

The 1st Council of Ministers

Statement of H.E. Mr. Alireza Salari ECO Secretary General

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*Mr. Chairman,
Excellencies
Dear Brothers & Sisters,*

It is indeed a great honour and pleasure for me to welcome the distinguished Ministers and their delegations from The Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey to this esteemed gathering.

May I congratulate the member governments that with their good will finally the present Ministerial Council is convening after a period of 14 years?

I am sure under the able chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Velayati the honourable Foreign Minister we shall, enshallah, have a most constructive and fruitful deliberations.

Fortunately, This important Council is in a position to channel the joint efforts of member countries for the speedy implementation of ECO aims and objectives and future programs. In order to put the many years old dreams and aspirations into a living reality a hard work and concentration is in dire need, as is meant by the famous proverb "no pain no gain".

At this point I would like to thank the member countries and specially the honourable ministers in their kind considerations towards ECO Secretariat.

I pray to Allah for the success of this session and hope significant decisions will be taken for the real progress of ECO region, in whose prosperous destiny I firmly believe and have complete faith.