



228th Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

Report

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The 228th CPR Meeting was held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 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 and attended by the Permanent Representatives/Representatives of all ECO Member States. 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. Under this agenda item, the ECO Secretary General proposed addition of a new item under Agenda Item No.4 - Administrative Matters” - *“Temporary appointment of Programme Officer”* in the ECO Secretariat. The Council adopted the following Agenda of 228th CPR Meeting for deliberations:

Agenda

1. *Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 228th CPR Meeting*
2. *Adoption of the Draft Report of the 227th CPR Meeting*
3. *Preparations for 23rd Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting preceded by Senior Officials Meeting on 16-17 April 2018 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (continued)*
4. *Administrative Matters:*
 - (a) *Recommendations of the Selection Panel*
 - (b) *Temporary Appointment of Programme Officer*
(proposed by the ECO Secretary General for addition of this sub-agenda)
5. *Any other business*
6. *Date of the next CPR Meeting*

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Draft Report of 227th CPR Meeting

3. The Council adopted the Draft Report of the 227th CPR Meeting circulated to the Member States vide Secretariat’s Note Verbale No. CFU/CPR/227th Meeting/2018/277 dated 26th February 2018 along with amendments proposed by the Republic of *Turkey* in paragraph 17 of the Draft Report.

Agenda Item No.3

Preparations for 23rd Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting preceded by Senior Officials Meeting on 16-17 April 2018 in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

4. The 23rd Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting preceded by Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) is scheduled to be held on 16-17 April 2018 in Dushanbe (Tajikistan). The Council in its 227th Meeting decided that **PrepCom** may hold more sessions often in order to complete its mandate and devise a clean text of *“Dushanbe Communiqué”* and expeditious finalization of issues of Scales of Assessment, ECO Reforms as well as discuss New ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan.

5. Deputy Secretary General Mr. Kanan Nazarov briefed the Council about the present status of participation by the Member States in the forthcoming 23rd COM Meeting in Dushanbe. He said that until now the Secretariat has officially received confirmation from the Islamic Republic of *Iran* and *Pakistan*. The Secretariat has sent a list of international organizations to the host authorities in Tajikistan for their participation in the forthcoming 23rd COM and hoped the host will inform the Secretariat

about the Special Guests as well as other invitees soon. Deputy Secretary General further informed that five sessions of PrepCom have been held and highlighted that Afghanistan has consented to the inclusion of "*ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan*" as an item in the 23rd COM Draft Agenda. Moreover, Uzbekistan proposed amendments in "Agenda Item 8" of the 23rd COM which have already been made by the Secretariat. Furthermore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Cypriot State requested for renewal of "*Observer Status*" to ECO, as per modalities, which will expire in October 2018. Deputy Secretary General said all these issues are submitted for consideration by the Council and then inclusion in the Draft Agenda of 23rd COM.

6. The CPR Chairman appreciated the briefing by Deputy Secretary General and opened the floor for further discussion by the distinguished members of the Council on the under mentioned items.

(a) Draft Dushanbe Communiqué

7. The Co-Chair of PrepCom Mr. Imran Haider, Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan briefed the Council about deliberations in PrepCom Meetings on agenda items consisting of (i) *Draft Dushanbe Communiqué*, (ii) *Scales of Assessment and Reforms*, (iii) *Draft Agenda of 23rd COM* and (iv) *ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan (EAPA)*. He said by fourth session, PrepCom had broadly agreed to about 80% of the text of Dushanbe Communiqué, however, in the fourth session some additional paras from Member States were added in the text and after that PrepCom Meeting headed towards deadlock due to: *firstly*; inclusion of political paras to which some of the Member States objected and *secondly*; some of the Member States were of the view that no other economic paras except those related directly to ECO should be included in the Communiqué. In these circumstances, one of the Member States asked to put all the text in '*bracket*' and after that, no deliberation took place.

8. With regard to the Scales of Assessment and Reforms, the Co-Chair informed that due to non-receipt of inputs from some of the Member States the issue is still pending and as far as Draft Agenda of 23rd COM is concerned, the Council may consider views/suggestions. On the Afghanistan issue, instructions from the respective capital are still to be received by the Member State.

9. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* taking the floor suggested that the Secretariat may help the Member States in providing proposed outline/directions for discussion and finalization of Draft Dushanbe Communiqué. He said it had also been experienced in the past that due to having different views, Member States could not achieve consensus, as the political issues remained dominant on economic issues, which is the main task of the Organization and due to this reason, Member States faced the same task in Islamabad. The Permanent Representative said it is the duty of the CPR to help and ease the work of the Ministers, as due to time constraint they may not be able to devote themselves to deal with this issue so we should submit them at least 95% clean text of the Communiqué. For submission of clean text of Dushanbe Communiqué to the Foreign Ministers in the forthcoming 23rd COM Meeting, we should concentrate on economic issues and the other issues between the Member States, which fall under the umbrella of ECO. The Permanent Representative said all the countries have their concerns and political sensitivity within the framework of foreign policies but leaving them aside and concentrating under the name of ECO we would surely be able to come-up to a conclusion on the Dushanbe text.

10. The Ambassador of the Republic *Tajikistan* said preparations/arrangements for 23rd COM Meeting are underway and waiting for the final agenda of the Meeting. He

informed until now *Afghanistan*, *Iran* and *Pakistan* have formally confirmed their participation and requested the remaining Member States for early confirmation of participation along with composition of their delegations. The Ambassador said hospitality details have been circulated to all the Member States as well as intending participating agencies/organizations these details may be kept in view. The Ambassador supported the proposal of the Permanent Representative of Iran for keeping the economic issues and withdrawing all the political issues from the Dushanbe Communiqué.

11. The Ambassador of the Republic *Kazakhstan* also supported the views expressed by the distinguished Representatives of *Iran* and *Tajikistan* to concentrate on economic issues and avoid discussion on political issues in the Dushanbe Communiqué. He also suggested some amendments to be discussed in the text of the Communiqué.

12. The Representative of the Republic of *Azerbaijan* appreciated the suggestions/views expressed by the Permanent Representatives of Iran, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan that the documents should be focused only on economic issues. In this regard, he said this is not the meeting of the Ministers of Economy rather it is a meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and furthermore there is no modality to restrict the Foreign Ministers to add their views in the text of the communiqué. During the PrepCom meetings, he said Azerbaijan delegation showed flexibility and adhered to compromised approach, however, when it was decided that approved paragraphs would not be revisited as after extensive deliberations, the PrepCom Meetings were successful in cleaning 85% of the text. However, on the contrary, paragraphs were once again put in brackets and still not being decided to remove brackets even three agreed economic proposals of Azerbaijan were also put in bracket. In this connection and due to non-achievement of consensus, the co-Chair of PrepCom was requested to adjourn the discussion on Communiqué and put the whole document in brackets.

13. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* first informed the Council that Foreign Minister of Turkey will also participate in the forthcoming 23rd COM Meeting in Dushanbe, unless nothing extraordinary happens and formal communication to this effect will follow in due course. While sharing his views on Draft Dushanbe Communiqué, he said that some political issues are hard to make distinction, therefore, have economic consequences or vice versa and should be looked with an open mind. He supported the views expressed by the Representative of Azerbaijan that this is not the meeting of Ministers of Economy rather the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and we should not limit ourselves purely on economic issues. If we want to address some of our concerns that are relevant to our interest, as a whole, that should be our starting point and suggestions that do not harm the interest but serving the interest of other member countries then we see no reason why to resist such suggestions as these have also economic consequences. The Ambassador said there is an agreed language and the recent document i.e. Islamabad Declaration can always be used as a reference. He also said our discipline is very important and may not start discussions on the already agreed language of the paragraphs, which is not a constructive approach. He was of the view that according to his impression the problem is not only related to political paragraphs but also some other issues such as economy, energy, trade, transport etc. and it is hard to understand reactions of other members on these proposals too. The Ambassador agreed to the views expressed by other distinguished Ambassadors to finish the work well before the meeting of ECO Foreign Ministers in Dushanbe, who due to time constraints may not be able to address this issue in detail. He further urged the delegates to make more efforts and hoped with the '*will*' as well as adopting a constructive approach will

be able to conclude this important task. The Ambassador said we do not want to impose anything on any other country or organization and intend to work together.

14. The *CPR Chairman* stated that it was a quite enriching discussion and the underlying point is that we have always reached a consensus whenever there are documents. He said there may be arguments and we are not new to the argument but at the end of the day the Member States have always succeeded in coming up to an agreed document so this has been the spirit of this organization. He said there may be differences in perceptions in the form and how to format the document one can go along with that. The Chairman requested those Member States who have strong reservations about their language/amendments proposed to the draft, which is a norm in the multilateral setting, they may informally negotiate in order to come up with an agreed language. Therefore, the settled issues/agreed language should not be reopened as this again been the norm in multilateral diplomacy and we do not have to reinvent the wheel unless there is substantive change in the ground situation. The Chairman, due to time constraints, requested the Member States who have strong reservations about the draft and feel strongly about their amendments may engage each other bilaterally and bring a consensus language as was done in last Summit and COM Meeting in Islamabad.

15. The *CPR Chairman* further observed that since the Foreign Minister are the decision makers of this Organization and thus discussion on political matters cannot be ruled out along with economic and other related issues. However, given the economic nature of cooperation of this Organization, it would not be prudent to bring all political issues along with economic issues for reflection in Dushanbe Communiqué. In this backdrop, the Chairman urged the Member States to wind up the proceedings of the Communiqué as the Council has to deliberate on other issues concerning the 23rd Com, *inter alia*, Scales of Assessment, ECO Reforms, Draft Agenda, ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan.

16. While appreciating the views expressed by the *CPR Chairman*, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* requested for developing a guideline mechanism for preparing communiqués and having a successful COM Meeting in Dushanbe. He mentioned that the same was happened during the last COM and Summit in Islamabad. When the leaders gather, they have the right in order to bring their positions and, of course, we are talking about COM and have the right to say their foreign policies. Coming towards the Hall he said this Hall also has the right to bring political issues but at the end of day what is the tangible outcome of this Organization and what is the essence of having this Organization and as CPR Chairman rightly mentioned if any country wants to bring the political issues, the respective Foreign Ministers could say anything they want. He said as far as he knows no political issue was found by him in the previous document and the Secretariat could help in this regard. For achieving a compromise on the issue, one/two paragraph(s) can be formulated. The Permanent Representative further suggested having three or four more meetings of PrepCom enabling it to conclude the text.

17. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of *Uzbekistan* taking the floor stated that having a lot to do as there are differences in approaches on the issue of Draft Dushanbe Communiqué. He supported the proposal for preparation of a document having consensus on economic issues rather than politicizing it. He supported the idea of the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* for having a mechanism in order to evolve a consensus document besides keeping the consideration of host country in view as we will be guests there. He said Uzbekistan's paragraphs have been provided to the Secretariat having exclusive economic and regional items aimed at regional integration. The Ambassador requested the Member States for their support and once

again reiterated that we should respect the host country and avoid politicizing the document.

18. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Kazakhstan* proposed some suggestions/amendments in the text of Draft Dushanbe Communiqué which were added in the document during the meeting.

19. On the proposal of **CPR Chairman** for convening of an Informal Meeting of the Permanent Representatives, the Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* proposed that the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* may prepare such paragraph(s) which could cover all the political issues of the Member States mentioned in the Draft Dushanbe Communiqué. This will enable to approach respective capitals for instructions as whatever has been proposed and require changes after the new paragraph(s) will be subject to the instructions from the capital.

20. The Representative of the Republic of *Azerbaijan* supported the proposal of the Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* for preparation of paragraph(s) on one page covering all the political issues. However, proposals of Azerbaijan that have been taken from the agreed text of Islamabad Declaration cannot be changed. He said whatever Iran will put in new paragraphs would be acceptable with the understanding that notion and wording will not be changed as the Islamabad Declaration has been adopted by the highest authorities of this organization.

21. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* promised to come up with new paragraph(s) keeping in view the concerns of political issues of all the Member States and hoped that the same will formally be sent to the ECO Secretariat for circulation to all the Member States and for further discussion in the Informal Meeting.

22. The Deputy Secretary General Mr. Kanan Nazarov sought Council's approval for participation by the Turkish Cypriot State as an Observer in the forthcoming 23rd COM Meeting for which the ECO Secretariat has received a formal request from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Cypriot State. The Deputy Secretary General also informed that the ECO Secretariat has total three Observers, therefore, the Council may also accord approval for other two Observer i.e. *(i) Cooperation Council of the Turkic Speaking States and (ii) Energy Charter Conference (ECC)*, upon their requests, for participation in the 23rd COM.

23. After protracted deliberations, the Council decided convening of an *Informal Meeting* to be attended by all Member States in order to mainly discuss and reach consensus on undecided draft paragraphs of Dushanbe Communiqué among some concerned Member States on *Monday 19th March 2018 at 10:00 hrs at the ECO Secretariat - Tehran*. The Meeting will also touch upon other issues, such as "*Scales of Assessments and Reforms*", "*Draft Agenda of 23rd COM*" and "*ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan*".

24. The Council considered and approved, in accordance with the ECO Modalities for Granting Observer and Dialogue Partnership Status at ECO, the participation of Turkish Cypriot State, in its capacity as ECO Observer at inaugural and closing ceremonies of 23rd COM to be held on 17th April 2018 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The Council also considered and approved the participation of *(i) Turkic Council Secretariat and (ii) Energy Charter Conference (ECC)*, upon their requests, for participation in their capacities as Observers in the 23rd COM Meeting in Dushanbe, in accordance with the ECO Modalities.

(b) Draft Agenda of 23rd COM

25. While discussing the Draft Agenda of 23rd COM, the CPR Chairman asked for the deletion of word "so-called" mentioned in the agenda related to Uzbekistan's arrear

saying that it is not a proper language to highlight in the Agenda of COM. However, the Representative of Uzbekistan replied that he does not have the authority to agree to removal of this word from the Agenda as the same was approved by the capital. The CPR Chairman asked the Representative to bring this issue to the knowledge of the distinguished Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan and he will also inform the Ambassador on deletion of word "so-called".

26. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Kazakhstan* also proposed to insert sub-agenda in the Agenda Item 7 (ECO New Scales of Assessment), highlighting writing off arrears of Kazakhstan after sub-agenda pertaining to Uzbekistan.

27. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* objected to the inclusion of "*Writing off the arrears of Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan*" which are controversial issues and require detailed discussion first in the CPR Meeting and then to put in the Agenda of 23rd COM.

28. After discussion, the Council adopted the Draft Agenda of 23rd COM after incorporating proposals made by the Secretariat regarding (i) Renewal of Observer Status of Turkish Cypriot State, and (ii) New ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan (EAPA). Besides the Council also decided to put in bracket the agenda item related to Writing off Arrears of Uzbekistan, which will be decided after consultation with the Ambassador of Uzbekistan. The Council also requested the Ambassador of the Republic of *Tajikistan* for provision of "*List of Invitees*" in the 23rd COM to the ECO Secretariat for its onward circulation to the Member States.

(c) Scales of Assessment and Reforms

29. The ECO Secretary General informed the Council that the Secretariat circulated the 3rd pillar of the Reform Agenda "*ECO Institutional and Reform*". He said after receiving mandate from the last COM Meeting, the ECO Secretariat organized several meetings: one was in Islamabad with the Member States and other in ECO Secretariat with the institutions as well as organized some internal meetings. He said the Secretariat prepared the draft Modalities for the ECO Institutions: Specialized Agencies, Regional Centers and Affiliated Bodies and circulated to the Members States.

30. The Ambassador of the Republic *Kazakhstan* raised the issue under this agenda item by stating that the proposal of the ECO Secretariat regarding new Scales of Assessment and Reforms is generally acceptable whereas Kazakhstan shares comes to 17.37%. However, the Ambassador put two conditions i.e. (i) Writing-off of Kazakhstan's debt for the period from 2014 and until the approval of new Scales of Assessment and (ii) creation of new position of Deputy Secretary General in the ECO Secretariat for Kazakhstan. He said earlier there were total five conditions but now these have been reduced to two only.

31. The Chairman said that the issue of "Writing-off of Arrears" by certain Member States, will be discussed in the Informal Meeting. Moreover, he said the issue is already in the Draft Agenda of 23rd COM. The CPR Chairman further stated that the ECO Secretariat is already facing financial constraints and requests by Member States for writing off their arrears will further aggravate the financial situation of the ECO Secretariat. The Chairman said that due to financial constraints and keeping this situation in view, the Secretariat cannot even hire the services of Experts on different projects.

(d) New ECO Advocacy Programme for Afghanistan

32. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Afghanistan* while appreciating the ECO Secretariat's efforts in preparing the document on "*ECO Advocacy Programme for*

Afghanistan” stated that generally the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan agrees with the document, however, some legal amendments which are being given to the Secretariat for insertion in the document.

33. The CPR Chairman asked the Representative of Afghanistan to provide these amendments formally to the ECO Secretariat, which would also be discussed in Informal Meeting.

Agenda Item No.4

Administrative Matters

a. Recommendations of the Selection Panel

34. The Council was informed that no Selection Panel meeting was held.

b. Temporary Appointment as Programme Officer (Category II, P-II)

35. Under this sub-agenda item, the ECO Secretary General briefed the Council that consequent upon completion of the tenure of Mr. Akim Urmantayev as Director (PERS) in the ECO Secretariat and joining of his successor, the Secretariat taking into account the excessive work due to upcoming 23rd COM Meeting requires the services of Mr. Akim Urmantayev. In this connection, approval of the Council was sought as per Article 6.6 of the Staff Regulations for temporary appointment as Programme Officer (Category-II, P-II) for a period of two months. In this regard, the Secretariat has informed the Member States vide Note Verbale No. ADM/PER/2018/296 dated 1st March 2018.

36. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* reacting to the proposal stated that this specific post in the PERS Directorate of the ECO Secretariat is traditionally filled by Iran and Pakistan and it was mutually decided to offer the said post to the Central Asian States who have no representation in the Secretariat and in case it is not filled by them then will remain available to Iran or Pakistan. The Permanent Representative further mentioned that they do not have any objection to this temporary arrangement by the Secretariat but intends to occupy the said post as it belongs to Iran and it is not the case of two-three months and wanted to fill the post permanently. However, Secretariat’s above-mentioned proposal will set precedence for other Member States to do like this. He emphasized that there should not be any extension and after completion of two months period, the post will then be decided by Iran and Pakistan.

37. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Kazakhstan* taking the floor opined that temporary employment of Mr. Akim Urmantayev as Programme Officer for a period of two months is well within the Rules and Regulations (Article 6.6). Moreover, he personally established contacts with most of the Permanent Representatives on the issue who showed their consents in this regard.

38. After deliberations, the Council approved the appointment of Mr. Akim Urmantayev (**Kazakh national**), as a temporary staff to fulfill the function and duties of the Programme Officer for Project, Economic Research and Statistics in the (*Category-II, P-2*) for a period of two months effective from **28-02-2018 to 27-04-2018**, non-extendable and subject to the condition that *“this specific temporary appointment will not set a precedence for filling the vacant posts of the ECO Secretariat”*.

Agenda Item No.5

Any Other Business

39. Under this agenda item, the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* informed the Council that as decided in the 28th RPC Meeting, *“Second Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Establishment of ECO Agricultural Biotechnology Network*

(*ECO-ABN*)” is scheduled to be held on 5-7 May 2018 in Tehran and proposed for having maximum participation, Council’s approval was sought for provision of air tickets to one participant of each Member States from the Special Support Fund.

40. The Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* enquired as to why the event was not included in the original SS Fund List. However, he suggested pending a decision on the issue in the next CPR meeting enabling to look into other events also.

41. The Council on the suggestion of the Ambassador of the Republic of *Turkey* decided to take up the issue in its next (229th) CPR Meeting.

42. Deputy Secretary General (Admn) Mr. Hadi Soleimanpur informed the Council that “*9th Meeting of ECO Ministers of Transport*” is scheduled to be held on 3rd May 2018 in Ashgabat (Turkmenistan) and as per Rules of Procedure, ECO Secretariat intends to invite International/UN Agencies such as “UNESCAP”, “UNECE”, “IDB” and “IRU” for the meeting. Approval of CPR was sought for extending invitations in this regard.

43. The Council asked the Secretariat to circulate the said issue for views/comments by the Member States and submit the same for Council’s approval in the next (229th) CPR meeting.

44. The Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of *Iran* informed the Council about holding of “*4th International ECO/ Silk Road Food Festival*” to be held on 12-13 May 2018 in Zanjan (Iran). He extended invitations to all the distinguished Council Members for their participation in the said Festival.

Agenda Item No.6

Date of the next CPR Meeting

45. The Council decided to convene its next (229th) Meeting on **Monday 9th April, 2018 at 10:00 hrs at the ECO Secretariat - Tehran.**

46. 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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