

# The 5<sup>th</sup> Summit

## Report

(Almaty, 11 May, 1998)

The Fifth Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) was held at Almaty on 11 May, 1998.

The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and attended by H.E. Mr. Burhanuddin Rabbani, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, H.E. Mr. Artur Rasizade, Prime Minister of the Azerbaijan Republic, H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr. Askar Akaev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rakhmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Saparmurat Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan and H.E. Mr. Islam Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan. H.E. Mr. Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO also attended the Meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex I**,

### **Agenda Item No.1**

#### Inaugural Ceremony/Election of Chairman

H.E. Mr. Saparmurat Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan, in his capacity as the Chairman of the previous Summit opened the Meeting and invited H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to take over the Chairmanship. The Chairman's election was applauded as an expression of unanimity and followed by welcoming remarks of the President and playing of National Anthem of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

### **Agenda Item No.2**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the Agenda of the Fifth ECO Summit Meeting as recommended by the Council of Ministers. The text of the Agenda is placed at **Annex II**.

### **Agenda Item No.3**

#### Statements by the Heads of State/Government

The Heads of State/Government delivered their statements in alphabetical order. The texts of the statements are placed at **Annex III**.

### **Agenda Item No.4**

#### Statements by the Representatives of International Organizations

H.E. Mr. Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary of the UN ESCAP read out the message of the UN Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan. The Executive Director of UNICEF and the Deputy Director General of UNESCO delivered their statements. The UNDP Resident Representative also made a statement on his own behalf and on behalf of other UN Agencies participating in the Summit. Copies of the messages/statements addressed to the meeting and the copy of the message of OIC Secretary General are placed at **Annex IV**.

### **Agenda Item No.5**

#### Report of the Chairperson of ECO Council of Ministers

H.E. Mr. Kassymjomart Tokaev, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of

Kazakhstan, in his capacity as the current Chairman of the ECO Council of Ministers, presented a Report to the Summit Meeting. The text of his report is placed at **Annex V**. The Meeting thanked the Council of Ministers and its Chairman for the hard work done. It particularly noted with satisfaction the adoption and signing of the main text of the Transit Transport Framework Agreement (TTFA), MOU on Cooperation Against Smuggling and Customs Frauds among the ECO Member States and the Charter of ECO Educational Institute.

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

##### Report of the Secretary General of ECO

H.E. Mr. Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO presented a Report on the activities of the Organisation since the Fourth Summit Meeting followed by an Extraordinary Summit Meeting both held in Ashgabat in 1996 and 1997 respectively. The text of the Report of the Secretary General is placed at **Annex VI**.

In his intervention following the Report of the Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Islam Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan expressed the view that efforts should be focused on implementation of agreed projects and programmes in the priority areas in order to accelerate the pace of regional economic cooperation.

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

##### Consideration and Adoption of the Almaty Declaration

The Meeting adopted the Almaty Declaration as recommended by the Council of Ministers during its Eighth Meeting held in Almaty on 9 May, 1998. The text of Almaty Declaration is placed at **Annex VII**.

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

##### Any Other Business

No issue was raised under this Agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item No.9**

##### Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The Heads of State/Government accepted with thanks the offer of the Kyrgyz Republic to host the Sixth ECO Summit Meeting in Bishkek in the first half of the year 2000.

#### **Agenda Item No.10**

##### Vote of Thanks and Closing Address by the Chairperson of the Fifth Summit Meeting

The Heads of State of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr. Seyed Mohammad Khatami, the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel and the Republic of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Islam Karimov expressed their profound thanks on behalf of all the delegations to the President and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to the delegations. They also expressed their appreciation to the Secretary General of ECO and his staff for their valuable services.

The Chairman of the Meeting, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, made his concluding remarks and declared the meeting closed.

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