

# The 67<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – August 20, 2002 )

1. The 67<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held in the ECO Secretariat on (Tuesday) August 20, 2002, was chaired by H.E. Mr. Ramazan Mirzoev, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan in Tehran. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the Transitional Islamic Government 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 as well as ECO Secretary General alongwith ECO staff attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

2. Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman on behalf of the member states congratulated the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan and Pakistan on the occasion of National Days of their countries. Also he welcomed the Ambassador Kya Tabatabai for his appointment as the Director General (Multilateral Economic Cooperation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Iran.

### **Agenda Item No.1**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

3. CPR adopted the proposed agenda, placed at **Annex-II**, with some additions.

### **Agenda Item No. 2**

#### Adoption of the draft report of the 66<sup>th</sup> meeting of CPR

4. CPR adopted the draft report of 66<sup>th</sup> meeting with some amendments. The adopted report would be circulated among the member states separately.

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

#### Preparation for 12<sup>th</sup> COM and 7<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings Draft Agendae of 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of WGSO and CPR Draft Agendae of SOM of 12<sup>th</sup> COM, 12<sup>th</sup> COM and 7<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings

5. CPR discussed the draft agendae and made some changes. The *revised* draft agendae are placed at **Annex-III**.

#### ECO Business Forum to be held on the sidelines of 12<sup>th</sup> ECO COM and 7<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings

6. CPR asked the member states to confirm their participation in the ECO Business Forum (EBF) as soon as possible and requested the host country, Turkey, to intimate the exact date and the venue of the meeting.

#### d. List of Int'l Organizations to be invited to 7<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit

7. CPR discussed the draft list of international organizations to be invited to the inaugural session of the 7<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit and decided that the international organizations, with which ECO has signed MOUs, should be invited by the Secretary General immediately.

However, the member states would seek instructions from their capitals and confirm their concurrence to the Secretariat within one week about invitations to other international organizations. The draft list of int'l organizations is placed at ***Annex-IV***.

**e. Confirmation of the member states for participation in the meetings**

8. CPR asked the member states, other than Turkmenistan, to confirm their participation in the meetings and furnish the composition of their delegations alongwith flight schedules as early as possible.

**f. Draft Istanbul Declaration 2002**

9. CPR asked the Secretariat to prepare the draft Istanbul Declaration 2002 and circulate among the member states at the earliest. Then the Working Group to assist CPR may work on the draft and submit the result to CPR for finalization. The date of the meeting of the Working Group will be determined later in due course.

**Agenda Item No. 4**

**Reconstruction of Afghanistan**

10. The Permanent Representative of the Transitional Islamic Government of Afghanistan welcomed the offer of the member states to support the priority projects concerning reconstruction of Afghanistan as identified by his government and pointed out that the implementation of projects would help eliminate unemployment and refugee problems in Afghanistan.

11. Several member states then reiterated their countries support for reconstruction of Afghanistan. Permanent Representatives of Pakistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan expressed their views on the issue. In particular, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey informed about the Turkish financial assistance in cash and - in-kind made to Afghanistan so far and circulated a non-paper in this regard at *Annex-V*. Other member states said that they would furnish to the Secretariat views of their countries in written form in due course for incorporation in the preliminary paper being prepared by the Secretariat.

12. The Secretary General informed the CPR that the Committee comprising senior ECO staff had been established to ensure ECO's proactive involvement in the reconstruction of Afghanistan. The Committee would prepare a preliminary paper in this regard circulate the same among the member states.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

**International Activities**

**Consideration of Draft MOU with UN Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE) Draft MOU between ECO and Colombo Plan**

13. CPR deferred this item to its next meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 6**

**ECO Awards :**

**a. Short listing of nominations by member states**

14. CPR requested the member states who had not done so to shortlist their candidates to one in each field of excellence.

**b. Confirmation of participation in the Selection Committee**

15. CPR reiterated its decision that the Selection Committee meeting would be held on August 27-29, 2002 at the ECO Secretariat to select the winners of the Awards. Therefore, CPR urged the member states to confirm their participation in the meeting in written form as

soon as possible.

### **Agenda Item No. 7**

Preparation for the informal meeting of ECO Council of Ministers (COM) to be held on the sidelines of 57<sup>th</sup> session of UNGA Draft UNGA resolution between ECO and UN

16. CPR decided that the working group to assist CPR would meet and work on the draft resolution and submit the result to the next CPR. The date for the meeting of the working group would be circulated by the Secretariat in due course.

Draft Agenda of the informal meeting of COM

17. CPR discussed the draft agenda of the meeting and considered some preliminary suggestions from some member states. The *revised* draft agenda is placed at **Annex-VI**.

Draft Agenda of Joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial meetings

18. Since the draft agenda of the joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial meeting was received by the member states short while ago and the member states could not consult their capitals, the item was deferred to next meeting.

Meetings with UNDP, World Bank, etc.

19. The Secretary General informed the Council that on the sidelines of his visit to New York for the UNGA, he would also visit some int'l organizations based in New York/Washington with which ECO continued to have cooperative relations.

### **Agenda Item No.8**

Second ECO Ministerial meeting on Energy/Petroleum

20. IR of Iran confirmed that the Government of Iran would host the Second ECO Ministerial meeting on Energy/Petroleum in November 2002 in Tehran. The exact date of the meeting would be communicated to the Secretariat by the relevant Iranian authorities in due course.

### **Agenda Item No. 9**

Consideration of the Work Programme of ECO for 2002

21. CPR deferred the item to its next meeting.

### **Agenda Item No. 10**

Consideration of the audit report for 2001

22. CPR gave its concurrence to the audit report for the year 2001 and agreed to submit it to 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) for approval.

### **Agenda Item No. 11**

Administrative matters

**a) Extensions**

23. CPR extended the tenure of (i) Programme Officer (Trade & Investment) Mr. Kubat Umurzakov from Kyrgyzstan and (ii) Programme Officer (Economic Research & Statistics) Mr. Fazli Sak from Turkey, for two months i.e. w.e.f. September 04, 2002;

**b) Appointments**

24. CPR appointed Mr. Mohammad Hassan Sheikholeslami (from IR of Iran) for the post of Social Secretary to the Secretary General and Mr. Ahmad Tafaghody (from IR of Iran) for the post of Computer Operator for a 4 year term.

**Agenda Item No. 12****Any other business**

25. The Secretariat circulated brief information on forthcoming ECO events/meetings during the session. The said information is placed at ***Annex-VII***.

26. CPR, while appreciating, took note of the brief information.

**Agenda Item No. 13****Date of next meeting**

27. CPR agreed to have its next meeting at 1000 hours on (Thursday) September 12, 2002.

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