



*222nd Meeting of the
Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)*

Report

*24th July, 2017
ECO Secretariat - Tehran*

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The 222nd CPR Meeting was held on Monday 24th July 2017 at the ECO Secretariat, Tehran. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Khan Durrani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Iran. It was attended by the Permanent Representatives/Representatives of all ECO Member States except Kyrgyz Republic, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan. The ECO Secretary General along with concerned officials of the Secretariat also attended the Meeting. The list of participants is enclosed as *Annex-I*.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda

2. The Council adopted the following Agenda of 222nd CPR Meeting for deliberations:

Agenda

1. *Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 222nd CPR Meeting*
2. *Adoption of the Draft Report of the 221st CPR Meeting*
3. *Preparations for holding the nextg (28th) RPC Meeting at Ministerial-level in December 2017 in Islambaad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan*
4. *Follow-up to the decisions of 22nd COM Meeting and 13th Summit: New Scales of Assessment and ECO Reforms*
5. *Authorization of the CPR for signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with "TEPAV" and "SESRIC" for Capacity Building Activities on Economic Research and Statistics through utilizing of available facilities of both Organizations and with United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSS)*
6. *Re-allocation of Savings from the "ECO Region ICT needs Study" approved by 192ndCPR for preparation of ECO Region ICT Strategy and Action Plan 2025*
7. *Special Conference on Afghanistan*
8. ~~*Participation of Turkish Cypriot State at the 2nd Board of Trustees Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization Educational Institute (ECO EI) in its capacity as Observer (Deleted)*~~
9. Administrative matters:
 - (a) *Continued discussion on the post of Programme Officer of Project, Economic Research and Statistics*
 - (b) *Recommendations of the Selection Panel*
10. *Any other business*
11. *Date of the next CPR Meeting*

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Draft Report of 221st CPR Meeting

3. The Council adopted the Draft Report of the 221st CPR Meeting contained in the document ECO/CPR/221/2 (21st June 2017) which was circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No.CFU/CPR/221 Meeting/2017/756 dated 21st June, 2017.

Agenda Item No.3

Preparations for holding the next (28th) RPC Meeting at the Ministerial level in December in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

4. The matter was discussed in the 220th CPR Meeting and it was decided that the ECO Secretariat may take-up the issue with the relevant authorities in Pakistan for

holding the 28th RPC Meeting at the Ministerial-level in Islamabad (Pakistan). Accordingly, the Secretariat took up the matter for the purpose vide its Note Verbale No. CFU/RPC/28th Meeting/2017/603 dated 4th May 2017. The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Tehran conveyed the concurrence of the Ministry of Planning and Development of Pakistan for hosting the 28th RPC Meeting in Islamabad vide its Note Verbale No. ECO-7/28/2017/03 dated 22nd June 2017. It also requested the ECO Secretariat for provision of technical and financial support along with suitable dates for holding the said Meeting in Pakistan.

5. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Pakistan* informed the Council that the decision of Pakistan for holding of 28th RPC meeting has been conveyed, through a Note Verbale, to the ECO Secretariat with the request to communicate the details so that these could be forwarded to the authorities in Pakistan for further processing.

6. Deputy Secretary General Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi taking the floor informed about the receipt of Pakistan Embassy's Note Verbale conveying concurrence for holding the 28th RPC Meeting in Pakistan. He proposed 11th - 14th December 2017 for holding the 28th RPC Meeting.

7. The ECO Secretary General also proposed holding of "*Special Conference on Afghanistan*" on the last day of the RPC Meeting. He also informed about the proposal of the Minister of Development of Pakistan to have a special session on "*Sustainable Development Goals*".

8. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Afghanistan* informed the Council that their position remains the same as of last CPR and requested the ECO Secretariat to hold the Special Conference in an appropriate way.

9. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* proposed that in case of inability of Pakistan to hold the "Special Conference on Afghanistan" it can be held at the ECO Secretariat, Tehran. However, the Ministers can utilize the 2nd half of the last day of RPC Meeting for Special Conference on Afghanistan, subject to Pakistan's concurrence.

10. After deliberations the Council decided holding the 28th RPC Meeting on 11th - 14th December 2017 in Islamabad (4 days affair: 3 days for SOM/Sectoral Meetings and one day for the Ministerial Meeting). The Council also looked into the financial aspects of the RPC Meeting and for ensuring the maximum participation in the 28th RPC Meeting, decided that the ECO Secretariat may bear the travel expenses of 1+4 delegates of each Member State from the Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF). Moreover, the Secretariat will also request the authorities in Pakistan to accord local hospitality (accommodation and local travel) to the participants of the Member States during the 28th RPC Meeting.

11. The Council also asked the ECO Secretariat for preparation of "**Agenda for the 28th RPC**" as early as possible so that it could also be discussed/finalized in the next (223rd) CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No.4

Follow-up to the decisions of 22nd COM Meeting and 13th Summit: "ECO Reforms" and "Scales of Assessment"

12. The 22nd COM Meeting held in Islamabad on 28th February 2017 directed/instructed the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) to finalize the issues of "*New Scales of Assessment*" and "*ECO Reforms*" at the earliest, preferably within four months. The 220th CPR Meeting decided to establish a Working Group of Experts to discuss these issues in detail and come up with recommendations in order to

comply with the COM instructions in the given timeframe. The Council also approved inclusion of the issue raised by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran for follow-up of the 22nd COM Report by the same Working Group.

13. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 2nd July 2017 as informal discussions due to non-achievement of quorum. The Working Group report was circulated by the ECO Secretariat vide its Note Verbale No. Reform process/SoA/2017/783 dated 4th July 2017. The next (2nd) meeting of the Working Group was scheduled to be held on 17th July 2017; however, quorum (as deemed necessary by CPR) was not established and the meeting was postponed. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran vide its Note Verbale No.624/363/4647206 dated 15th July 2017 (circulated among the Member States) also proposed that the next Meeting of the "Working Group" be convened once the Secretariat receives the responses and positions of Member States.

14. Deputy Secretary General (TC & PERS) informed the Council that as decided in the 221st CPR Meeting, the ECO Secretariat tried its best to hold at least two Working Group's meetings. However, due to lack of quorum, the Secretariat had postponed the first meeting once and then again quorum was not achieved but it was decided to at least have some kind of informal consultations. The Secretariat issued Minutes of the informal meeting to the Member States.

15. The Chairman of the Working Group Mr. Imran Haider stated that as informed by the Deputy Secretary General due to lack of quorum, first scheduled meeting of the Working Group had to be cancelled once and on next date only four Member States participated. However, it was decided to at least have some informal consultations. The Member States, who have not done so, were requested for provision of their official positions enabling the Working Group to make headway on both the issues of Scales of Assessment and ECO Reforms.

16. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* proposed that after receipt of official positions of the Member States on both the issues, discussion may be held at the CPR level.

17. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Tajikistan* informed that both the issues are being considered in the capital and the official position in this regard will be conveyed to the ECO Secretariat preferably in the next CPR meeting.

18. The ECO Secretary General informed the Council about his meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Tehran. He said that the meeting was very fruitful and that he expects some response from Kazakhstan. He further said that the Secretariat would formally approach the Member States with the request to submit their official positions on the issues of (i) "Scales of Assessment" and (ii) "*ECO Reforms*" at the earliest.

19. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* taking the floor stated that the Council knows the importance of the issue of Scales of Assessment for the smooth functioning of this Organization. He said we should discuss within ourselves about the '*mechanism*' as how to finalize this issue. He further mentioned that the Ministers in Islamabad have given the responsibility to the CPR to finalize these issues within the timeframe of 4 months. He stated that every Member State has its own problem but we must also cater to the future of this Organization.

20. The Council decided that the Working Group may continue its deliberations on both the issues: (i) "Scales of Assessment" and (ii) "*ECO Reforms*". The CPR Chairman

also appealed to the delegates of the Member States who have not yet submitted their written position to do so as early as possible enabling the Working Group to submit its progress report in the next CPR meeting.

Agenda Item No.5

Authorization of the CPR for signing the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with 'TEPAV and SESRIC for Capacity Building Activities on Economic Research and Statistics through utilizing of available facilities of both Organizations' and United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

21. Discussion on signing of three MoUs with **(i)** "*Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)*" and "*United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSS)*", **(ii)** "*Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)*" and "*Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)*" and **(iii)** "*Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)*" and "*Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)*" was going on since 219th, 220th and 221st CPR meetings. In 221st CPR Meeting it was decided to take-up the same Agenda Item of signing of three MoUs with UNOSS, SESRIC and TEPAV in the next CPR meeting, as a package.

22. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* said that a Note Verbale with proposed amendments in the MoU to be signed with TEPAV has been sent to the ECO Secretariat and after incorporation of these amendments, ECO Secretariat may sign the MoU with TEPAV.

23. After deliberations, it was decided that the ECO Secretariat will take up the matter of signing of MoU with TEPAV, with the amendments proposed by the Iranian side and submit the same agenda item in the next CPR meeting.

Agenda Item No.6

Re-allocation of Savings from the "ECO Region ICT Needs Study" approved by 192nd CPR for preparation of ECO Region ICT Strategy and Action Plan 2025

24. During 1st ECO Ministerial Meeting of ICT (Tehran, November 2012), the ECO Secretariat was asked to approach the CPR for allocation of US\$ 30,000 from the FGPF fund for conducting "*Feasibility Study to identify the needs for development of ICT and Telecommunication Infrastructure connectivity and services in the ECO Member States*". In line with the mandate given by ECO Ministers of ICT, the Secretariat approached the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to solicit the possibility of financing of an International Consultant by the ITU which was accepted and the Study was completed, as a result of which ECO Secretariat was able to make a saving of about US\$19000. Subsequently, on the request of ECO Secretariat the ITU also financed an additional study (2nd phase) on some ICT applications for ECO Member States for submission to the 2nd ICT Ministerial scheduled to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in early December 2017.

25. In order to benefit from the ECO ICT Ministerial Meeting (scheduled in December 2017) and to utilize the Study for implementation, ECO Secretariat planned to prepare a ECO Region ICT Strategy and draft program of Action 2025 for the consideration and approval of the ECO Ministers of ICT. Therefore, the ECO Secretariat intends to utilize the already saved amount without requiring any new or additional funds for hiring an International Consultant for the job. Accordingly, the remaining saved amount from the Project is around US\$19,000, for which the CPR was requested to authorize utilization of US\$9,000 for paying-off the fee of the International Consultant.

26. Director for Transport and Communications Mr. Mohsen Esperri briefed the Council by stating that as indicated in the above mentioned paras (24 & 25), the

Secretariat was mandated to undertake a Feasibility Study on ICT development and cooperation among Member States and a sum of US\$30,000 was allocated for this purpose. He said that, upon approach by the ECO Secretariat, ITU agreed to conduct the Feasibility Study free of charge and as a result there was a saving of US\$19,000/-. The Director further informed the Council that ECO Secretariat has planned to prepare ECO Region ICT Strategy and draft Program of Action, through an International Consultant, and in this regard sought CPR's approval for utilization of US\$9,000/-.

27. The Council approved utilization of US\$9,000/- from Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) for the purpose.

Agenda Item No.7

Special Conference on Afghanistan

28. The initiative of "ECO Special Conference on Afghanistan" was proposed by RPC and supported by the 13th ECO Summit. The purpose of the Conference is to have high-level policy discussions on how Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) may continue its support to Afghanistan. The Conference is envisaged to focus on two principal themes: (i) "Evaluation of the ECO existing support programmes for Afghanistan" and (ii) "New ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan". The Conference was first scheduled for October 2016 and then again in May 2017 in Kabul. However, in both the cases, it was postponed due to lack of quorum.

29. At the 221st CPR meeting, Deputy Secretary General (Admn) Seyed Jalaedin Alavi and the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan briefed the Council, in detail, about the Conference. After the briefing, the CPR Chairman requested the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to approach the authorities in the capital for having the final views to be formally communicated to the ECO Secretariat about venue and/or organizing it with some other activity. The Chairman also opined that importance of Special Conference on Afghanistan should not be diluted and the Conference must be held in Afghanistan. He said that it may have been postponed due to lack of quorum but the Member States could be pursued to play active part for the construction projects in Afghanistan. The Council decided to discuss the said agenda in the next (222nd) CPR Meeting.

30. The issue was discussed under Agenda Item No.3 above. It was agreed that the Islamic Republic of Pakistan may consider the possibility of holding the Conference in the afternoon of 14th December 2017 with the participation of Ministers attending RPC Meeting.

Agenda Item No.8

Participation of Turkish Cypriot State at the 2nd Board of Trustees Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization Educational Institute (ECO-EI) in its capacity as observer

31. The Council decided to delete this agenda item with the view that CPR's approval is not required for attending the BoT Meeting of ECO-EI.

Agenda Item No. 9

Administrative matters

a. Continued discussions on the post of Programme Officer of Projects, Economic Research and Statistics

32. The issue is constantly being discussed in 208,209,210,211 and 212th CPR meetings. During 213th CPR meeting, Pakistan proposed that "*this particular post of Research Officer was discussed between Iran and Pakistan and Pakistan agrees allocation of the*

post to ECO Member State(s) which is not represented in the Secretariat, especially the Central Asian Republics". Iran consented to provide an Expert for the position to the Secretariat on secondment (temporary) basis (for three month period) till the resolution of the issue.

33. In the 220th CPR Meeting, Deputy Secretary General (TC & PERS) gave a detailed briefing to the Council. However, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** informed that as already committed, Iran can provide an Expert to the Secretariat on secondment till the reform process is completed and that Iran requires more time for further consultations in order to come-up to a conclusion. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Pakistan** reiterated its stance taken in 213th CPR meeting that the post could be allotted to ECO Member States(s) which is not represented in the Secretariat especially the Central Asian Republics. Moreover, the Representative also observed that views of the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran for provision of an Expert on secondment seems doable but said that it will be an adhoc arrangement; therefore, we may look into a permanent solution of the issue.

34. In the 221st CPR Meeting, the CPR Chairman requested the Representatives of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** and **Pakistan** to continue their consultations and convey the outcome in the next CPR meeting.

35. The Deputy Secretary General (TC & PERS) informed the Council about the important position of Programme Officer of Projects, Economic Research and Statistics in the Secretariat, which is vacant for the last 1½ years, and requested the Council for early finalization of the discussion to fill the vacant post so that the work of the Secretariat may not be further hampered.

36. The CPR Chairman urged the concerned parties for early finalization of their consultations.

b. Recommendations of the Selection Panel

37. The Council was informed that the Selection Panel meeting was held on 24th July 2017 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Imran Haider, Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Council, on the recommendations of the Selection Panel, approved the following:

(i) Director for Project & Economic Research and Statistics (PERS) (Category-I, D2)

Extension in tenure of Mr. Akim Urmantayev (*Kazakh national*) as Director for Project & Economic Research and Statistics (PERS) (Category-II, D2), till arrival of his replacement effective from 9th July 2017. As per Article 6.4 of Staff Regulations, the CPR also considered, absent Council of Ministers meeting, and as per practice, COM approval through circulation.

(ii) Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet (Category-I, D1)

Appointment of Mr. Duran Simsek (*Turkish national*) as Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet (Category-I, D1) for a term of three years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat.

(iii) Assistant Director for Administration (Category-I, D1)

Appointment of Mr. Hosseinali Darvishi Motevalli (*Iranian national*) as Assistant Director for Administration (Category-I, D1) for a term of three years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Hamid Reza Anousheh who will complete his extended term of appointment on 22nd September, 2017.

- (iv) **Research Officer for Agriculture, Industry and Tourism (Category-II, P3)**
Appointment of Ms. Nasrin Esmaeili (*Iranian national*) as Research Officer for Agriculture, Industry and Tourism (Category-II, P3) for a term of four years effective from the date of her joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Akbar Khodaei who will complete his term of appointment on 19th October, 2017.
- (v) **Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P2)**
Appointment of Mr. Muhammad Ahmed Raza (*Pakistan national*) as Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P2) for a term of four years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Ghulam Nabi who will be completing his tenure on 4th November 2017.
- (vi) **Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P1)**
Appointment of Mr. Amjad Saeed Abbasi (*Pakistan national*) as Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P1), for a term of four years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Javed Ali who will be completing his tenure on 2nd November 2017.
- (vii) **Programme Officer for Transport & Communications (Category-II, P1)**
Appointment of Ms. Bayan Adilbekova (*Kazakh national*) as Programme Officer for Transport and Communications Directorate (Category-II, P1) for a term of four years effective from the date of her joining the Secretariat replacing Ms. Zukhra Abisheva.

38. The Selection Panel further recommended that in case of pending nominations, extension should not be open-ended and certain deadline should be specified.

39. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* while approving the recommendations of the Selection Panel said that the unpaid contribution by Kazakhstan should also be settled. He further requested Republic of Kazakhstan for nomination of a suitable/qualified candidate on the position of Director (PERS) within three month time.

40. The Representative of the Republic of *Kazakhstan* on the financial issue said that Kazakhstan has already provided its position in the 13th ECO Summit and 22nd COM held in Islamabad. As far as extension of Mr. Akim Urmantayev is concerned, the Representative stated that this is not the first time that the terms of extension has remained open as it was done earlier for others also in the ECO Secretariat.

41. Deputy Secretary General (Admn) Mr. Seyed Jalaledin Alavi clarified that the recommendation of the Selection Panel on the "pending nominations" is a general one and does not address nominations by any specific Member States. As regards the deadline for "pending nominations", he recalled that in the working group on EPG recommendations/amendments to the Staff Regulations, the 4-month deadline had been raised which may be used for this purpose.

42. Deputy Secretary General (Admn) further informed the Council that as per Article 6.4 of the Staff Regulations, extension of Directors shall be approved by the Council of Ministers. In the absence of COM meeting and as per practice, the COM approval may be sought through circulation. He also reminded that as per requirements set forth by the host country (*Iran*), all newly appointed staff shall approach *Iran's* Embassies/Consulates General at least three weeks before departure to Tehran.

43. After deliberations, the Council approved all the recommendations made by the Selection Panel.

Agenda Item No.10

Any Other Business

44. Under this agenda, the Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* brought to the notice of the Council that a Note Verbale has been sent to the ECO regarding submission of List of Events 2017 to be financed/supported from the Special Support Fund (SSF) for approval by CPR. He said that the said Note Verbale has not been circulated among the Member States. The Representative further mentioned that though the Calendar of Event 2017 was principally agreed but allocation of SSF was not decided and requires approval by the CPR as per SSF modalities.

45. Deputy Secretary General (TC&PERS) replying to the query made by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed that the same issue was discussed in 217th and 218th CPR meetings where it was recorded in paras 17 and 18 of 217th and 218th CPR Meetings that everything was agreed minus three venues of the events so it was construed that the List of Events 2017 to be supported from SSF as approved. The same position was conveyed by the Secretariat to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran through a Note Verbale Vide No. CFU/CoE 2017/2017/790 dated 6th July 2017. He further informed that the Secretariat circulated the proposed List of Events to be supported from the SSF vide Secretariat's Note Verbale dated 22nd December 2016 and it was understood that all the events to be supported from SSF are approved. The Deputy Secretary General, however, said that still if the CPR feels that a separate approval is required then the Secretariat can bring the List of Events to be supported from SSF in the next CPR for approval.

46. After deliberations, the Council decided that the ECO Secretariat may bring the List of Events to be supported from the Special Support Fund (SSF) for discussion and approval by the CPR in the next meeting.

47. Under this agenda item, Director for Project & Economic Research and Statistics (PERS) of ECO Secretariat Mr. Akim Urmantayev, briefed the Council for holding of "*5th Meeting of ECO Permanent Steering Committee for Economic Research (PSCER)*" and "*4th Meeting of ECO Economic Journal Editorial Board (EJEB)*" at ECO Secretariat in 2017. He said that last meetings were held in December 2015 in Ankara (Turkey). He said that these meetings were included in the Calendar of Events for 2016 and the 27th RPC meeting noted that if the meetings are not voluntarily held by any Member States, they may be convened at the ECO Secretariat and be financed from ECO Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF). These meetings are also included into the Calendar of Events for 2017 and to be supported from ECO Special Support Fund (SSF) as well. A Background Paper on the issue was also circulated during the CPR meeting.

48. Director (PERS) said as none of the Member States has volunteered to hold the subject meetings despite the fact that they are partially covered by ECO Secretariat through SSF (for travel expenses) and as decided by 27th RPC meeting, the Secretariat proposed to hold these meetings at the ECO Secretariat. For ensuring the quorum, it was proposed to cover the lodging expenses of the participants of the meetings.

49. Considering the budgetary constraints of the Secretariat, the ECO Secretary General asked if the Iranian Government could offer utilization of Iranian Foreign Office Guest House for the participants of the above mentioned meetings. The Representative of

the Islamic Republic of *Iran* said that the matter can be considered by the Iranian authorities once a formal request is received from the ECO Secretariat.

50. The Council agreed to hold the meetings once the relevant arrangements are finalized.

51. Deputy Secretary General (TC & PERS) informed the Council that the UNGA Session is scheduled from 19 - 29 September 2017 and as there is no immediate decision to be submitted for Ministers approval, therefore, proposed to hold an "Informal COM Meeting" on the sidelines of UNGA in New York.

52. The Council decided to organize an "Informal COM Meeting" on the sidelines of the UNGA.

53. Under this agenda item, the Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* appreciated the efforts of ECO Secretariat and the Iranian Government for holding the ECOPOL related Workshop on "Combating Narcotic Drugs" " which was a very useful and practical one.

Agenda Item No.11

Date of the next CPR meeting

54. The Council decided to convene its next (223rd) Meeting on Tuesday 5th September, 2017 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat Tehran.

55. While concluding the meeting, the CPR Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to the distinguished Permanent Representatives/Representatives of all ECO Member States for their participation and valuable contribution in the Meeting.

56. At the end of the CPR Meeting, the Council warmly welcomed Mr. Mohammad Nazem Razavi, Mayor of Kashan. In his welcome remarks, the Secretary General said that it was a great honour to host the authorities of Kashan Municipality in the ECO Secretariat. The Secretary General also thanked the Mayor of Kashan and the people for provision of a beautiful traditional 'ARCH' which has been designed at the entrance of the ECO Secretariat.

57. The Mayor of Kashan while thanking the ECO Secretariat for providing him an opportunity to attend the CPR Meeting referred to the potential capacities in Kashan for possible cooperation with ECO, including in tourism and handicrafts.

58. On this occasion, gifts were exchanged between the ECO Secretary General and Mayor of Kashan as well as with the CPR Chairman. The gifted 'ARCH' by the Mayor of Kashan, designed at the entrance of ECO Secretariat, was also inaugurated.

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