

# The 84<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran, December 17, 2003 )

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The 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on December 17, 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, 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 84<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  1. Adoption of the agenda.
  2. Adoption of the draft report of the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of CPR.
  3. Eminent Persons Group (EPG):
    - i) *Approval of ToRs for EPG.*
    - ii) *Nominations.*
    - iii) *First meeting.*
  4. Follow up - 6<sup>th</sup> Specialized Tasks Group meeting (6<sup>th</sup> SETG) held on August 17-18, 2003 - Consideration of the selection of a consultant.
  5. Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial meeting on Industry scheduled to be held in Tehran on January 25-27, 2004:
    - a) *Draft agenda.*
    - b) *Confirmation of member states for participation.*
    - c) *Draft Tehran Communiqué.*
    - d) *Provision of country reports to the Secretariat on industrial development strategies, programmes/projects along with their needs, potentials and proposals for regional cooperation in the field of industry.*
  6. Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial meeting on finance/economy to be held in Pakistan on January 28 – 30, 2004:
    - a) *Draft agenda.*
    - b) *Confirmation of member states for participation.*
  7. Administrative matters.
    - (i) *Appointment for the post of Assistant Director (Coordination Unit).*
  8. Any other business.
  9. Date of the next meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 2**Adoption of the draft report of the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of CPR.

3. CPR adopted the report of its 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting as circulated by the ECO Secretariat vide note No.SG/CPR/2003/2038 dated November 30, 2003 without any amendment. The adopted report was circulated among the member states vide Secretariat's note No.SG/CPR/2003/2143 dated December 22, 2003.

**Agenda Item No. 3**Eminent Persons Group (EPG):

i) *Approval of ToRs.*

ii) *Nominations.*

iii) *First meeting.*

4. CPR adopted the ToRs prepared by the Secretariat with a minor amendment. The adopted ToRs have been circulated among the member states vide Secretariat's note No.PR/EPG/2003/2135 dated December 22, 2003.

5. The meeting pointed out that the EPG is an adhoc group set up by the Council of Ministers (COM) for a specific timeframe and target in collaboration with the ECO Secretary General to submit their recommendations through CPR to 14<sup>th</sup> COM on the measures to promote efficiency and effectiveness of ECO. Therefore, the designated Eminent Persons (EPs) should deliberate on the subject measures on the basis of their personal capacity and not as representative of their respective Governments. In the same manner the quorum required under the ECO Rules of Procedure should not be applied for the EPG meetings. That is to say EPG may meet at a reasonable number. However, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan will inform the position of Pakistan on the issue of quorum after consulting the respective authorities in the capital.

6. CPR was informed that EPs from Iran, Pakistan and Turkey had confirmed their participation in the first meeting to be held on January 10-12, 2004, at the ECO Secretariat, Tehran. The Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic informed CPR that the EP designated by his Government will also participate in the meeting. CPR requested other designated EPs to confirm their participation and remaining member states to designate their EPs as soon as possible so that they can participate in the first meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 4**Follow up - 6<sup>th</sup> Specialized Tasks Group meeting (6<sup>th</sup> SETG) held on August 17-18, 2003 - Consideration of the selection of a consultant.

7. The Chairman CPR requested the Secretariat to give information about the letter received from IDB where the IDB extended the first date of disbursement by six months ending on March 30, 2004. The Chairman further requested the Secretariat to inform next CPR about the late circulation of the said letter.

**Agenda Item No. 5**Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial meeting on Industry scheduled to be held in Tehran on January 25-27, 2004:

a) *Draft agenda.*

b) *Confirmation of member states for participation.*

c) *Draft Tehran Communiqué.*

d) *Provision of country reports to the Secretariat on industrial development strategies, programmes/projects along with their needs, potentials and proposals for regional cooperation in the field of industry.*

8. Draft agenda and proposals/suggestions for the meeting provided by Iran, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Turkey were circulated by the Secretariat during the meeting. CPR requested the member states to convey their views, if they have any, on the agenda.

9. CPR requested the member states who did not do so to confirm their participation in the meeting and to provide the Secretariat with the composition and flight schedule of their delegations and their country reports on their industrial development strategies, programmes/projects along with their needs, potentials and proposals for regional cooperation in the field of industry.

10. Moreover, CPR requested the Secretariat to prepare the Draft Tehran Communiqué and circulate it among the member for their views.

### **Agenda Item No. 6**

Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial meeting on finance/economy to be held in Pakistan on January 28 – 30, 2004:

a) *Draft agenda.*

b) *Confirmation of member states for participation.*

11. CPR requested the member states to convey their views to be taken up during the meeting latest by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003 and authorized the Secretariat to prepare the draft agenda on the basis of the views received from the member states.

12. The Permanent Representative of Pakistan informed that the Senior Officials meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January and the Plenary Session of the Ministerial meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2004 in Islamabad, Pakistan. However, he stated that he would consult the relevant authorities in Islamabad and confirm the dates of the meeting to the Secretariat shortly.

13. CPR requested the member states to confirm their participation in the meeting and convey the composition of their delegations along with flight schedule to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

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

Administrative matters.

(i) *Appointment for the post of Assistant Director (Coordination Unit).*

14. The Selection Panel held its meeting in the afternoon of December 17, 2003, before the meeting of CPR and discussed the subject appointment. The Selection Panel agreed to extend the deadline for receipt of nominations from the member states for the post of Assistant Director (Coordination Unit) – Category-I, D1, till January 28, 2004. The Panel also recommended to CPR to extend the term of Dr. Rizwan Ahmed, present incumbent of the aforesaid post upto January 28, 2004.

15. CPR approved the above-mentioned recommendations submitted by the Selection Panel.

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

Any other business.

16. CPR requested the member states to confirm their participation and convey to the Secretariat their composition of delegation for the following meetings as early as possible:

Sr. No.	Event/Activity	Venue	Date
i.	Trilateral Interim Committee Meeting on Establishment of ECO Reinsurance Company.	Islamabad-Pakistan	Dec. 26-28, 2003
ii.	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of HLEG on Trade, Investment and other related matters in the ECO region.	Ankara-Turkey	Jan. 13-15, 2004
iii.	ECO-CCI/ECO Trade Fair	Karachi-Pakistan	Feb. 20-26, 2004
iv.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Council of Heads of Customs Administrations (CHCA) preceded by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Technical Experts on Establishment of Data Bank on Smuggling and Customs Offences.	Islamabad-Pakistan	Feb. 16-18, 2004
v.	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Science Foundation	Islamabad	March 25-26, 2004

### Agenda Item No.9

Date of the next meeting.

17. CPR decided to hold its next meeting at **1000 hours on Monday, January 19, 2004.**

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