

# The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran, Monday, 13 March 2006 )

No. CPR/110<sup>th</sup>/2006/04

1. The 110<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006. Since the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan was unable to attend this meeting of CPR, H.E. Mr. Mirzoev Ramazon Zaripovitch, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Republic of Tajikistan, was requested by the CPR to chair the meeting. The Chairman, while taking over the responsibility, at the outset welcomed the newly arrived Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Kyrgyz Republic H.E. Mr. Avazbek ATAHANOV and wished him success in his assignment. Same sentiments were expressed by all the Permanent Representatives/ Representatives of the CPR, and ECO Secretary General. In response the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Kyrgyz Republic thanked all the member states for the support and respect for the Kyrgyz nation which is determined to meet its all international commitments, signed bilateral and multilateral agreements including participation in the ECO, the process of regional development in the ECO framework and the effective utilization of Organization's potential.

2. 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 concerned Secretariat's staff attended the meeting. (List of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.)

### Item No. 1

#### Adoption of the Agenda

3. The CPR adopted the following agenda of the 110th CPR Meeting, with inclusion of a sub-item No. 9(c), as requested by the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, :

1. Adoption of the Agenda;
2. Adoption of the draft report of the 109<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting;
3. Preparations for the 9th ECO Summit and 16th COM Meetings:
  - (a) Dates for the meetings;
  - (b) Confirmation and composition of delegations;
  - (c) Draft Agendae for the SOM, 16th COM and 9th Summit;
  - (d) Draft Baku Declaration;
  - (e) List of international/regional organizations to be invited for 9th Summit; and
  - (f) Any other business.
4. Member States' contributions to the ECO Secretariat's budget;
5. Nominations against the posts of Deputy Secretaries General;
6. Special Support Fund (SSF):
  - (a) Revised Modalities for Utilization of SSF; and
  - (b) Utilization of SSF during 2006.
7. Enhancing the effectiveness of ECO staff and selection of staff on high professional criterion;
8. Briefing on the events/meetings attended by the ECO Secretariat staff recently;
9. Administrative Matters:
  - (a) Appointment of Program Officer; and
  - (b) Appointment of DCCU Officer/Information Analyst.
  - (c) Replacement of Mr. Elmar Bagirzade, Russian Interpreter, Cat.II(P3) by Ms. Aynur Mammadova (Nominee of Azerbaijan for the said post).
10. Feasibility Study on ECO Transportation Corridors;
11. Any other business; and
12. Date of the next meeting.

### Item No. 2

#### Adoption of the Draft Report of the 109<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

4. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR adopted the report of 109<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPR which was circulated vide Secretariat's note verbale No. SG/CPR/2006/446 dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to the member states.

**Item No. 3**Preparations for the 9th ECO Summit and 16th COM Meetings:

5. After deliberation on the subject in detail, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR approved the following:

(a) Dates for the meetings;

- (1) Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) - May 2-3, 2006
- (2) 16<sup>th</sup> Council of Ministers (COM) - May 4, 2006
- (3) 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit - May 5, 2006

(b) Confirmation and composition of delegations;

6. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR deliberated the issue and requested the member states to expedite the matter with regard to confirmation of schedule of the above events and composition of delegations since short time was left for holding these events on the proposed dates. Upto now the Secretariat had received neither the confirmation nor the details of the delegations from any member state for the above events.

- (c) Draft Agendae for the SOM, 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9th Summit.
- (d) Draft Baku Declaration.

7. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR discussed the above issues and recommended another meeting of the Working Group which was established by the 109<sup>th</sup> CPR, to consider these issues, keeping in view the proposals of the Islamic Republic of Iran

and the Republic of Turkey, and submit its recommendations to the next CPR for finalization.

8. However, in the context of the Draft Agendae for the SOM and 16<sup>th</sup> COM, the issue of appointment of the President of ECI was deliberated and it was agreed that the nomination for the said post will be submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the CPR for endorsement in view of the absence of the meeting of BOT and subsequent approval by the 16<sup>th</sup> COM.

(e) List of international/regional organizations to be invited for 9th Summit; and

9. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR, after deliberations, requested the Secretary General to shorten the list and invite the institutions keeping in view the past practices as well as the importance of these organizations for ECO.

(f) Any other business.

10. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR did not discuss any subject under this sub-item.

**Item No. 4**Member States' contributions to the ECO Secretariat's budget

11. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR deliberated on the recommendations of the Task Force, established by the 109<sup>th</sup> CPR, circulated to member states vide Secretariat's note verbale No. SG/CPR/TF/425 dated March 12, 2006. Since the recommendations of the Task Force have to be forwarded to the concerned authorities of the member states, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR decided to defer this issue for further deliberation in the next Meeting.

**Item No. 5**

Nominations against the posts of Deputy Secretaries General

12. The tenures of incumbent Deputy Secretaries General are going to expire as follows:

<u>Name/Nationality</u>	<u>Date of Joining</u>	<u>Expiry Date</u>
1. Mr. Orhan Isik (National of Turkey) DSG (Trade, Investment, Agriculture, Industry and International Relations)	13.08.2003	12.8.2006
2. Mr. Masroor A. Junejo (National of Pakistan) DSG (Transport, Communication, Project & Economic Research and Statistics, etc.)	01.04.2004	Upon joining Pakistani SG

13. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR considered the following recommendations of the Selection Panel:

- The Selection Panel deliberated on the candidature of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Mr. Serik Alybaev for the post of Deputy Secretary General (Transport, Communications, Project & Economic Research and Statistics). Since some members of the Selection Panel had not received instructions from their capitals, the Selection Panel recommended that the decision about the nominee of the Republic of Kazakhstan be deferred to the next CPR.
- The Selection Panel also requested the Republic of Turkey to send their nomination soonest possible for the post of DSG (Trade, Investment, Agriculture, Industry & International Relations) as short time was left for the process of nomination for the said post.

14. The CPR approved the above recommendations of the Selection Panel.

**Item No. 6**Special Support Fund (SSF):

(a) Revised Modalities for Utilization of SSF;

15. The Working Group, established on the instructions of 109<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting reviewed the Draft Modalities for Utilization of SSF and recommended for consideration and approval of CPR. The CPR deliberated on the issue but since some member states had not yet received instructions from their capitals, approval of the said Modalities was deferred to the next CPR.

(b) Utilization of SSF during 2006

16. Since the Revised Modalities for Utilization of SSF circulated vide Secretariat's note verbale No. SG/CPR/SSF-Modalities/2006/180 dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2006, were not yet approved, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR did not endorse the list of proposed ECO events/meetings which was prepared on the basis of the Calendar of Events/Meetings for 2006-2007, circulated to the member states vide Secretariat's note No.SG/Calendar-Events/2006/238 dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2006. In view of this position, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR, however, authorized the Secretariat to utilize the SSF for the following two meetings to be supported by the SSF according to the previous Modalities for Utilization of SSF till such time the Revised Modalities are approved:

- (i) 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on ECO Consultancy and Engineering Company (Pvt) Ltd. (ECO-CEC)'s Role in the Development of ECO member states to be held in Lahore (Pakistan) in April 2006; and
- (ii) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the HLEG on Privatization and Private Sector Development to be held in Islamabad in April 2006.

**Item No. 7**Enhancing the effectiveness of ECO staff and selection of staff on high professional criterion

17. Keeping in view the Recommendations of the Working Group, circulated to the member states vide Secretariat's note verbale No.SG/9<sup>th</sup> Summit/2006/428 dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR defer further deliberation on this issue till the next meeting of Working Group after the 16<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting. Therefore, the 110<sup>th</sup> CPR recommended that

the above item shall be deleted from the agenda of SOM and 16<sup>th</sup> COM.

**Item No. 8**

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

18. No event/meeting held after 109<sup>th</sup> CPR, therefore, no briefing was made.

**Item No. 9**

Administrative Matters:

19. The recommendations of the Selection Panel, comprising Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey and the ECO Secretary General, was submitted to the CPR. The CPR considered the following recommendations of the Selection Panel:

(a) Appointment of Program Officer (Cat.II, P3)

- After reviewing the CVs of four nominees of Iran, Pakistan and Turkey as well as the evaluation and views of the Secretary General, the Selection Panel recommended to appoint Mr. Fazli Sak (present incumbent of the post) for a period of 4 years w.e.f. 4th April 2006.

(b) Appointment of DCCU Officer/Information Analyst (Equivalent to Cat.II, P3)

- The Selection Panel reviewed the CVs of the nominees of Republic of Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran and the Selection Panel recommended that the two member states (Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Turkey) by consultation should finalize the issue in this case and inform the Secretary General and Selection Panel accordingly.
- The Selection Panel also recommended that the tenure of Mr. Ozgur Sefa Sezer to be extended for another two months upto 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2006.

20. The 110<sup>th</sup> CPR approved the above recommendations of the Selection Panel.

(c) Replacement of Mr. Elmar Bagirzade, Russian Interpreter, Cat.II(P3) by Ms. Aynur Mammadova (Nominee of Azerbaijan for the said post).

21. This sub-item, which was included in the Agenda on the request of Embassy of Azerbaijan, was deliberated at length in view of the replacement of Mr. Elmar Bagirzade, and in view of the important task performed by the interpreters during the ECO meetings. The CPR decided that Ms. Aynur Mammadova (Nominee of Republic of Azerbaijan for the post of Russian Interpreter, Cat.II,P3) may be appointed for a probationary period of 3 (three) months from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Ms. Aynur Mammadova's term could be extended upto 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 (i.e. the remaining period of Mr. Bagirzade's contract) after satisfactory performance during the probationary period. During the three month's probationary period, Ms. Aynur Mammadova will be entitled to salary as admissible to Cat.II (P3) official and economy-class air fare.

**Item No. 10**

Feasibility Study on ECO Transportation Corridors

22. Since the member states have to receive instructions from their capitals the CPR deferred this issue to its next meeting.

**Item No. 11**

Any Other Business

23. The CPR did not discuss any subject under this agenda item.

**Item No. 12**

Date of the next meeting

24. The CPR decided to hold its next (111<sup>th</sup>) meeting on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

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