

The 83rd CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran, November 23, 2003)

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The 83rd meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on November 23, 2003, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Medet Sadyrkulov, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Permanent Representatives / Representatives of the Transitional 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 as well as the ECO Acting Secretary General along with the ECO staff attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda

2. CPR adopted the following agenda for its 83rd meeting:
 1. Adoption of the agenda.
 2. Adoption of the draft report of the 82nd meeting of CPR.
 3. Draft ECO budget proposals for 2004 – Consideration of Working Group’s report.
 4. Preparation for the 14th meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC) to be held in Turkey on December 4-6, 2003.
 - a) Confirmation of the member states for participation.
 - b) Working papers for the meeting.
 5. Eminent Persons Group (EPG):
 - i) Nominations.
 - ii) First meeting.
 6. Follow-up of the implementation of the decisions of 13th COM and 7th Summit meetings.
 7. Briefing on meetings participated by ECO staff recently.
 8. Status of mandatory contributions of the member states to the Secretariat budget.
 9. 6th Specialized Tasks Group meeting (6th SETG) held on August 17-18, 2003 - Consideration of the selection of a consultant.
 10. Approval of ToRs of two pre-feasibility consultancies in connection with reconstruction of Afghanistan.
 11. 1st ECO Ministerial meeting on finance/economy.
 12. Any other business.
 13. Date of the next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the draft report of the 82nd meeting of CPR.

3. CPR adopted the report of its 82nd meeting with some amendments. The adopted report was circulated vide Secretariat’s note No.SG/CPR/2003/2036 dated November 30, 2003.

Agenda Item No. 3Draft ECO budget proposals for 2004 – Consideration of Working Group's report.

4. CPR approved the Secretariat's budget for the year 2004 amounting to US \$ 2,066,677.2 on behalf of the Council of Ministers. The said amount includes 5% portion for the ECO Feasibility Fund. The approved budget will be circulated among the member states separately in due course. It will be submitted to the 14th meeting of Council of Ministers for formal approval as laid down in the Chapter-1 of ECO Rules of Procedure and Article 3 of ECO Financial Regulations.

Agenda Item No. 4Preparation for the 14th meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC) to be held in Turkey on December 4-6, 2003.

- a) Confirmation of the member states for participation.
- b) Working papers for the meeting.

5. The Permanent Representatives confirmed that their relevant authorities would participate in the 14th RPC and composition of their delegations will be communicated to the Secretariat within one week. The Permanent Representative of Turkey urged the member states to convey the composition of their delegations to the host authorities latest by November 30, 2003.

6. The Secretariat circulated the information booklet which included the revised draft agenda and the revised programme of the meeting, as provided by the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, during the CPR meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5Eminent Persons Group (EPG):

- i) Nominations.
- ii) First meeting.

7. CPR deferred the approval of the amended versions of the ToRs as circulated by the Secretariat vide No.PR/EPG/2003/1851 dated October 29, 2003, to its next meeting.

8. So far Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Turkey have conveyed to the Secretariat names of their Eminent Persons. Therefore, CPR requested the remaining member states to do the same as soon as possible.

9. CPR also asked the Secretariat to contact directly with EPs and arrange their first meeting at an early date as per their convenience.

10. CPR approved that the expenses to be incurred on EPG meetings to be held in Tehran may be met from the Special Support Fund (SSF).

Agenda Item No. 6Follow-up of the implementation of the decisions of 13th COM and 7th Summit meetings.

11. CPR deferred this item for consideration to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.7

Briefing on meetings participated by ECO staff recently.

12. CPR deferred this item for consideration to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.8

Status of mandatory contributions of the member states to the Secretariat budget.

13. CPR discussed the issue and urged the member states who had not done so to pay their contributions as early as possible.

Agenda Item No.9

6th Specialized Tasks Group meeting (6th SETG) held on August 17-18, 2003 - Consideration of the selection of a consultant.

14. CPR decided that the Secretariat would send a covering letter with the bids/offers/proposals received from all companies/consultants to the IDB with a request to select the winner. CPR agreed that the following short letter should be circulated among the member states for their consideration before issuing it to the IDB:

“With reference to the selection of a Consultant for the Feasibility Study on Interconnection of ECO countries Power Systems, as per the Technical Agreement signed between the Economic Cooperation Organization and the Islamic Development Bank, I have the honour to state that in accordance with the decision of the 83rd meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives held in Tehran on November 23, 2003, the Secretariat is enclosing herewith the bids received for the said study. According to the CPR decision the bids are requested to be reviewed by the esteemed Islamic Development Bank and the winner of the tender be decided by the Bank.”

Agenda Item No.10

Approval of ToRs of two pre-feasibility consultancies in connection with reconstruction of Afghanistan.

15. CPR deferred this item for consideration to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.11

1st ECO Ministerial meeting on finance/economy.

16. CPR deferred this item for consideration to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.12

Any other business.

17. No other issue was discussed under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No.13

Date of the next meeting.

18. CPR decided to hold its next meeting at **1430 hours** on Wednesday, **December 17, 2003**.

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