

The 3rd Summit

Report

(Islamabad, 14-15 March, 1995)

The Third Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held in Islamabad on 14-15 March, 1995.

The Meeting was attended by H.E. Professor Burhanuddin Rabbani, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, H.E. Mr. Hassan Hassanov, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr. Nigmatjan Isingarín, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Askar Akaev, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, H.E. Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmonov, President of the Republic of Tajikistan, H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Saparmurad Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan and H.E. Mr. Saidmuhtar Saidkasimov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The Meeting was also attended by H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Secretary General of ECO.

H.E. Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, Secretary General of OIC, and H.E. Mr. Rafeuddin Ahmed, Personal Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations also representing ESCAP, UNDP and UNDCP and Mr. Richard Reid, Director Public Affairs of UNICEF participated in the Meeting as special guests.

Opening of the Meeting (Agenda Item-1)

The Meeting commenced with the playing of the National Anthem of Pakistan followed by recitation from the Holy Qur'an.

Election of the Chairperson (Agenda Item-2)

H.E. Mr. Suleyman Demirel, President of the Republic of Turkey proposed the name of H.E. Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to be Chairperson for the Meeting. The proposal was seconded by H.E. Mr. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Thereupon H.E. Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto Prime Minister of Pakistan was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Meeting.

Inaugural Speech by H.E. the Prime Minister of Pakistan (Agenda Item-3)

H.E. Mohtrama Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan made a statement in her capacity as the host to the Third ECO Summit meeting and as head of the Pakistan delegation. The text of her statement is placed at **Annex I**.

Adoption of the Agenda (Agenda Item-4)

The Agenda of the Third ECO Summit meeting was adopted is attached at **Annex II**.

Statements by the Heads of State/Government (Agenda Item-5)

The Heads of delegations made statements. The texts of their statements are placed at **Annex III**.

Statements by Representatives of International Organizations (Agenda Item-6)

The Representatives of the International Organizations also addressed the Summit Meeting. The texts of their statements are placed at **Annex IV**.

Report of the Chairman of the Special Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (Agenda Item-7)

H.E. Sardar Aseff Ahmad Ali, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Special Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers presented a report to the Summit Meeting on the outcome of the Special Meeting of the Council. The report is placed at **Annex V**.

Report on ECO Activities by the Secretary General (Agenda Item 8)

H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Secretary General of ECO presented a report on the activities of the organization for the past year. The text of the report of the Secretary General is placed at **Annex VI**.

Any Other Business (Agenda Item-9)

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting (Agenda Item-10)

The Summit Meeting concurred with the recommendation that the annual Summit Meetings be held concurrently with the annual meetings of the ECO Council of Ministers and unanimously accepted the offer of H.E. Mr. Saparmurad Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan to host the Fourth ECO Summit meeting along with the Sixth Annual Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers in early 1996. The Meeting asked the ECO Secretary General to coordinate mutually convenient dates for the two events with the host Government and the Member States.

Consideration and Adoption of the Joint Communiqué(Annex VII**)and Islamabad Declaration (Agenda Item-11)**

The Third ECO Summit Meeting adopted the Islamabad Declaration with new para-12 in pursuance of the discussions of the leaders during their “retreat” at Daman-e-Koh. The final text of the Islamabad Declaration is placed at **Annex VIII**.

Signing Ceremonies (Agenda Item-12)

The signing/initialling of the following instruments was witnessed by the Third ECO Summit Meeting:

i) ECO Transit Trade Agreement

Signed by:

- Republic of Azerbaijan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Kazakhstan

- Kyrgyz Republic
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Republic of Tajikistan
- Republic of Turkey, and
- Turkmenistan

ii) Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for the Businessmen of ECO Countries

Signed by:

- Islamic State of Afghanistan
- Republic of Azerbaijan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Republic of Turkey, and
- Turkmenistan.

iii) The Agreement and Articles of Association of the ECO Shipping Company

Signed/ Initialed by:

- Islamic State of Afghanistan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and
- Turkmenistan.

iv) The Agreement and Articles of Association of ECO Air

Signed/ Initialled by:

- Islamic State of Afghanistan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and
- Turkmenistan.

v) Articles of Agreement of the ECO Trade and Development Bank

Signed by:

- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and
- Republic of Turkey.

vi) MOU on ECO Reinsurance Company

Signed by:

- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and
- Republic of Turkey

vii) Charter of the ECO Cultural Institute

Signed by:

- Islamic State of Afghanistan
- Republic of Azerbaijan
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Kazakhstan

- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Republic of Tajikistan
- Republic of Turkey, and
- Turkmenistan.

viii) **Charter of the ECO Science Foundation**

Signed by: All Member States.

ix) **MOU for Cooperation between ECO and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Signed by:

- H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Secretary General, ECO, and
- H.E. Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Associate Administrator, UNDP.

x) **MOU for Cooperation between ECO and the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP)**

Signed by:

- H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Secretary General, ECO, and
- Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Under-Secretary General of the United Nations Organization Personal Representative of the Secretary General.

Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting (Agenda Item-13)

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks offered by H.E. Mr. Saparmurad Niyazov, President of Turkmenistan on behalf of all participating delegations.

Joint Press Conference

After the Summit Meeting the participating leaders jointly addressed a Press Conference.

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