

## **248<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)**

### **Report**

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*ECO Secretariat*

## Report

The 248<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held on December 23, 2020 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Derya Ors, Ambassador of the Republic of **Turkey** to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Permanent Representative to ECO. The meeting was attended by Permanent Representatives/Representatives of Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan**, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of **Iran**, Republic of **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyz** Republic, Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**, Republic of **Tajikistan**, Republic of **Turkey** and Republic of **Uzbekistan**. The ECO Secretary General and the relevant staff of the Secretariat also attended the Meeting. List of participants is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

2. **H.E. Ambassador Derya Ors, the Chairman** welcomed the delegates, particularly H.E. Dr. Seyed Jalaedin Alavi Sabzevari, the new Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to ECO and commenced the meeting as per agenda. The ECO Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour also joined the Chairman to welcome the return of H.E. Dr. Alavi to ECO. Noting his extensive experience of working with the organization and familiarity with ECO affairs, Dr. Soleimanpour considered that the appointment of Iran's new Permanent Representative would be important to help enrich and achieve the agenda of the organization, as well as benefit the proceedings of the CPR.

3. Other Ambassadors and Heads of Delegations also extended their warm felicitations to H.E. Dr. Alavi for assuming his new responsibilities as Permanent Representative and welcomed him back to the ECO.

### **Agenda Item No.1**

#### Adoption of the Agenda

4. The **Council** adopted the following Agenda of the meeting for deliberations:

#### Agenda

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 248<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting
2. Adoption of the Draft Report of the 247<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting
3. Preparations for holding virtual 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit
4. Preparations for holding the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Regional Planning Council:
  - *Briefing of the Secretariat on preparations for the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting*
  - *Participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting*
5. ECO Secretariat Job descriptions
6. ECO Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Services
7. Administrative matters:
  - *Draft Budget proposal of ECO for the financial year 2021*
  - *Recommendations of the Selection Panel*
8. Any other business
9. Date of the next CPR Meeting

**Agenda Item No.2**Adoption of the Draft Report of the 247<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

5. The **Council** adopted the Draft Report of the 247<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting, with the amendments proposed by the Embassy of the Republic Turkey in para-28 circulated amongst the Member States on December 01, 2020.

**Agenda Item No.3**Preparations for holding virtual 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit

6. While recalling that the Republic of Turkey plans to host the 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit virtually on January, 20, 2021, the **Chair** requested the delegate of Turkey to brief the Council about theme and draft agenda of the Summit.

7. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** informed that the date of January 20, 2021 for holding the 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit was conveyed directly to Member States, awaiting their response. However, the Republic of Azerbaijan conveyed their reservation on the proposed date due to another national event of the country on the same date, he added. The Representative of Turkey further said that the relevant theme and agenda will be conveyed to Secretariat for onward circulation amongst the Member States, as and when received from Ankara.

8. The **Chair** suggested that the next (249<sup>th</sup>) meeting of CPR might be convened one week prior to the Summit for adoption of its agenda.

9. Noting Turkey's current chairmanship of the organization for more than a year during the on going COVID-19 Pandemic, the **country's Representative** requested the next ECO chairmanship to be held, as per alphabetical order by Turkmenistan, or voluntarily by any other Member State.

10. The **ECO Secretary General** intimated that request of the Republic of Turkey regarding next ECO chairmanship had already been conveyed to the Member States, adding that the matter was also discussed with the Ambassador of Turkmenistan to seek the views/advice of their Foreign Minister. He assured that any outcome in the matter would be shared with Member States in due course, clarifying that the next chairmanship of the organization to be handed/taken over in the next meeting of the ECO Council of Minister, which is proposed to be convened in Ashgabat during 2021.

11. The **Chair** further clarified that Turkey is ready to handover the Chairmanship of the Council of Ministers to Turkmenistan, according to rotation in alphabetical order, and requested the Member States to convey formal views/opinions of their honourable Foreign Ministers.

12. The **Council** referred the deliberations on the virtual Summit to the next meeting of CPR.

#### **Agenda Item No.4**

##### Preparations for holding the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ECO Regional Planning Council

###### - Briefing of the Secretariat on preparations for 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting

13. The **Chair** underlined that the CPR during its 247<sup>th</sup> meeting decided to hold next RPC event virtually on January 12-18, 2021, tentatively. He requested the Secretariat to update the Council about preparations for upcoming RPC Meeting.

14. The **Deputy Secretary General (T&C/HRSD)/In-charge (CFU)** briefed that in view of the weekend and holidays falling amid the dates considered by last CPR for holding next RPC meeting, the Secretariat vide its Note Verbale dated December 7, 2020 proposed the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting to be organized during working days from January 12 to 21, 2021. The draft agenda, annotated draft agenda, the draft tentative programme and proposed chairmanship of the sectoral committees of the event, as well as the relevant working papers were also circulated amongst the Member States, he added. Furthermore, he requested the Member States to expedite the provision of lists of their participants separately for each sectoral committee, along with the particulars of heads of delegations for the Plenary Session.

15. The **Council** considered the briefing and appreciated the preparation for successful meeting of 31<sup>th</sup> RPC from January 12 to 21, 2021.

###### - Participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting

16. The **Chair** informed that two separate Notes Verbale received from the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkish Cypriot State regarding participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting, were circulated by the Secretariat amongst Member States on December 10 and 13, 2020.

17. The **Deputy Secretary General (T&C/HRSD)/In-charge (CFU)**, while requesting the concurrence for participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting, proposed the Council to authorize the Secretariat to also invite, as Observers, the Energy Charter and Turkic Council for participation in the said RPC event.

18. The **Council** approved the participation of Turkish Cypriot State in the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC Meeting as "Observer" according to the Modalities for Granting Observer and Dialogue Partnership Status of ECO. It also agreed with the proposal of Secretariat to invite, as Observers, the International Energy Charter as well as Turkic Council for participation in Plenary Session of the 31<sup>st</sup> RPC.

#### **Agenda Item No.5**

##### ECO Secretariat Job descriptions

19. The **Chair** recalled that the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COM in Antalya, while approving the ECO Secretariat's revised organizational chart, mandated the Secretary General to develop job descriptions of the newly established posts and make the appropriate changes, if

required, in work areas of such posts subject to the approval of CPR. Following the given mandate, the Secretariat developed and circulated amongst the Member States the draft job descriptions concerning Category-1 D level vide its Note Verbale dated July 12, 2020 and Category-II P level vide Note Verbale dated November 11, 2020, respectively. The Republic of Turkey has forwarded its comments/views with regard to the Category-1 D level, he informed. Suggesting that Member States may convey their views/comments to the Secretariat within next two weeks, the **Chair** proposed deferral of the matter for discussions in the next meeting of CPR.

20. Agreeing with the Chair's proposal, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** stressed on the importance of regulating of a proper job descriptions and in this context he reiterated that more important than this would be their observance by the Member States that could guarantee success in meeting the object and purpose for which they would be laid down. He added that since a time limit was set for receiving views from the Member States as to the draft Staff Strength which was circulated by the Secretariat, the duration set to this end could be extended for further consideration of the staff strength along with the draft job descriptions by the Member States.

21. The **ECO Secretary General** supported the proposal of the Chair, as well as the suggestion of the Islamic Republic of Iran to discuss the both issues together.

22. Considering the proposal of the Chair and views/comments expressed in the matter, the **Council** decided to refer the issue for discussions in the next Meeting of CPR.

### **Agenda Item No. 6**

#### ECO Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Services

23. The **Chair** requested the Secretariat to brief the Council in the matter.

24. The Legal advisor brought to the attention of the Council that the Secretariat in 2017 decided to codify the practices which had been developed based on the procurement procedures of the host country. He said that an internal committee was assigned to this end and during the codification process some elements extracted from UN procurement procedures were added in the codified text. It was added that in October 2019, the Member States were requested to provide the Secretariat with their views as to the procurement guidelines drafted by the Secretariat. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan shared its views with the Secretariat and proposed some amendments to the draft guidelines which were circulated among the Member States in January and February 2020. It was also noted that since no further feedbacks received from the Member States, in October 2020, the draft text including the proposed amendments was shared with the Member States. The Member States were requested to provide the Secretariat with their views within the period of three weeks. He continued that no further amendments received from the Member States within the suggested period and the duration thereafter, hence consideration of the draft guidelines as had been mentioned in the circulated note verbal of ECO was put on the agenda of CPR.

25. Taking the Legal Advisor's briefing into consideration, the **Council** authorized the Secretariat to initiate a two-week silence procedure for obtaining approval of the Council of Ministers on the ECO Guidelines for Procurement of Goods and Services.

#### **Agenda Item No.7**

##### Administrative matters:

- Draft Budget proposal of ECO for the financial year 2021

26. Recalling that discussions on the subject were deferred during the last CPR Meeting, the **Chair** briefed that the Republic of Turkey had conveyed its position on the ECO draft budget proposal. He said that the same was shared with Member States along with an explanatory note of the Secretariat. The Chair requested the consideration of the Council on the proposed draft Budget for 2021 in light of Turkey's position and explanatory note of the Secretariat.

27. The **ECO Secretary General** briefed that, during the last three years, the Secretariat had adhered to its main approach of maintaining an efficient financial management and a controlled budgetary policy. He noted that when he assumed the responsibilities as Secretary General, the total balance of cash in hand of the Secretariat was merely US\$ 3000/-. He underlined that the rationally restricted method, adopted especially in consideration of the organization's huge budget deficit and lack of cash during the years 2019-2020, entailed three key objectives that included (i) austerity measures and rationalization of expenditures (ii) addressing budget deficit and making real savings under General Reserve Fund given the factual paucity of fund/cash and (iii) finalization of outstanding issues related to scales of assessment and facilitation of the payment of the agreed contributions. The Secretary General underlined that the applied approach targeted on its aim quite sanely, addressing the issue of write-off of the unpaid contribution of some Member States, including the Republic of Uzbekistan, the possibility of payback of an outstanding amount borrowed from Member States in previous years, and securing financial stability of the organization.

28. The **Secretary General** emphasized that the Secretariat's proposal for financial management in 2021 based on three key elements, i.e. (i) more functional budgetary methodology avoiding re-estimation of some parts of the budget under relevant accounts/sub-accounts to somehow control the budget size for maximizing the usefulness of its application (*if the given methodology not agreed for 2021, it may be considered for 2022 to prevent the enlargement of budget*), (ii) making the budget project-oriented under a decision of the 24<sup>th</sup> COM that authorized annual expenditure of US\$ 100,000.00 till the year 2025 for implementing at-least 10 small size projects yearly (*around eight small size projects were implemented during 2020 from General Reserve Fund*), (iii) proposing the increase in Feasibility Study and General Purpose Fund (FS&GPF) from 5% to 10% to help implementation of more mid-size projects. The Secretary General noted that at this stage an amount of US\$ 200,000.00 was available in FS&GPF, enough only for implementing four mid-size feasibility study projects. He proposed to double the size of FS&GPF which was not reflected in year 2021 proposal but under consideration at the relevant Reform Working Group level.

29. Stressing that the draft budget proposal for 2021 prepared by the Secretariat and the position of the Republic of Turkey should be finalized for next financial year, the **Secretary General** sought the views/advice of the Council to breach the gap and finalize the proposal.

30. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** stated that Turkey's position was to make the budget more project-oriented rather than cost-oriented. He noted that the first criteria of the proposed budget involved staff cost and benefits of around 92%, adding that due to the pandemic situation Turkey proposed few amendments which are neither major nor against the overall idea and explanations made by the Secretary General, but to make the budget proposal more feasible. Such amendments were conveyed in track-change format on the budget document, he underlined. The Representative of Turkey expected the other Member States to study and give their opinions about these amendments/ideas, enabling the finalization of the budget proposal through silence procedure or in another much more facilitated way. He further asked the Secretariat to work on it and facilitate the adoption of next year's budget.

31. The **Chair** suggested the Secretariat to insert the agreed amendments in the main draft budget proposal, providing the same to the Member States to receive their views/amendments within the period of two-week. If no further views/amendments received within this time, the approval of the COM may be obtained on the draft budget for 2021, he said.

32. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Pakistan** stated that if the position of Turkey had no negative impact and bears to increase efficiency and cost effectiveness of the organization, as well as if there was no increase in the contribution of the Member States, the Secretariat might consider and facilitate the early implementation/adoption of budget document.

33. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Kazakhstan**, while supporting the position of Turkey, agreed with the explanation of the Secretary General regarding preparation of draft budget, in principle. He, however, drew attention of the forum regarding negative impact of the COVID-19 on the world economies, particularly the struggling ones of the Member States, adding that the world is undergoing a recessional period. He proposed that the Secretariat should consider the situation and ensure no increase in the budget for the year 2021.

34. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic of **Iran** pointed out that the more important thing for all of us remained the fact that the shares/contributions of no Member States were increased either in the draft budget or proposal made by the Republic of Turkey. He added that the General Reserve and other funds were established to facilitate/support the whole organization, including the Secretariat. Taking into account the fact that since the situation developed in the aftermath of the pandemic is exceptional, the Secretariat should be given more authority to fix the budget document, or if there was a need to optimize the available resources, including from different funds or change in the budget, he emphasized.

35. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic of **Iran** proposed that the Council might supervise the Secretariat but at the same time there should be developed/introduced some mechanism for whole organization to revisit/revise the budget even in the course of the implementation. Either Secretariat or any Member States comes up with more tangible/feasible proposal; there should be some assurances to avoid hampering the smooth functioning of the Secretariat in an unprecedented situation such as the ongoing pandemic. He also agreed with the Chair concerning his proposal on the ECO Budget for 2021.

36. The **ECO Secretary General** sought Council's consideration for authorizing the Secretariat to utilize General Reserve Fund in 2021 or otherwise, as well as the proposed enhancement in the staff's salaries considering the fourth consecutive year to the last increase in their salaries. He highlighted that the Secretariat's draft budget 2021 has zero increase comparing to the previous year, while proposing the use of GRF for avoiding re-estimation of some expenditures which envisaged in previous years' budget but not utilized and, therefore, transferred to GRF. At the same time and after four years, only 4% average increase on the basic salary of staff, who suffered due to the austerity measures during 2019-2020, is proposed, he added. The Secretary General also valued the amendments of Turkey to the Draft Budget and pointed out that it is based on no usage of GRF and no increase in the salary of the Staff, resulting less than 1% increase in the budget as compared to the last year's budget.

37. While maintaining his position, the Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** reiterated that this was a special year for everyone and the Embassies were also facing financial difficulties. For the organization if we can give signal to the capitals that the ECO is optimizing its cost in this difficult period, it will be the best message because there is no increase in shares of the Member States in this draft budget, he said. But at the end of the things being considered conjecturally is very important for capitals as we are not making major changes in the budget proposal, except suspension of the increase in the salaries of the ECO staff for one more year. Due to unexpected expansion of pandemic situation, we should be very much careful about how we move. The best understanding for this year to minimize the cost and asking the staff of Secretariat to not having the increase in the salary for one more year.

38. The **Council** agreed to follow the proposals made by the Republic of Turkey in ECO draft Budget for 2021 and approved that the Secretariat should (i) prepare the revised draft budget without utilization of the General Reserve Fund and without increase in the Salaries of the ECO Staff during financial year 2021, while referring the staff's salary increase to be effected from 2022 (ii) explore the possibility during the pandemic, to submit additional/supplementary budgetary issues to the Council, if required (iii) circulate the revised draft budget for 2021 amongst the Member States for their views/comments within a two-week period.

39. The **Council** further concluded that in case of no response received within the stipulated time, the revised draft budget for 2021 should be considered as "Accepted" by the Member States to be submitted to the Council of Ministers for approval.



- Recommendations of the Selection Panel

40. The **Selection Panel** met on December 23, 2020. The Meeting was coordinated by ECO Deputy Secretary General (Admin, EME and IR) and chaired by the Representative of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey. Other participants of the meeting included the Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan and Republic of Turkey.

41. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** and **Chair** of the **Panel** informed the Council that the meeting deferred the selection panel regarding nomination of Afghan national against the Post of Programme Officer for the next meeting of CPR and requested to follow the agreed procedure for circulation of any nomination to Member States which is at least 14 days before the CPR Meeting. Hence, there is no recommendation for consideration of the CPR's meeting today.

42. The **Chair** underscored that strict observance of rules and procedures in all such cases should be made by the Member States and Secretariat, which is also useful for smooth functioning of the Secretariat.

43. Acknowledging the observance of rules and procedure, the Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Afghanistan** requested the Council to approve the case of their nominated candidate who was already working at the Secretariat in P-I level. He said that his nomination for the offered post in P-II level was made in line with the 24<sup>th</sup> COM's decision on ECO Reform Process that bears some exigencies to look at and address the post-reform issues differently. He requested the Legal Adviser's views in the matter.

44. As for the case at issue, the Legal Advisor brought to the attention of the Council that a distinction might be drawn between this case, which created as a result of implementation of decision made by COM at its 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and the normal circumstances for which CPR at its 198<sup>th</sup> Meeting made a decision to apply 15 days' prior notification which normally takes place through declaration of vacancy. He added that in implementation of COM decision, the Secretariat needs to address the status of the incumbent staff whose post was affected as a result of reform process. It was noted that the exigency of the situation created by decision of COM under the reform process created a different context for which the applicability of the aforesaid CPR decision might be questioned. He added that the technical aspect of the issue from administrative perspective for implementing of the decision of COM with respect to the concerned post of Afghanistan is needed to be addressed by CPR.

45. Discouraging the application of varied methodology or principles, the Representative for the Republic of **Turkey** reemphasized that the said procedure of two-week time should be applied as it was prescribed by the organization to obtain instructions from the capitals in all such cases. He considered that, due to pandemic situation, even the prescribed time is not enough, stressing that this is not an automatic process as in each case all Member States have to approach their capitals/superiors to get instructions. He added such instructions could not be secured due to time shortage. If the Secretariat applies its own rules, there will be no confusion for both the nominating Member State and Selection Panel, he mentioned, noting that there is no provision of

upgradation in ECO Staff Regulations. In this case, the nomination will be discussed by next selection panel prior to 249<sup>th</sup> Meeting of CPR, he underscored.

46. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Kazakhstan** supported the viewpoint of the Republic of Turkey and emphasized on the strict observance of rules and procedures by both the Members State and Secretariat. He also proposed to defer the agenda item for the next meeting.

47. The Permanent Representative of Islamic Republic of Iran, while supporting the observation of rules and procedures by all parties, clarified that the issue is not related to the merit of the Afghanistan's candidate, but observing the procedure.

48. The **ECO Secretary General** also underlined that this case bears some special conditions in view of the 24<sup>th</sup> COM's decision on reform process which provides that on the date of materialization of Afghanistan's 2% share to ECO, the country's post of Steno-Secretary (Category-II, P1) would cease to exist and a post of Program Officer (Category-II, P2) would be offered to Afghanistan. The Council may also take note that the candidate for the post of P2 is the same staff that works under P1. Considering such administrative/technical and financial issues, the matter was raised for discussions by the Selection Panel, or otherwise in normal circumstances the adherence to the rules and procedure is always observed, he underscored. On the other side, if one Member State requests to put an issue on the Agenda of CPR, the Secretariat follows up the request based on the existing Rules. It is for the Council to deliberate and decide about the subject raised for consideration. However, based on the deliberations and having the views expressed by Iran, the Council may consider the merit of case while referring final approval to the next CPR meeting for procedural reason, the Secretary General emphasized.

49. The **Council**, while considering the merit of the case, decided to defer the issue for consideration by next meeting of Selection Panel to be convened before the 249<sup>th</sup> Meeting of CPR.

### **Agenda Item No.8**

#### Any other business

50. At the outset of the agenda, the **Member States** and the **Council** expressed their deep condolences over the accidental demise of a member of Pakistan Embassy's staff, conveying sympathies to the bereaved family for this irrevocable loss.

51. The Permanent Representative of the **Kazakhstan** inquired if the Secretariat was in a position to make necessary preparations to concurrently organize the ECO Summit and the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the RPC.

52. The **ECO Secretary General** conveyed that it is not an easy task to make preparatory arrangement for Summit within a month, while we are, at the same time, in the preparation process of Regional Planning Council. However, the Secretariat is always available to fulfil its duties based on the existing rules and regulations. The Secretary General strongly welcomed the initiative of Turkey for convening the Summit, believing

that the preparation process depends on the Agenda. He pointed out that as per Secretariat's understanding the Republic of Turkey did not want the 25<sup>th</sup> COM to be convened prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit. He further stated that since the next Summit is proposed to be held virtually, the Secretariat will be in close consultation with the Chair of the Organization to manage both the events within the coinciding timeframe.

53. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** inquired whether this will be a regular or extraordinary Summit. He further emphasized on the importance of well preparations for the ECO summits.

54. Referring to earlier expression of readiness by the Republic of Turkey to handover the ECO chairmanship to the next chair, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** proposed that if for whatever reason Republic of Turkey would decide to reschedule the date of the upcoming Summit, a COM meeting may also be organized virtually the day before the Summit where preparations for the Summit as well as chairmanship-handover can be done.

55. The Representative of **Kyrgyz** Republic pointed out that the Secretariat had not circulated the date of 14<sup>th</sup> Summit, recalling that it is an ECO event.

56. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** stated that their authorities decided to circulate/facilitate the schedule of 14<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit through country's diplomatic missions in the Member States, including Bishkek. He informed that while five of the Member States had so far responded, other Member States' response was awaited to reach a conclusion. Conveying that it was a regular Summit which should have been organized in the beginning of Turkey's chairmanship of the organization, he mentioned that the ECO Secretariat had also been pursuing for holding the event. The Turkey's Presidency transmitted the Summit's schedule despite the situation taking place due to ongoing pandemic, offering it to be held either virtually or in a physical manner, he underlined.

57. The Representative of the Republic of **Turkey** noted that their President attaches great importance to the ECO, desiring to hold the meeting with the Heads of Member States on January 20, 2020. If the proposed date is not suitable, another date may be offered to organize the event, but Turkey do not want to prolong it, he mentioned. As per rotation cycle, Turkmenistan is supposed to assume the ECO's chairmanship following the alphabetical order, for which the Secretariat approached the country, he stated. He said that the next COM's meeting was required to be convened according to the rules of procedure, considering that due to the special conditions inflicted by COVID crunch, the same could be managed either virtually or physically. Adding that Turkey intends not only to address the issue of rotation but it expects the Summit level meeting to take into consideration many developments, including the ECO related issues, he emphasized.

### **Agenda Item No.9**

#### Date of the next CPR Meeting

58. The **Chair** expressed his gratitude to the delegates for their participation in the Meeting.

59. The **Council** decided that the next CPR's meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 10:30 hours.

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