

The 3th RPC Meeting

Statement by the Head of the Delegate from the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Annex-III

In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

*Excellencies
Honorable Guests*

I am glad to welcome not only the presence of brothers who are old members and founders of ECO, but the arrival of brothers who are the new members of ECO in the Third Session of Planning Council.

I wish you have a pleasant time during this session in Tehran and I hope we have useful achievements in order to reach the sublime aims of ECO at the end of this session.

Excellencies,

This session sets up at a time that a great turning point has happened in the life of this organization. Joining seven new members to ECO family has create a region with 6 million Km extend and nearly 300 million populations. With great politic and economical changes in the world in recent years, now, we can feel more than ever, the need for coordination and cooperation between different countries of the world. So, all the ECO member countries with historic, geographic, political and religious commons have to participate in creation of an Islamic common market in this sensitive region of the world.

*Excellencies,
Honorable Audience*

ECO member countries with potential economic capacity and their nations will to obtain economic developments, have very favorable backgrounds to comply with sublime aims of their nations. Only in this manner members active participation and cooperation could act as an accelerative factor.

Islamic Republic of Iran look at ECO as a leverage for moving the economic wheels of the region and will not withhold any efforts to strengthen and cooperation with this organization because we are on this belief that Moslem nation destiny of this region in development and perfection is in pledge of these participation and cooperation.

With a quick look to the cooperation trend of this organization during the recent years, we come to this conclusion that fortunately with member countries cooperation, the suggested different economic projects are implementing increasingly which reflect the willingness of member countries to promote the commercial and economical cooperation between them for welfare and exaltedness of the nations of the region.

To increases ECO's special committees, pursuit to the establishment of different special organizations of ECO, like Development and Commercial Bank of ECO, re-insurance

company, navigation company of ECO, to suggest establishment of ECO airline, reflect the member countries interest to make this organization more active. Now, with newly joint members, this organization enjoys special importance not only in regional but in global level. Islamic Republic of Iran believe that there is no way to make this organization more fruitful except increasing the cooperation specially in commercial and economical fields. But just here it must be taken in to consideration this important point that, hereafter in choosing different designs and projects, regional priorities must be in mind and design a general strategy for ECO in a way that with this strategy, determined objects during a time-tabled period could be obtained. Now, there are different and scattered projects within different special committees which have to put in one framework, that is the same original strategy of ECO and act on the basis of priorities.

*Excellencies,
Honorable Audience*

Meanwhile I welcome again the presence of new members in this session. I hope with sympathy and cooperation and suggesting new projects, we would be able to prepare useful recommendations for future session of ECO in Islamabad.