

The 1st Ministerial Meeting

on Transport & Communications

Report

(Almaty , 25-27 October, 1993)

The meeting of the Ministers of Transport of ECO member states was held in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, on 25-27 October, 1993, with the participation of all member states of ECO. The representatives of the Islamic Development Bank, ESCAP and Russian Federation also participated as special guests. The list of participants is at **Annex-I**.

AGENDA ITEM 1:

INAUGURATION OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Isingarín, Minister of Transport of Kazakhstan.

AGENDA ITEM 2:

ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

3. H.E. Mr. N. Isingarín was unanimously elected as Chairman of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3:

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

4. The meeting adopted the Agenda, which is placed at **Annex.II**.

AGENDA ITEM 4:

COUNTRY STATEMENTS BY LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS

5. The leaders of the delegations made their country statements. Those statements which were given to the Secretariat in written text are enclosed at **Annex.III**.

AGENDA ITEM 5:

APPOINTMENT OF THE DRAFT COMMITTEE

6. The meeting constituted a Draft Committee. The list of delegates of the Draft Committee is attached as **Annex.IV**.

AGENDA ITEM 6:

CONSIDERATION OF AN OUTLINE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

7. It was decided to constitute the following five Working Groups for the preparation of the Outline Plan for the Development of the Transport Sector:

- Working Group on ECO Road Network.
- Working Group on ECO Railway Network.
- Working Group on ECO Multimodal Transportation.
- Working Group of ECO Air Services.
- Working Group on ECO Shipping and Port Facilities.

8. The meeting finalized the Outline Plan for the Development of the Transport Sector in the ECO region for submission to the ECO Committee on Transport and Communications for its consideration and final submission to the Regional Planning Council and the ECO Council of Ministers during their forthcoming meetings. The Outline Plan is attached as **Annex V**.

AGENDA ITEM 7:

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9. A proposal regarding the expansion of ECO Road Network was presented by the delegation of Islamic State of Afghanistan. It was recommended that this proposal as well as the proposal of any other member state in this regard may be discussed in the forthcoming meeting of the ECO Committee for Transport and Communications. Another proposal was submitted by the delegation of Kazakhstan. The two proposals are at **Annex VI**.

AGENDA ITEM 8:

ADOPTION OF THE REPROT

10. The report of the meeting was unanimously adopted.

CLOSING SESSION.

11. During the Closing Session, H.E. Mr. Asygat A. Zhafagin, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan and H.E. Mr. Shamshad Ahmad, Secretary General of ECO made statements, which are attached as **Annex VII** and **VIII**.

12. The delegations expressed their gratitude and thanks to the Republic of Kazakhstan for organizing the meeting in an excellent manner and for extending warm hospitality. The meeting also thanked the Islamic Development Bank for facilitating the holding of the meeting.