



ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION (ECO)
SECRETARIAT
(TEHRAN)

Amendments to the Basic Documents of ECI



Report of the working group to CPR

In pursuance of the decision on item no. 12 of the report of the 144th CPR meeting held on 8th February 2009, regarding the proposed amendments in the rules and structure of the ECO Cultural Institute, a meeting of the working group was held on 2nd March, 2009. The meeting was attended by representatives from Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, and Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the relevant staffs of ECI.

After thorough deliberations, the Working Group made the following recommendations that:

- 1) There, it was a need for establishment of an independent CPR for ECI and in this regard, the W.G recommended the following amendments to the Charter and the Rules of procedure of ECI:

Amendment to article III of the Charter of ECI:

- 2) The Council of Permanent representatives of ECI member states (ECI-CPR)

It comprises of Ambassadors/ Permanent Representatives of ECI member states. The Eco member states who have signed the Charter of ECO Cultural Institute may attend the meetings of the council as observers till the time they become accredited members.

Amendment to the chapter I of the Rules of Procedure:

- C) **ECI Council of Permanent Representatives (ECI-CPR)**
 - I) Council of permanent representatives of ECI shall meet under the chairpersonship of the representative of the Member State holding the chairpersonship of the Board of Trustee of ECI.
 - II) ECI-CPR meeting will be preferably held back to back with ECO CPR.

III) The ECI-CPR will carry out the following functions:

- a) It shall be responsible on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Cultural Institute to implement its decisions and carry out its policies.
- b) Report to the Board of Trustees on all policy related issues and matters referred to it by BOT.
- c) Consider the budget and audit reports of the Institute and recommend them to the BOT for approval.
- d) Advise/ recommend to the Regional Planning Council on the cultural functions of the Institute and other technical matters referred to it by the RPC.
- e) Review all the reports of the Institute.
- f) Prepare the draft agenda and expedite other arrangement for the RPC and BOT meetings
- g) Monitor follow up action on decisions of the RPC.
- h) Matters of certain urgency such as annual budget, implementation of approved project or programmes, convening of urgent ad-hoc expert meetings, change on the date or venue of certain meetings or programmes and etc...

II) The W.G also recommended that ECI-CPR meeting should preferably be held back to back with ECO CPR.

- 2) Regarding the title of Executive Director, WG agreed to leave it unchanged. It was however agreed that in the absence of the president of ECI due to any reasons or emergencies, the functions and authorities of the president should be exercised by the Executive Director. However for such a situation intimation to ECI-CPR will be mandatory. WG also felt that a procedure maybe evolved whereby the consent of ECI CPR meeting is necessary for such transfer of functions and authorities.
- 3) Regarding ECI Staff, WG requested the ECI Secretariat to prepare an organogram on the basis of functions of the existing staff strength and provide the existing staff strength alongwith their salary structure. The WG further requested the Secretariat to also explain in detail the

proposed changes in the ECI Organizational Chart and give full justification for the proposed increase in the staff strength and their salaries.

- 4) Considering the secondment of the staff for ECI by the member states, WG agreed that the member states may second staff to ECO Cultural Institute with the approval of the ECI-CPR for a specified time for ECI projects. However, such staff shall be paid by their respective governments.
- 5) Regarding the advanced payment of salary and other emoluments, the existing rules and procedures of ECO should be applied, mutatis mutandis, to the officials of the ECI.
- 6) Regarding the adjustment of the DSA in ECI staff, within the ECO Region, WG recommended the relevant rules of the ECI shall be the same as those applicable to the ECO Secretariat.
- 7) Due to paucity of time, WG pended consideration and deliberation of other items and decided that the remaining items will be reviewed in its next meeting.