

The 7th Summit

Report

(Istanbul, 14 October, 2002)

The 7th Summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), held on October 14, 2002 in Istanbul, Turkey, was chaired by H.E. Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey and attended by H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, H.E. Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr. Askar Akaev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Mr. Erkin Khalilov, Chairman of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Recep Saparov, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan, H.E. Mr. Kassymzhomart Tokaev, Secretary of State-Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Ambassador Seyed Mojtaba Arastou, Secretary General of ECO also attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No. 1 & 2

Inaugural Ceremony / Election of the Chairman

H.E. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Chairman of the 6th ECO Summit meeting opened the meeting. Following the nomination of Republic of Turkey he invited H.E. Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey, to take over the Chairmanship of the 7th ECO Summit. The Chairman's election was applauded as an expression of unanimity, followed by welcoming remarks and the inaugural statement of the President of the Republic of Turkey. A copy of the statement of the President of the Republic of Turkey is placed at **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 3

Adoption of the Agenda

The 7th ECO Summit meeting adopted the following agenda as recommended by the 12th Council of Ministers (COM) meeting:

- Inaugural Ceremony.
- Election of the Chairman.
- Adoption of the Agenda.
- Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation.
- Statements by the Heads of International Organizations.
- Report of the Chairman of the 12th Council of Ministers (COM) meeting.
- Report of the ECO Secretary General.
- Report of ECO Business Forum (EBF)
- Any other business.
- Date and venue of the next meeting.
- Consideration and adoption of the Istanbul Declaration 2002.
- ECO Awards.
- Closing of the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 4

Statements by the Heads of State/Government/Delegation

The Heads of State/Government/Delegation delivered their statements. The texts of the statements made available to the Secretariat were distributed during the meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5

Statements by the Heads of International Organization

The Heads/Representatives of some UN agencies and other regional & international organizations attended the 7th Summit. The list of the participants from the regional and international organizations is placed at **Annex-III**.

H.E. Mr. Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (UNODCCP), H.E. Prof. Dr. Adel El-Beltagy, Director General, International Centre for Agriculture Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), H.E. Ambassador Valeri Chechelashvili, Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), H.E. Ambassador Ayhan Kamel, Executive Director of the Developing-8 Countries (D-8) and Dr. Mehmet Gunal, Acting Deputy Undersecretary, State Planning Organization of Turkey, for Standing Committee for Commercial & Economic Cooperation of OIC (COMCEC) read out their messages/statements.

Agenda Item No. 6

Report of the Chairman of the 12th Council of Ministers (COM)

H.E. Prof. Dr. Şükrü Sina Gürel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, in his capacity as the Chairman of the 12th COM, presented a report on the COM's proceedings to the Summit **Annex-IV**.

Agenda Item No. 7

Report of the Secretary General

H.E. Ambassador Seyed Mojtaba Arastou, Secretary General of ECO, made a statement, highlighting the important activities of the Organization since the 6th ECO Summit held in Tehran on June 10, 2000 and the future plan of actions of the Organization. A copy of his statement is placed at **Annex-V**. The Summit appreciated the achievements of the Organization.

Agenda Item No. 8

Report of ECO Business Forum (EBF)

The Summit took note of the report alongwith the recommendations made by the ECO Business Forum (EBF), organized jointly by ECO and ITC on October 11, 2002 in Istanbul on the sidelines of the 7th Summit.

The meeting also welcomed the EBF's proposal that the ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO-CCI) should have a permanent Secretariat. In this regard, the President of the Union of Chambers of Commodity Exchanges of Turkey offered to host the permanent Secretariat of ECO-CCI in Turkey.

Agenda Item No. 9

Any other business

No issue was raised under this item.

Agenda Item No. 10

Date and venue of the next meeting

The meeting agreed with the offer made by H.E. the President of the Republic of Tajikistan to host the 8th ECO Summit in 2004. The date and the venue of the meeting will be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Agenda Item No. 11

Consideration and adoption of the Istanbul Declaration 2002

The Summit adopted the Istanbul Declaration 2002 as recommended by the 12th Council of Ministers, held on October 12, 2002 in Istanbul. The text of the Istanbul Declaration 2002 is placed at ***Annex-VI***.

Agenda Item No. 12

ECO Awards

Chairman of the Summit, H.E. Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey, distributed the ECO Awards 2002 among the recipients belonging to the Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Uzbekistan.

Agenda Item No. 13

Closing of the meeting

The Heads of State/Government/Delegation expressed profound gratitude to the President and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and warm hospitality extended to the delegations. They also expressed deep appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Secretary General of ECO and his able staff for the successful conduct of the meeting.

Chairman of the meeting, H.E. Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey, with his concluding remarks, declared the meeting closed.
