



*223<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the  
Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)*

*Report*

*13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017  
ECO Secretariat - Tehran*

## Report

The 223<sup>rd</sup> CPR Meeting was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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 Turkmenistan. 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 223<sup>rd</sup> CPR Meeting for deliberations:

#### Agenda

1. *Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 223<sup>rd</sup> CPR Meeting*
2. *Adoption of the Draft Report of the 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting*
3. *Preparations for holding the next (28<sup>th</sup>) RPC Meeting at the Ministerial level on 11-14 December 2017 in Islamabad (Pakistan) – (continued)*
4. *Follow-up to the decisions of 22<sup>nd</sup> COM Meeting and 13<sup>th</sup> Summit: “New Scales of Assessment” and “ECO Reforms”. (continued)*
5. *Informal Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting to be held in September in New York on the sidelines of 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly session:*
  - (a) *Draft Agenda*
  - (b) *Organizational Matters*
6. *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 with United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSS). (continued)*
7. *Allocation of US\$ 10,000/- from the Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) for partial financing of the International Expert for ECO Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)*
8. *Approval of the Lists of Events/Meetings and Conferences/Workshops/Seminars/Training courses to be supported/financed from Special Support Fund (SSF)*
9. *Administrative and financial matters:*
  - (a) *Audit Report 2016*
  - (b) *Continued discussions on the post of Programme Officer of Projects, Economic Research and Statistics*
  - (c) *Recommendations of the Selection Panel*
10. *Any other business*
11. *Date of the next CPR Meeting*

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### **Agenda Item No.2**

#### Adoption of the Draft Report of 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting

3. Draft Report of the 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting contained in the document ECO/CPR/222/2 (31<sup>st</sup> July 2017) was circulated to the Member States vide Secretariat’s Note Verbale No. CFU/CPR/222<sup>nd</sup> Meeting/2017/892 dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

4. The Islamic Republic of Iran proposed amendment in Para 31 of the Draft Report of 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting vide its Note Verbale No. 624/362/4674386 dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 which was circulated among the Member States vide ECO Secretariat Note Verbale No. CFU/CPR/222<sup>nd</sup> Meeting/2017/1012 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017.
5. After deliberations, the Council decided adoption of the Draft Report of 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting without any amendment.

### **Agenda Item No.3**

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

6. 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting decided for holding the 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in Islamabad (Pakistan) (4 days affair: 3 days for SOM/Sectoral Meetings and one day for the Ministerial Meeting). For maximum participation in the 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting, the Council also 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 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting. The Council further asked the ECO Secretariat for preparation of Draft Agenda of the 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting as early as possible so that it could also be discussed/finalized in the next (223<sup>rd</sup>) CPR Meeting.

7. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Pakistan* briefed the Council stating that as per discussion during the last CPR Meeting, the matter was referred to the concerned Ministry in the capital. He said that as far as the Agenda of the 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting is concerned, concurrence in this regard has just been received from the concerned quarters in Pakistan and it is being formally communicated to the ECO Secretariat today. The Representative further informed about the proposal regarding provision of local hospitality to the participants of 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting by stating that the matter has been discussed and hopefully information would be received within a couple of days which will be communicated to the ECO Secretariat accordingly.

8. The Chairman CPR while thanking the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for providing the update on the 28<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting scheduled to be held on 11 - 14 December 2017 in Islamabad asked the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for making efforts for issuance of '*Invitation Letters*' by the Pakistani Minister of Planning to his counterparts Ministers of the Member States as early as possible. He further requested the distinguished participants of the meeting for starting the preparations of the upcoming RPC Meeting accordingly.

### **Agenda Item No.4**

#### Follow-up to the decisions of 22<sup>nd</sup> COM Meeting and 13<sup>th</sup> Summit: "*ECO Reforms*" and "*Scales of Assessment*"

9. The 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting decided that the Working Group may continue its deliberations on both the issues: (i) "*Scales of Assessment*" and (ii) "*ECO Reforms*". The delegates of the Member States were requested, who have not yet submitted their written position on both the issues, to do so as early as possible enabling the Working Group to submit its progress report in the next (223<sup>rd</sup>) CPR meeting.

10. The ECO Secretary General briefed the Council that after the last CPR meeting, the Secretariat has formally received responses from *Uzbekistan* and *Tajikistan*. He said that Uzbek position has already been circulated among the Member States and response from Tajikistan will also be circulated.
11. The Ambassador of the *Kyrgyz Republic* informed the Council that the response received from the capital has already been sent to the ECO Secretariat.
12. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Pakistan* and Chairman Working Group informed the Council that as decided in the last CPR (222<sup>nd</sup>) Meeting, once official stated positions of all the Member States are received, the Working Group meeting will be held accordingly. However, due to non-receipt of official positions from all the Member States, the Working Group meeting could not be held.
13. The Representative of the Republic of *Azerbaijan* informed the Council that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan is coordinating with different departments and the final position of Azerbaijan in this regard has not yet been finalized. However, he reiterated that for present Azerbaijan retained the same position presented during the 13<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. He further expressed his views by stating that the forthcoming Informal COM Meeting will be a very good platform for the Secretariat to discuss the issues of Scales of Assessment and ECO Reform in New York.
14. While thanking the views expressed by the distinguished members of the Council, the Chairman CPR said that we have to report to the forthcoming Informal COM Meeting in New York and to get fresh instructions for further deliberations/discussions by the CPR with regard to Scales of Assessment and ECO Reforms. Therefore, as desired by the Chairman CPR, the Secretariat proposed the following language to be submitted for seeking COM's approval:

*"In compliance with the decision of the 22<sup>nd</sup> COM Meeting in Islamabad to resolve the issues of (i) Scale of Assessments and (ii) ECO Reforms, the CPR formed a Working Group to deliberate and finalize these issues. Meetings were held and except for three Member States, the Secretariat has received the stated positions of seven Member States. Therefore, approval of COM is sought to authorize the CPR to continue deliberations on these issues for finalization at the earliest."*

15. The Council approved the language proposed by the Secretariat for seeking fresh instructions from the forthcoming Informal COM Meeting in New York.

#### **Agenda Item No.5**

**Informal Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting to be held in September in New York on the sidelines of 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly session:**

##### **a. Draft Agenda etc.**

16. The 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting decided to organize an "*Informal COM Meeting*" on the sidelines of 72<sup>nd</sup> UN General Assembly Session. The ECO Secretariat circulated the following Draft Agenda of the Informal COM Meeting vide its Note Verbale No. CFU/COM/Informal Meeting /NY/ 2017/906 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017:

### **Draft Agenda**

1. *Opening Remarks/Statement by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers*
2. *Adoption of the Agenda*
3. *Report by the ECO Secretary General on State of Affairs in ECO*
4. *Ministerial Exchange of views on regional and global developments*
5. *Any issues in need of Guidelines/instructions/decisions by COM*
6. *Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting*

#### **b. Organizational Matters**

17. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Pakistan* briefed the Council by stating that being the current Chair of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM), Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the UN in New York has been making arrangements for holding the Informal Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers on the sidelines of 72<sup>nd</sup> Session of the UNGA at the UN Headquarters, Conference Room No.9 on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 from 1500 to 1800 hours. He said that the ECO Secretariat has already circulated the said information to the Member States. He further said that the Permanent Mission of Pakistan in New York has requested provision of contact details of relevant focal persons to liaise with them about the forthcoming Informal COM Meeting. He requested the distinguished Member States for early confirmation of participation in the Meeting from those who have not done so as well as provision of list of Focal Persons with contact details.

18. Deputy Secretary General (TC&PERS) Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi informed the Council that the ECO Secretariat has received a Note Verbale No. TRNC/2017/56942 dated 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 stating that a delegation from the Turkish Cypriot State would like to participate in the Informal COM Meeting scheduled to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on the sidelines of 72<sup>th</sup> Session of UN General Assembly in New York in its capacity as "ECO Observer".

19. The Council appreciated the briefing and approved the Draft Agenda of the forthcoming Informal COM Meeting to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 on the sidelines of 72<sup>th</sup> Session of UNGA in New York. The Chairman CPR also requested the distinguished participants of the Meeting for early confirmation of participation in the Informal COM Meeting in New York.

20. The Council also approved the participation of Turkish Cypriot State in its capacity as "Observer", in the Informal COM Meeting in accordance with the ECO Modalities for Granting Observer and Dialogue Partnership Status.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6**

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 219<sup>th</sup>, 220<sup>th</sup> and 221<sup>st</sup> CPR Meetings. In the 222<sup>nd</sup> CPR

meeting 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.

22. The ECO Secretary General briefed the Council stating that as decided in the last CPR Meeting, the matter was taken-up with authorities of TEPAV who agreed with the amendments in MoU proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran. He said that all MoUs are now ready for signatures. He further added that arrangements are being made to sign the MoU between "*Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)*" and "*United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSS)*" during the forthcoming visit to New York and sought CPR's formal approval in this regard.

23. The Council considered and authorized the ECO Secretariat for signing of three MoUs with (i) "*Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)*" and "*United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSS)*" (*preferably during the ECO Secretariat delegation's visit for Informal COM Meeting in New York*), (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)*"

#### **Agenda Item No.7**

Allocation of US\$ 10,000/- from the Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) for partial financing of the International Expert for ECO Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

24. The ECO Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction has been drafted by experts from the ECO Member States, assisted by the ECO Secretariat with the technical support from ESCAP. The Regional Framework will be finalized in an experts' group meeting and to be approved by the 8<sup>th</sup> ECO Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction, both scheduled to be held by the end of 2017 in Turkey.

25. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has been financing some activities related to this process and allocated an amount of US\$34,000 for organization the Experts Group Meeting for ECO Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction held on 26-28 October 2016 in ECO Secretariat. The Bank has also allocated an amount of US\$37500 to finance 6-month salary and international travel cost of an international expert to assist ECO Secretariat in finalization of the Regional Framework. The international expert is supposed to work in the Secretariat from October 2017 to March 2018 and as per discussions with the IDB, it is envisaged that ECO Secretariat will cover the costs of accommodation and internal transport of the international consultant which is estimated US\$9000 (1500 per month).

26. Deputy Secretary General (Admn) Seyed Jalaledin Alavi briefed the Council by stating that this is a very important project and the Secretariat is in the process of finalizing the draft Regional Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the context of the UN-SENDAI framework. He said that the IDB has assisted in the project by allocating around US\$70,000 from which some money has been spent in organizing Experts Group meeting to discuss and finalize the first draft and said that the next meeting is expected to be held in October 2017 in Turkey to finalize the draft. He said that the IDB has also agreed in acquiring the services of an International Expert for six months to help the ECO Secretariat for finalization of

Regional Framework. Deputy Secretary General further informed that the IDB has proposed that the ECO Secretariat may make arrangements for accommodation for the Expert for a period of six months. An amount of US\$9000/- has been estimated besides keeping an amount of US\$1000/- for contingency purposes. Therefore, approval of CPR is sought for allocation of US\$ 10,000/- from the Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) for partial financing of the International Expert for ECO Regional Framework

27. The Council considered and approved US\$10,000 (including US\$1000 for contingency purposes) from the Feasibility and General Purpose Fund (FGPF) as ECO's contribution for the said activity.

**Agenda Item No.8**

**Approval of the Lists of Events/Meetings and Workshops/Seminars/Training courses to be supported/financed from Special Support Fund (SSF)**

28. Two Lists of Events/Meetings and Conferences/Workshops/Seminars/ Training Courses to be supported/financed from Special Support Fund (SSF) were circulated to the Member States vide Secretariats' Note Verbale No. CFU/CoE 2017/2017/474 dated 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 for discussion /approval by the CPR Meeting.

29. Deputy Secretary General (PERS) Mr. Ahsan Ali Mangi briefed the Council that the 27<sup>th</sup> RPC Meeting approved the Calendar of Events where some events are to be funded from Special Support Fund. After the approval of Calendar of Events from the 22<sup>nd</sup> COM Meeting, it was presumed that all events including events to be supported from SSF have been approved and the lists were circulated among the Member States. However, during the last CPR (22<sup>nd</sup>), the Member State(s) asked the Secretariat for re-circulation of the List of ECO Events to be supported from SSF for approval by CPR. He said that in compliance with the decision of CPR, the list was circulated by the Secretariat to the Member States and is now submitted for CPR's approval.

30. After protracted deliberations on the concerns shown by the Member States in the List of Events, the Council decided to defer this agenda item to be taken-up in the next CPR (224<sup>th</sup>) meeting and asked the Secretariat to prepare the List of all Events to be supported from SSF, mentioning dates and venues and re-circulate to all the Member States for consideration and approval in the next CPR (224<sup>th</sup>) meeting. Moreover, the Council approved the events to be organized/attended from SSF until the next (224<sup>th</sup> CPR) Meeting.

**Agenda Item No.9**

**Administrative and Financial Matters**

**a. Audit Report 2016**

31. The ECO Audit Board conducted audit of the ECO Secretariat for the financial year 2016 during 16-19 May, 2017. The Audit Report along with the comments of the Secretariat were circulated to the Member States vide its Note Verbal No. ACC/Audit/2017/758 dated 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017.

32. The Chief Accountant of the ECO Secretariat briefed the Council about the Audit Report 2016. He said that observations raised by the Audit Board are being

taken care-of by the ECO Secretariat and responses to these observations have already been circulated among the Member States.

33. The Council while appreciating the briefing by the Chief Accountant on Audit Report 2016 recommended for its formal approval by the next Council of Ministers (COM). The Council also appreciated the work done by the ECO Audit Board in preparation of Audit Report 2016 of the Secretariat.

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

34. The issue was being discussed continuously in 208, 209, 210, 211 and 212<sup>th</sup> CPR meetings. During 213<sup>th</sup> 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. However, the Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Pakistan** reiterated its stance taken in 213<sup>th</sup> 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.

35. In the subsequent CPR meeting, the Deputy Secretary General (TC & PERS) gave a detailed briefing the Council about the important position of Program Officer of PERS Directorate which is vacant for the last 1½ years and requested the esteemed Member States to look into the matter for a permanent solution of the issue so that the work of the Secretariat may not be further hampered. The CPR Chairman also requested the Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan for early finalization of their consultations and convey the outcome in the next CPR meeting.

36. The Council, with concurrence of concerned parties (*Pakistan and Iran*), decided that the ECO Secretariat may circulate the post of Programme Officer (PERS) among the under-represented Member States of the Central Asian States with the request for nomination of suitable candidates for the post of Programme Officer (PERS) *within a period of three months*. The issue will be taken-up again by the CPR *if nomination for the said post is not received within the stipulated timeframe*.

**c. Recommendations of the Selection Panel**

37. The Council was informed that the Selection Panel meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 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 Transport & Communications (Category-I, D2)**  
Appointment of Mr. Ahmad SAFFARI (*Iranian national*) as Director for Transport & Communications (Category-I, D2) for a term of three years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Mohsen ESPERI.



- (ii) **Programme Officer for Human Resources and Sustainable Development (Category-II, P3)**  
Appointment of Mojtaba FARAJI (*Iranian national*) as Programme Officer for Human Resources and Sustainable Development (Category-II, P3) for a term of four years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Javad HEIDARI who will complete his term of appointment on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
- (iii) **Russian Interpreter (Category-II, P3)**  
Renewal of tenure of Ms. Aynur Mammadova (*Azerbaijani national*) as Russian Interpreter (Category-II, P3) for another term of four years effective from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.
- (iv) **Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P1)**  
Appointment of Mr. Mohammad Akbar Azizi (*Afghan national*) as Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P1) for a term of four years effective from the date of his joining the Secretariat replacing Mr. Shir Aqa Hamidi.

38. Moreover, due to upcoming Regional Planning Council (RPC) Meeting (*11-14 December, 2017 at Islamabad*), the Council, *as an exception*, further extended the tenure of Mr. Mohsen ESPERI, (*Iranian national*) as Director for Transport & Communications from 4<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December 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.

39. The Selection Panel has recommended that “following decisions on appointments for the posts, the incumbents may continue until the date of joining by the appointed staff. However, extensions to this effect should not exceed four months”.

40. The Council recommended that once the appointment of a candidate for a particular post is approved then he/she should join the Secretariat in time and the person, whose successor has been selected, should be relieved of his duties in the ECO Secretariat upon completion of term. The Council advised that ECO Secretariat may strictly adhere to the Rules and Regulations for appointment(s) in the ECO Secretariat in letter and spirit.

#### **Agenda Item No.10**

##### **Any Other Business**

41. Under this agenda item, the Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* brought to the attention of the Council about the following two meetings:

- (i) Third Ministerial Meeting on Tourism and 5<sup>th</sup> High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting on Tourism scheduled to be held on 27-29 September 2017 in Istanbul; and
- (ii) Meeting of the “Joint Working Group for drafting an ECO Trade Facilitation Agreement” scheduled to be held on 4 - 5 October 2017 in Ankara.

42. The Ambassador urged the distinguished participants of the Member States in the meeting for approaching the concerned authorities in the respective capitals for confirmation of participation in the above meetings as early as possible. On

enquiry by the ECO Secretary General for participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the Meeting, the Ambassador informed that upto now formal communication has not yet been received but hoped that they will participate in the meeting and, as per practice, will approach the ECO Secretariat accordingly.

43. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Uzbekistan* taking the floor stated that according to the approved Scale of Assessments, the current share of the financial contribution of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the ECO budget is 8.98%. He said that the basis for calculation of Uzbekistan's share in the earlier formula could not be ascertained and Uzbekistan neither represented nor occupy any, including senior position, in the ECO Secretariat. The Ambassador said that the Representatives of Uzbekistan participate in various events of the Organization on strictly personal invitation of the ECO Secretariat and the host countries without using ECO Special Support Fund. Moreover, the cost of air tickets is also not reimbursed. He said that Uzbekistan is considering the possibility of full participation in the Organization's activities as well as signing and ratification of agreements within the framework of ECO. However, the Ambassador said the uncertainty in the shares of membership fees is an obstacle to the full attendance and cooperation of the Republic of Uzbekistan within the framework of Organization as well as paying due share of contributions.

44. The Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan said that taking into account the above, the Uzbek side requests the ECO Secretariat and the Representatives of Member States to positively consider the issue of writing-off, in full, the so-called accumulated debts of Uzbekistan to the budget of the ECO.

45. The Representative of the Republic of *Azerbaijan* reacting to the request of the Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey*, confirmed Azerbaijan's participation in the Third Ministerial Meeting on Tourism and 5<sup>th</sup> High Level Experts Group (HLEG) Meeting on Tourism scheduled to be held on 27-29 September 2017 in Istanbul and formal communication will be communicated to the ECO Secretariat as soon as received.

46. The Representative asked the Secretariat for circulation of the formal request of *Republic of Uzbekistan* regarding Scale of Assessments enabling the Embassy to forward the same to its capital for consideration.

#### **Words of Thanks**

47. The Council appreciated the dedicated services of out-going Assistant Director (Admn) Mr. Hamid Reza Anousheh during his tenure in the ECO Secretariat.

#### **Agenda Item No.11**

##### **Date of the next CPR Meeting**

48. The Council decided to convene its next (224<sup>th</sup>) Meeting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 1000 hrs** at the ECO Secretariat - Tehran.

49. While adjourning 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.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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- Ms. Zahra Badaghi, Administrative Assistant

**The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan:**

- Mr. Javid Musayev, Counsellor

**The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran:**

- Mr. Abolghasem Tahmasebi, Director of ECO Affairs and Multilateral Economic Organizations Department
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