

# The 9<sup>th</sup> Summit

## Summary Record

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1. The 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held in Baku, Republic Azerbaijan, on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006. The meeting was attended by:

1. H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai  
President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2. H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev  
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
3. H.E. Dr. Mahmood Ahmadi Nejad  
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
4. H.E. Mr. Daniyal Akhmetov  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
5. H.E. Mr. Medetbek Kerimkulov  
First Vice Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic
6. H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz  
Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
7. H.E. Mr. Akil Akilov  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan
8. H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey
9. H.E. Mr. Khoshgeldy Kurbanovich Babaev  
Head of State Enterprise on Caspian Sea Issue  
under the President of Turkmenistan
10. H.E. Mr. Erkin Khalilov  
Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Uzbekistan

H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay, Secretary General of ECO along with the relevant staff of ECO Secretariat as well as the representative of ECO-Consultancy & Engineering Company (ECO-CEC) and representatives of International/Regional Organizations also attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

2. The 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit was preceded by Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) on 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 and 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Baku.

### Agenda Item No. 1

#### Inaugural Ceremony

3. As the President of the Republic of Tajikistan was the Chairman of the 8<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit, H.E. Mr. Akil Akilov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan opened the meeting with his brief statement, on behalf of H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan. In his statement, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan expressed gratitude to the leadership and people of Azerbaijan for the warm hospitality and creating environment for the deliberations of the Summit. He stated that ECO held an important place in development of regional cooperation between our countries and was a reliable and effective mechanism to promote stability and development of mutual relations, particularly in trade and economy, industry, agriculture, transport, energy, scientific and technological fields. He also extended appreciation to the ECO Secretariat,

especially to its Secretary General Mr. Askhat Orazbay, for the work done during the two years period and expressed hope that ECO would continue its movement towards achieving its targeted goals.

#### **Agenda Item No. 2** **Election of the Chairman**

4. After his opening remarks, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan proposed H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. The meeting unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan congratulated Mr. Aliyev for his election as the Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit and expressed confidence that under the able Chairmanship of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, ECO would attain greater heights.

5. Upon assumption of the Chairmanship of the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his statement, expressed the hope for the successful conclusion of the Summit and stated that the Republic of Azerbaijan attached high importance to regional cooperation within the framework of this Organization. Referring to the ancient and deep roots of historical and cultural linkages amongst the ECO member states, the President stated that these should be good basis for successful activities of the Organization. He informed the meeting about the economic progress made by the Republic of Azerbaijan in the recent years. Mr. Aliyev also indicated that Caspian Sea states played a positive role in the transportation of oil and gas resources to the world market. He pointed out that the ECO had great potential for cooperation in the field of energy. He called upon all the countries to make efforts for the elimination of international terrorism. While concluding his statement, he reiterated his Government's commitment to the objectives and goals of the Organization.

#### **Agenda Item No. 3** **Adoption of the Agenda**

6. The 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit meeting adopted the following agenda as recommended by the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Baku:

1. Inaugural Ceremony
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation
5. Report of the Chairman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council of Ministers
6. Report of the Secretary General
7. Any other business
8. Date and venue of the next meeting
9. Consideration and adoption of the Baku Declaration 2006
10. Ceremony for ECO Awards 2006
11. Vote of thanks and closing address by Chairman
12. Closing of the meeting

#### **Agenda Item No. 4** **Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation**

7. The Heads of State/Government/Delegations in their statements underscored the need for expansion of cooperation in various fields under the framework of ECO and reaffirmed their support to the objectives and goals of the Organization. During his statement, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey announced a contribution of US\$ 5 million for the ECO Fund for the Reconstruction of Afghanistan. The texts of the statements are placed at *Annex-II*.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5** **Report of the Chairman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers**

8. H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his capacity as the Chairman of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers, presented a brief report to the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit meeting on the deliberations and the decisions of the 16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting. A copy of his statement is placed at

***Annex-III.*****Agenda Item No. 6**  
**Report of the Secretary General**

9. H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay, ECO Secretary General, in his statement, outlined the successes and activities of the Organization since the 8<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit which was held in Dushanbe in September 2004. A copy of his statement is placed at ***Annex-IV***.

**Agenda Item No. 7**  
**Any other business**

10. No issue was raised under this item

**Agenda Item No. 8**  
**Date and venue of the next Summit meeting**

11. The meeting welcomed the offer made by H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 10<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit meeting in 2008 in Pakistan. The exact date of the meeting will be finalized through diplomatic channels.

**Agenda Item No. 9**  
**Consideration and adoption of the Baku Declaration 2006**

12. The Summit adopted the Baku Declaration 2006, as recommended by the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2006 in Baku. The Declaration provides future guidelines to the Organization in both priority as well as non priority areas of ECO. The text of the Baku Declaration 2006 is placed at ***Annex-V***.

**Agenda Item No. 10**  
**Ceremony for ECO Awards 2006**

13. H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the Chairman of the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit meeting, presented ECO Awards 2006 to the eight winners from the ECO member states in the fields of Economics, History, Culture and Fine Arts, Science and Technology, Education, Agriculture and Environment. He congratulated them for receiving the ECO Awards 2006 in recognition of their excellent work in their respective fields. Earlier, the 16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting had endorsed the recommendations of the 112<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) which had finalized the list of nominees. The names of the winners of ECO Awards 2006 are as follows:

Ser. No.	Country	Name	Field
1.	Afghanistan	Mr. Mohammad Nasser Stanikzai	Economics
2.	Azerbaijan	Mr. Mamedyarov Magerram Ali oglu	Science & Technology
3.	Iran	Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour	Agriculture & Environment
4.	Kazakhstan	Dr. Baipakov Karl Moldakhmetovich	History, Culture, Literature and Fine Arts
5.	Kyrgyzstan	Dr. Karataev Oljobai Kubatbekovich	History, Culture, Literature and Fine Arts
6.	Pakistan	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhry	Education
7.	Tajikistan	Dr. Makhmadsharif Khakdodov	Science & Technology
8.	Uzbekistan	Dr. Mukhammadkhan Khamidov	Agriculture & Environment

**Agenda Items No. 11 & 12**  
**Vote of Thanks and Closing Address by Chairman**  
**Closing of the meeting**

14. The President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the participating Heads of State/Government/Delegations, expressed profound gratitude and thanks to the President, the Government and the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and warm hospitality extended to the delegations. He also expressed appreciation to the Secretary General of ECO and other members of the ECO Secretariat for the preparation of the documentation and their hard work they had put in to facilitate the successful outcome of the Summit.

15. Since this was the last Summit in which H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay was participating as the Secretary General of ECO, the meeting appreciated the contributions made by him during his tenure and extended their best wishes for his success in his future assignments. At the same time, the meeting also welcomed the appointment of H.E. Mr. Khurshid Anwar as the new Secretary General of ECO and expressed their confidence that he would take initiatives to enhance and accelerate the regional cooperation and make the ECO as successful Organization and promote ECO's image and activities.

16. H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his concluding remarks, expressed gratitude to the participating delegations for very constructive and fruitful deliberations during the Summit to evaluate future chances for active cooperation. He stated that this meeting also provided an important opportunity to the leaders of ECO to exchange views on issues of mutual concern. He further stated that the ECO was a big organization which had the potential and bright future. He reiterated that the future of the Organization depended on its leaders and their efforts to find new ways of cooperation. He expressed the hope that all the ECO member states would do their best to implement the decisions taken in the Summit and stated that the significant ideas, wishes and proposals expressed by the Heads of State/Government/Delegations will be thoroughly summarized, studied and implemented by the member states and other ECO institutions with the cooperation of the Secretariat. While declaring the Summit closed, he wished all the participants and the people of the ECO region progress, welfare and prosperity.