

## The 1<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting

### PAKISTAN COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION

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*Annex-XIII*

Pakistan's comments on the Turkish proposal are as under:

#### I. All activities envisaged in the Amended Izmir Treaty relating to the Industrial collaboration should be pursued to their successful completion.

Regarding the observation made in the Turkish paper on excessive proliferation of activities resulting in serious bottlenecks in the efficient functioning of the ECO, the address of Pakistan's representative at the meeting of the Council of Deputies (February 17-18, 1991) also contained a similar observation. There is also a need that organizational matters should be reviewed and made more effective in achieving the objective of this organization. The action plan proposed by the Turkish side is reflective of the thinking of all ECO member states. In this connection, it is proposed that member countries should also identify private sector interested parties for such joint ventures which are economically viable. This exercise should also be completed before mid-March each year. It is felt that without effective participation of the private sector it would not be possible to achieve the desired level of industrial development of ECO countries.

Pakistan is of the view that it may not be possible to hold more than one meeting a year of the Technical Committee. It is, therefore, suggested that only one meeting should be held each year.

We have already conveyed the level of our participation in the Technical Committees. The participation on the sub-groups could be on the level of Director/Deputy Director General/Deputy Secretary to the Government.

#### II. For promoting industrial and technical cooperation among the ECO countries, Pakistan proposes that the following measures may be taken:

- i) Detailed country papers giving the economic background of the three countries may be prepared by the Secretariat of the ECO or any specialized agency in the respective countries. These papers may be circulated to the Ministries of Industries and Chambers of Commerce & Industry of the respective countries.
- ii) Detailed market surveys may be conducted for selected sectors/commodities with a view to establish new joint ventures considering the entire market of the three countries as the potential market.
- iii) The three countries should specially concentrate on cooperation in the capital goods industry. The technical institutes should exchange information on the know-how and technology available within these three countries so that the entire region under the ECO may benefit from the know-how available with any of them.
- iv) There should be cooperation within the various industrial research and consultancy institutes in the three countries so that research studies may be undertaken with the help of each other. The Secretariat of ECO should

- maintain a complete list of various technical institutes within the region so that the information available in one country may be availed of by the industrial sector in the other country.
- v) Economically and technically viable projects for joint ventures should be identified by the professional experts of the three countries.
  - vi) There is a special need for cooperation in the field of technology so that the three countries may be benefited by each other's experience. Arrangements will have to be made for setting up an institutional framework in various industries, like iron and steel, electronics, petro-chemicals, etc.

**III. From Pakistan's point of view we can offer our services in the following industries:**

- a) Iron and Steel Industry.
- b) Agricultural Machinery
- c) Construction Industry
- d) Textile Industry
- e) Sugar Industry
- f) Cement Industry
- g) Medical Apparatus and Equipment.

Pakistan has attained the capability of supplying various types of machinery including cement and sugar plants, re-rolling mill plans, small furnaces etc.

**IV. Regarding TUMOSAN, the study on the project was assigned to IACP. The Report on the study has been submitted to ECO.**

Pakistan is of the view that trilateral discussions on this report should be held under the umbrella of the ECO Committee for Technical and Industrial Cooperation to determine the market potential for TUMOSAN diesel engines and the feasibility or otherwise of trilateral collaboration in this field.