

The 10th Council of Ministers

Procedures for appointment of SG - DSG

(Tehran, 08 June, 2000)

Annex-VI

Recommendations of the Council of Permanent Representatives to the Council of Ministers on Appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretaries General and Scale of Assessment for Contributions to the ECO Secretariat's Budget

Pursuant to paragraphs 21, 22, 23 and 25 of the Ninth Meeting of the Council of Ministers (Baku, 18-21 May 1999) which asked the Council of Permanent Representatives to present its recommendations to the 10th Meeting of the Council of Ministers, Permanent Representatives discussed the new rotation formula and the new scale of assessment at length in a number of meetings and recommended the following at the 44th Meeting of CPR.

New Rotation Formula

1. Appointment of the Secretary General shall be effected within the framework of rules and regulations governing the organization, including Para 2 of Article 9 of the Treaty of Izmir, and Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the ECO Staff Regulations as well as procedures for the appointment of the Secretary General that were approved by the 9th Meeting of the Council of Ministers.
2. From the year 2000, the post of the Secretary-General shall rotate between the group of Founding Members and the other group of Member States. Accordingly, each group will have the post of Secretary General for one full term (3 years) on rotational basis. Election of the Secretary General from among the candidates of two groups shall be on the consensus principle and rotation. This formula of rotation will remain effective till the year 2015, after which a new rotation formula will be decided by consensus.
3. During the term that the post of Secretary General goes to one of the Founding Members, two posts of Deputy Secretaries General shall go to the other Founding Members and one to a Non-Founding Member. Method and procedures for appointment shall be in accordance with the standing regulations of ECO.
4. During the term that the post of Secretary General goes to a Non-Founding Member, three posts of the Deputy Secretaries General shall go to the Founding Members.
5. Considering the current sensitive and transitional situation, for the term 2000-2003, the post of the Secretary General shall go to the Islamic Republic of Iran (Founding Member) with the understanding that for the term 2003-2006, the post of Secretary General will go to Kazakhstan (Non-Founding Member). Appointment of the Secretary General for subsequent terms will be on rotation basis, as indicated in Para 2.

New Scale of Assessment

6. Member States agreed that the new scale of contribution to the budget of ECO shall be as follows:

- 66% of the budget shall be paid by the Founding Members (22% each)
- 34% of the budget shall be paid by Non-Founding Members (according to the UN Scale of Assessment)
- The scale of contribution shall come into effect from January 2004.
- The use of present formula of 75%+25% will be extended for the period 2000-2003.