Statement of the Chair of the Meeting – Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Islamic Republic of Iran H.E. Mr. Nematullo Emomzoda at the inaugural session of the 29th RPC Meeting

Dear Secretary General of ECO,

Dear Head of delegations, Dear colleagues - the Ambassadors,

Dear participants of the meeting,

Allow me to welcome all of you to the 29th Regional Planning Meeting and express my gratitude to the distinguished representatives of the member countries for the confidence placed in me in chairing this important Meeting

Since April of this year, the Republic of Tajikistan is the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Economic Cooperation Organization and attaches great importance to the further expansion and deepening of multifaceted relations with the Member-States of the Organization, as well as strengthening its activities.

It should be noted that the role of the Regional Planning Council in the preparation of the programs of the Organization for 2019, as well as in achieving the goals and objectives of the ECO Vision 2025, which in turn will make a significant contribution to the implementation of sustainable development goals in our countries, is considered as important.

I am confident that the specialists and experts make the necessary efforts in the preparation and implementation of work programs aimed at expanding regional cooperation and meeting the interests of the peoples of the countries members of the Organization.

As Chairman of the Council of Permanent Representatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization, I express confidence that the Council, in close cooperation and with the support of the Permanent Representatives of the Organization's Member States, will directly assist in the implementation of the work programs adopted at this meeting.

At the end, I would like to express my gratitude to the Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization for the excellent arrangement for holding the 29th Regional Planning Council Meeting, and wish the meeting participants fruitful work.

Thank you for attention!