

# The 112<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran, Sunday, 23 April 2006 )

No. CPR/112<sup>th</sup>/2006/03

1. The 112<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abbasali K. Hassanov, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan. 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 and Republic of Uzbekistan as well as the ECO Secretary General along with the relevant Secretariat's staff attended the meeting. (List of participants is attached as **Annex-I**.)

2. The Chairman welcomed the newly arrived Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Mr. Gurcan Turkoglu, and introduced him to the CPR and expressed hope that due to his vast experience of diplomacy, his useful and positive contribute would facilitate achieving the goals and objectives of ECO. The Secretary General and all other Permanent Representatives/Representatives also expressed the same sentiments. In response, Ambassador Gurcan Turkoglu thanked them for their support.

### **Item No. 1**

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The CPR adopted the following agenda for its 112<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Adoption of the Draft Report of the 111<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting
3. Preparations for the 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings
  - a. Confirmation and composition of delegations
  - b. Briefing by the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijan on the arrangements/hospitality for COM/Summit
  - c. Programs for SOM, 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings
  - d. Draft Baku Declaration
  - e. Any Other Business
4. Audit Report of the Secretariat for the year 2005
5. Action Plan to enhance external relations of ECO
6. ECO Awards 2006
7. Nomination against the post of Deputy Secretary General
8. Administrative Matters
  - Amendment in the Staff Regulations of ECO Secretariat
9. Appointment of President of ECO Cultural Institute
10. Any Other Business
11. Date of the Next Meeting
12. Adoption of the Report of 112<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

### **Item No. 2**

#### **Adoption of the Draft Report of the 111<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting**

4. The 112<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting adopted the Report of the 111<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting which was circulated vide Secretariat's note No. SG/CPR/2006/635 dated 12 April 2006. The adopted report has been circulated among the member states vide Secretariat's note No. SG/CPR/2006/712 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006.

Item No. 3**Preparations for the 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings (2-5 May 2006)****a. Confirmation and composition of delegations**

5. The CPR deliberated the issue. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the member states have confirmed their countries' participation in the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meeting as well as participation in the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and 16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting as well. According to the information provided by the representatives of the member states, following will attend the 9<sup>th</sup> Summit:

1. Afghanistan – President
2. Azerbaijan – President (host)
3. Iran – President
4. Kazakhstan – Prime Minister
5. Kyrgyz Republic – 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Prime Minister
6. Pakistan – Prime Minister
7. Tajikistan – Prime Minister
8. Turkey – Prime Minister
9. Uzbekistan – Will indicate level of participation.

**b. Briefing by the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Azerbaijan on the arrangements/hospitality for COM/Summit**

6. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan briefed the CPR about the arrangements being made by the Republic of Azerbaijan with regard to the forthcoming SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings and requested for composition of delegations, etc., at the earliest.

**c. Programs for SOM, 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings**

7. The CPR was informed that the Secretariat vide its note No. SG/9<sup>th</sup> Summit/2006/665 dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2006 has circulated the tentative Programs for SOM, 16<sup>th</sup> COM and 9<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings along with detailed information with regard to hospitality and other related issues, as received through the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Tehran.

**d. Draft Baku Declaration**

8. The CPR deliberated the issue and decided that the Draft Baku Declaration, prepared/revised by the Working Group, and circulated vide Secretariat's note No. SG/9<sup>th</sup> Summit/2006/706 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 to the member states, should be submitted to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM for consideration/finalization.

**e. Any Other Business**

9. CPR did not discuss any issue under this agenda item.

Item No. 4**Audit Report of the Secretariat for the year 2005**

10. While appreciating the efforts of the Audit Team for good work in preparing the audit report and the cooperation extended by the Secretariat, the CPR endorsed the Audit Report for the year 2005 for submission to SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting for consideration/final approval. The CPR further observed that after approval of the Audit

Report by the Council of Ministers, the recommendations/observations made by the Audit Team may be implemented by the Secretariat. Any issue, which require the approval of the CPR to change the relevant rules/regulations, may be prepared and submitted to the future CPR meetings for consideration/approval.

#### Item No. 5

##### **Action Plan to enhance external relations of ECO**

11. While deliberating the draft Plan of Action to enhance external relations of ECO, which was revised by the Working Group and circulated among member states vide Secretariat's note No. ECO(CU)/Ext.Rel./2006/707 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2006, the CPR proposed that the title of the document should be changed as "**Draft Outline Plan of Action for Strengthening ECO's Relations/Cooperation with the Regional and International Organizations**".

12. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan stated that ECO should consider granting dialogue partnership/observer status only to international organizations which are in a position to provide financial and technical assistance for the implementation of ECO projects.

13. Furthermore, the CPR decided that the draft Outline Plan of Action may be submitted to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM for consideration, after some amendments.

14. The CPR requested the Secretariat to prepare, during 2006, a Comprehensive Plan of Action to enhance ECO's external relations/cooperation within the framework of these outlines.

#### Item No. 6

##### **ECO Awards 2006**

15. The Council approved names of winners of ECO Awards 2006 which are as follows:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Field</b>
1.	Afghanistan	Mr. Mohammad Nasser Stanikzai	Economics
2.	Azerbaijan	Mr. Mamedyarov Magerram Ali Oglu	Science & Technology
3.	Iran	Dr. Hadi Soleimanpour	Agriculture & Environment
4.	Kazakhstan	Dr. Baipakov Karl Moldakhmetovich	History, Culture, Literature and Fine Arts
5.	Kyrgyzstan	Dr. Karataev Oljobai Kubatbekovich	History, Culture, Literature and Fine Arts
6.	Pakistan	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhry	Education
7.	Tajikistan	Dr. Makhmadsharif Khakdodov	Science & Technology
8.	Uzbekistan	Dr. Mukhammadkhan Khamidov	Agriculture & Environment

16. The Council also approved the proposed amount of US\$ 5,000/- (US Dollars Five Thousand Only) along with a Medallion and Certificate as Awards to winners. It also approved an amount of US\$ 1,000/- (US Dollars One Thousand Only) as the cost of logistics/boarding/lodging, etc. to be paid to those winners who will come to Baku to receive the Award.

17. The Secretary General requested the award winners, through the Permanent Representatives/ Representatives, to confirm their participation in the Ceremony at Baku, at the earliest, so that the necessary arrangements can be made accordingly.

#### Item No. 7

##### **Nomination against the post of Deputy Secretary General**

18. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey informed the meeting that the nomination against the post of Deputy Secretary General will be presented to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> meeting. He further stated that nomination from the Republic of Turkey will be circulated to the member states in a few days time.

#### Item No. 8

##### **Administrative Matters**

###### **a. Amendment in the Staff Regulations of ECO Secretariat**

19. The meeting agreed with the following amendment proposed to be inserted in Chapter III of Staff Regulations of the Secretariat as Article 6.11:

*“A staff member sent on deputation to the ECO Secretariat should not, by reasons of such appointment, lose his/her seniority or promotion prospects in his/her home service. The sending government to take appropriate measures.”*

20. However, Kyrgyz Republic, while agreeing with the first part of the amendment, proposed the second sentence as follows:

*“The sending country shall regulate this issue according to its national laws”.*

21. It was stated that the issue may be submitted to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting for consideration and in this regard an agenda item will be added.

#### Item No. 9

##### **Appointment of President of ECO Cultural Institute**

22. Islamic Republic of Iran presented the candidature of Dr. Mohammad Rajabi as the new President of the ECO Cultural Institute. Since the nomination was circulated during the CPR and the member states were required to consult their capitals, it was recommended that the issue may be submitted to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM meeting for consideration.

#### Item No. 10

##### **Any Other Business**

###### **v Work Programme of the Secretariat for 2006**

23. During the CPR meeting, Islamic Republic of Iran proposed some amendments to the draft Work Programme of the Secretariat for the year 2006. The CPR decided that the Secretariat should update the Work Programme for the year 2006 taking into account of the views/proposals, received from the member states, and submit the updated version of the Work Programme to the SOM/16<sup>th</sup> COM for consideration/approval.

#### Item No. 11

##### **Date of the Next Meeting**

24. The Council decided to hold its next (113<sup>th</sup>) meeting on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at 10:00 hours.

#### Item No. 12

##### **Adoption of the Report of 112<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting**

25. The Council decided that the Secretariat may circulate the Draft Report of the 112<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting by tomorrow, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006. In case the Secretariat will not receive any views/comments from the member states until the afternoon of 26<sup>th</sup> April 2006, the report will be treated as 'adopted'.

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