inadequate response of some of Member States and expressed the hope that the Member States would participate effectively in 3rd meeting of WGSO, scheduled to be held in Tehran on May 28-29, 2002.

Agenda Item No. 5, 6, 7 & 8

- Matters pertaining to ECO Shipping Company (ESC)
- Cooperation between ECO and Free Trade Zones of the IR of Iran
- Meeting to inform CPR on Free Trade Zones in Member States
- Conference on "Reconstruction of Afghanistan"

CPR deferred these items to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 9

Assistance in Reconstruction of Afghanistan

CPR requested Member States to convey the views of their respective Governments regarding establishment of a "Joint ECO Fund" with contribution from Member States to assist reconstruction of Afghanistan. The mechanism for utilization of this Fund be discussed in next CPR meeting.

CPR also asked Secretariat to inform the next meeting about the planned contribution of International Organizations such as UNDP, etc for reconstruction work in Afghanistan.

Agenda Item No. 10 & 11

- Issues pertaining to ECO Passenger Train
- Implementation of Economic Cooperation Strategy for ECO Region

CPR deferred these items to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12

Importance of scheduling of CPR meetings.

CPR agreed that, in future, the date of its next meeting would be decided in advance. In this respect, two dates including an alternate one would be indicated for scheduling the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 13

Updated reports on the follow up of the three Ministerial Meetings on Transport & Communications, First Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade and First Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum

CPR deferred this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 14

Administrative matters

- i. Appointment for the posts of the Second Phase of UNDCP Project for DCCU
- ii. Appointment for the posts of two Programme Officers (Trade & Investment and Economic Research & Statistics), (Cat. 2, P3)

- iii. [Appointment for the post of Russian Translator \(Category-II, P.2\)](#)
- iv. [Appointment for the posts of Social Secretary to Secretary General \(Cat.2, P2\);](#)
- v. [Persian Translator \(Cat.2, P1\) and Computer/Telex Operator \(Cat.2, P1\)](#)

Secretary General informed that Selection Panel held the same day deferred its recommendations on the appointment for the above mentioned posts. CPR decided to extend the tenure of the incumbent Social Secretary to Secretary General, Mr M. Harandi, Persian Translator Mr M. Irvani and Computer/Telex Operator Mr S. Abedini for three months starting from March 1, 2002 with an understanding that in the meantime the process of selection of the future incumbents would be completed.

Agenda Item No. 15

Any other business

CPR, in accordance with Article-3 (3.2) of the Financial Regulations, approved the Budget of ECO Secretariat for 2002 on behalf of Council of Ministers (COM).

Agenda Item No. 16

Date of the next Meeting

CPR decided that its next meeting be held at 1500 hours on Wednesday March 13, 2002.

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