

The 106th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran, Monday, 21 November 2005)

No. CPR/106th/2005/05

1. The 106th Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on 21st November 2005. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Sabit Tairov, Ambassador/Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the 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, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan as well as the ECO Secretary General along with the relevant ECO Secretariat staff attended the meeting. (List of participants attached as **Annex-I**).

Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

2. The CPR adopted the following agenda, with some proposed amendments, for its 106th meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Report of the 105th CPR Meeting
3. Preparations for the 16th RPC Meeting
4. ECO Secretariat Budget for 2006, including DCCU budget
5. Provision of Hospitality to delegates of Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions
6. Follow-up Report on the Implementation of Decisions of 15th COM
7. Briefing on the events/meetings attended by the ECO Secretariat staff recently
8. Appointments of Secretary General and Deputy Secretaries General
9. Administrative Matters
 - a. Appointments of two Assistant Directors
 - b. Appointment of Russian Translator
 - c. Replacement of Assistant Accountant
 - d. Extension in the Tenure of DCCU Staff
10. Any Other Business
 - a. Utilization of SSF
11. Date of the next meeting.

Item No. 2

Report of the 105th CPR Meeting

3. The CPR adopted the report of the 105th CPR meeting, which was circulated among member states vide Secretariat's note No. SG/CPR/2005/1933 dated 24th October 2005, with some amendments in para 14. The adopted report has been circulated among member states vide Secretariat's note No. SG/CPR/2005/2135 dated 21st November 2005.

Item No. 3

Preparations for the 16th RPC Meeting

- a. **Finalization of RPC's date and venue**

4. The CPR deliberated on the issue and agreed with the proposed date (30 January—2 February 2005) to hold the 16th RPC Meeting at the ECO Secretariat, on a non-hospitality basis, pending the response from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the proposed date. In case the response of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan will be positive, the 16th RPC meeting will be held on 30 January—2 February 2005.

5. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the meeting that the issue of hosting the 16th RPC meeting is still under consideration of the Iranian authorities. In case there would be a positive response on the issue, the same will be conveyed to the Secretariat and the member states accordingly.

b. Any other issue

6. The CPR did not discuss any issue under this agenda item.

Item No. 4

ECO Secretariat Budget for 2006, including DCCU budget

7. The CPR considered the recommendations of the working group on the issue. Since some member states were still awaiting instructions with regard to the proposed budget of the Secretariat for the year 2006, the CPR deferred the issue to its next meeting. However, the CPR urged the member states to consider the issue on priority basis as the new financial year will be approaching just after ten days of the next CPR meeting.

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Item No. 5

Provision of Hospitality to delegates of Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions

8. As the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan was still awaiting instructions from his capital, therefore, the CPR deferred the decision on the issue to its next meeting and urged the Republic of Azerbaijan for an early response on the issue.

Item No. 6

Follow-up Report on the Implementation of Decisions of 15th COM

9. The CPR took note of the following reports and requested the Secretariat to update these reports quarterly and bring to the attention of the CPR, with the observation that another column "Action required" may be added in the follow-up reports:

- a. Follow-up report on the implementation of decisions of 15th COM meeting which also includes salient actionable points from the statements of the Ministers/Heads of Delegations, circulated vide Secretariat's note No. PR/Follow-up/COM/2005/2067 dated 13th November 2005.
- b. Status Report on the implementation of recommendations contained in EPG's Report which reviewed/endorsed by the CPR and approved by the 15th COM meeting, circulated vide Secretariat's note No. PR/EPG Report/2005/2068 dated 13th November 2005.
- c. Explanatory Note on the implementation of decisions of the 15th COM, giving status report on different issues which were to be considered by the CPR, circulated vide Secretariat's note No. SG/CPR/2005/2039 dated 7th November 2005.

Item No. 7

Briefing on the events/meetings attended by the ECO Secretariat staff recently

10. The CPR took note of the information provided by the Secretariat vide its note No. SG/CPR/2005/2060 dated 13th November 2005 with regard to the meetings/events attended by the ECO Secretariat Staff since 104th CPR meeting and briefing made by the Secretary General with regard to the recently held meetings

in Kabul.

Item No. 8

Appointments of Secretary General and Deputy Secretaries General

11. The CPR deliberated on the issue. Some member states, namely: Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Turkey concurred with the nomination of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the appointment of H.E. Mr. Khurshid Anwar, currently Additional Foreign Secretary (Deputy Foreign Minister) incharge of ECO Region at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Secretary General of ECO while some member states were still awaiting instructions from their authorities. The matter, therefore, was deferred to the next CPR meeting.

Item No. 9

Administrative Matters

a. Appointments of two Assistant Directors

12. The Selection Panel held its meeting on 21 November 2005 at 09:00 hours and submitted the following recommendations to the CPR:

1. To appoint Mr. Ali Yuksel Mert (National of the Republic of Turkey) to the post of Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet (Category-I, D1), with effect from 1st January 2006 for a term of three years.
2. To appoint Mr. Furkat Lavizov (National of the Republic of Tajikistan) to the post of Assistant Director (Coordination & Follow-up), (Category I, D1), with effect from 1st January 2006 for a term of three years.

13. The CPR deliberated upon the issue and approved the aforesaid recommendations. The CPR observed that budgetary issues relating to the newly created post of Assistant Director will be finalized along with the salary of other ECO Secretariat staff in the context of the Secretariat's Budget for 2006.

b. Appointment of Russian Translator

14. The Selection Panel held on 21 November 2005 also considered the nominations received from the Republic of Tajikistan and the Kyrgyz Republic for the aforesaid post and agreed to the recommendations of the Secretary General for the above post and recommended to the CPR that Mr. Mirzosharif Jalolov (National of the Republic of Tajikistan) may be appointed as Russian Translator (Category II, P2) with effect from 6th December 2005 for a term of four years.

15. Kyrgyz Republic did not agree with the recommendations of the Selection Panel. All other member states, except the Kyrgyz Republic, found the recommendations of the Selection Panel in order and requested the Kyrgyz Republic to communicate their views to the relevant authority so the appointment of Russian Translator could be finalized in the next CPR meeting.

c. Replacement of Assistant Accountant

16. The CPR approved the nomination of Mrs. Danara Bekniyazova (Kazakh National) as Assistant Accountant for the term of four years as replacement of Ms. Azhar Ibraemova (Kazakh National) who was earlier approved by the 104th CPR meeting.

d. Extension in the Tenure of DCCU Staff

17. The CPR agreed to grant extension in the temporary appointment of Mr. Ozgur Sefa Sezer for a period of three months with effect from 1st January 2006 till 31st March 2006. During the period, the Secretariat after the approval of the ECO Secretariat and DCCU Budget will take necessary measures to advertise and recruit staff for the DCCU as per ECO Staff & Financial Regulations.

18. The CPR further requested the Secretariat to prepare a work programme of the DCCU for the year 2006 and circulate among member states for the consideration of the next CPR meeting.

Item No. 10

Any Other Business

a. Utilization of Special Support Fund (SSF)

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19. The Secretary General informed the CPR that upto 20th November 2005, US\$ 12954 out of US\$ 25000 has been utilized for the seven meetings according to the proposed schedule of the meetings and there was a remaining budget of US\$ 12046 for the year 2005 under SSF. Therefore, the Secretariat and some of the member states proposed that the unspent amount may be utilized to finance the economical air tickets for the shortest possible routes for one participant each from seven member states (Central Asian Republics, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan) for the following three meetings:

1. 16th RPC Meeting to be held on 30 January-2 February 2006 at the ECO Secretariat, Tehran.
2. First ECO Meeting of the Heads of Veterinary Organizations to be held on 6-8 December 2005 in Tehran.
3. Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Control Matters to be held on 20-22 December 2005 in Ankara.

20. The CPR deliberated on the issue and approved the utilization of the Special Support Fund (SSF) for the following two meetings:

1. First ECO Meeting of the Heads of Veterinary Organizations to be held on 6-8 December 2005 in Tehran.
2. Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Control Matters to be held on 20-22 December 2005 in Ankara.”

Item No. 11

Date of the next meeting

21. The next (107th) meeting of the CPR will be held on Tuesday, 20th December 2005 at the ECO Secretariat at 10:00 hours.

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