

The 19th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – 05 April, 1998)

ADOPTED No. COM/CPR-19/98/RPT(A) Dt.13-04-1998

1. The Nineteenth Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives was held at the ECO Secretariat on 5 April, 1998. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. N. Kamyab, Director General, ECO Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Representatives of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan Republic, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan, Republic of Uzbekistan and the Secretary General of ECO attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached as Annex-I.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda.

2. The adopted agenda is placed at Annex-II.

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Report of the Eighteenth Meeting of the CPR.

3. The Council adopted the Report of its Eighteenth Meeting held on 24 February, 1998 with some amendments. The adopted Report has been circulated separately vide Secretariat's Note Verbale NO. CON/CPR/18/98-RPT(A) dated 07 April, 1998.

Agenda Item No.3

Preparation for the 8th Meeting of the Regional Planning Council (RPC) to be held in Tehran in April 1998.

4. The Council agreed on the programme of the Preparatory/Review Meetings for the Meeting of 8th RPC to be held on 15-16 April, 1998 and the programme of the 8th Meeting of RPC itself to be held on 19-11 April, 1998 as circulated vide Secretaria's Notes Verbale No. COM/RPC/98 and dated 31 March, 1998.

5. The Council also agreed to invite the Heads of Local UN Agencies in Tehran to the inaugural and closing ceremonies of the 8th RPC Meeting.

6. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Council decided to consider and recommend the draft ECO Calendar of Events for 1998-99 as prepared by the Secretariat to the ECO Council of Ministers following its endorsement by the 8th RPC Meeting.

7. The Council agreed that the draft Work Programme for 1998-99 as prepared by the Secretariat shall be discussed at a working group meeting. The said working group shall meet immediately after the 8th Meeting of RPC at a date to be announced by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item No.4

Preparations for the Ei2hth COM and Fifth Summit Meetings including finalization of the draft Almatv Declaration.

8. The Council agreed on the Programme on the 5th Summit Meeting to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan along with the programmes of the Senior Officials and the 8th Council of Ministers Meetings to be held prior to the Summit as circulated vide Secretariat's Note No.

CON/SUM/98 dated 4 April, 1998. Thus, the dates for Senior Officials, COM and Summit meetings are finalized as follows:

4 May, 1998	Arrival of Senior Officials
5-7 May, 1998	Senior Officials Meeting
8 May, 1998	Arrival of the ECO Foreign Ministers
9 May, 1998	Eighth Council of Ministers Meeting
10 May, 1998	Arrival of the Heads of State/Government
11 May, 1998	Fifth ECO Summit Meeting
12 May, 1998	Departure of the Heads of State/Government

9. The Council pointed out that the MOU on Cooperation Against Smuggling and Customs Fraud will be signed by the Ministers, Heads of Delegations during the COM Meeting in Almaty and called upon the Member States to have the necessary authorization for their representatives to sign the said MOU.

10. The Council discussed and finalized the draft Almaty Declaration to be submitted to Senior Officials Meeting to be held prior to the 8th COM Meeting in Almaty. The finalized draft Almaty Declaration has been circulated vide Secretariat's Note NO. CON/SUM/1/804924 dated 07 April, 1998.

11. The Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan informed the Council that as host country they invited 20 International Organizations to the Inaugural and Closing Ceremony of the Summit Meeting as it was agreed during the 14th CPR Meeting. The Council also agreed that the IRF (International Road Federation) be included among the invited international organizations.

Agenda Item No.5

Consideration and Finalization of the Documents of ECO Cultural Institute. the Charter of ECO Educational Institute. matters related to ECO Science Foundation.

12. In view of fresh comments received from the Republic of Turkey regarding the Report of the first tripartite Meeting of the Working Group consisting of the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey and Pakistan's proposals regarding the draft Documents of ECO Cultural Institute, the Council agreed that the tripartite Working Group shall have another meeting to finalize the matter and submit the outcome to next CPR.

Agenda Item No.6

Consideration of the Documents on the Modalities. Scope and Procedures for granting Observer / Dialogue Partnership Status in ECO.

13. The Council decided that the Working Group shall meet on 7th April, 1998 in the Secretariat to finalize the draft document on the subject and submit it to next CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No.7

Consideration of the Report of the Working Group to determine the ECO Scales of Assessment.

14. Since the Working Group to determine the ECO Scales of Assessment will meet on 7th April, 1998 to finalize the matter, the Council deferred this item to its next Meeting.

Agenda Item No.8

Consideration of the UNDP Project Document on the Capacity Building of ECO Secretariat.

15. The item has been deferred to the next CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No.9

Consideration of the Report on the activities of the ECO Re-insurance Pool.

16. The item has been deferred to the next CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No.10

Recent developments concernin2 the External Relations of ECO.

17. The item has been deferred to the next CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No.11

Any other Business.

18. It was agreed that the Panel shall meet on Monday, 13 April, 1998 at 0900 hours before the 20th CPR Meeting to reconsider the nominees for one Database Officer from Pakistan and one Research Officer from Iran.

Agenda Item No.12

Date of Next Meeting

19. The Council agreed to hold its 20th Meeting on 13 April, 1998 at 0930 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

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