Annex - V

As Endorsed by 19th RPC
For Approval by CPR

Modalities for the Establishment of Regional Centres and Specialized Units and Grant of Affiliation to Non-ECO Bodies and Organizations

Definitions:

1. **Regional Centres**
   Any Specialized Institution, Agency, Body of the ECO, having its own Charter, Rules of Procedure and a well defined Sphere of Activity and Autonomy.

2. **Specialized Units**
   Unit established for a specific purpose to function within the Organizational Structure and under supervision of the Secretariat, for a specified period of time.

3. **Affiliated Bodies**
   Any Independent Public or Private Sector Organization, Institution, Agency or Body, having its own Governing document, Rules and Regulations, a well defined Sphere of Activity and Autonomy granted Affiliation by the ECO.

PART-I

Modalities for Establishment and Categorization of ECO Regional Centres

ECO Regional Centres are classified into two categories:

Category A:
Those agencies, which are already operational or whose charter has been under negotiations for sometime, and for which contribution either is being made by member states, or would be made in future. These agencies are at the core of ECO's agenda.

For such institutions, the cost of establishing the centre (capital expenditure, including building, etc.) should be borne by the host countries, while cost of running the institution (day to day expenses as well as programmes and activities) should be borne by member states which sign up to its charter according to the formula finalized through negotiations.

Category B:
Those agencies that are not central to the Organization's core objectives. Their establishment may be governed by the modalities prepared by the ECO Secretariat (annex-I). A member state may propose to establish a centre, or have a centre already established linked to ECO by adhering to these modalities.

PART II

Modalities for the Establishment of Specialized Units

Specialized Units may be established with approval of the COM or CPR, when the Secretariat or a Member State(s) believe that there is important or highly technical issue which requires regional coordination and cooperation.

Specialized Units will be established on the premises of the Secretariat and will work under the supervision of the Secretariat (the ECO regulations like Staff Regulation or Rules of Procedure would be applicable to the units).

Specialized Units will be project oriented entities and will serve as operational arms of the Secretariat for implementation of Special and High Priority programmes and projects.

A Specialized Unit may be discontinued/abolished upon completion of a project or after a fixed period of time or may be expanded/converted/elevated to a regional institution or specialized agency if the activity pursued by it gains a sustainable momentum and proves beneficial for the region.

Recruitment of staff for manning a Specialized Unit maybe considered and decided upon by CPR on case to case basis.

PART III

Modalities for Granting Affiliation to Non ECO Bodies and Organizations

The ECO may grant Affiliation to any Organization, Body or Institution both in public and private sectors, that may wish to affiliate with ECO, or with which ECO Secretariat may wish to establish linkages.

Affiliation may be granted subject to the condition that it will only entail financial commitments that can be met from the ECO Secretariat/Institute concerned, purely on voluntary basis.

Affiliation may be granted upon submission of a simple application by the institution to ECO Secretariat, to be approved by the Council of Permanent Representatives.