

The 39th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Wednesday, 12 January, 2000)

1. The 39th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday, 12th January, 2000. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the Islamic State 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 and the Secretary General of ECO attended the Meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

2. The agenda proposed by the Secretariat was adopted with the addition of a new item i.e. "Appointment of next Secretary General of ECO" as the Agenda Item No. 4. The adopted agenda is enclosed as ***Annex-II***:

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 38th Session of CPR.

3. The report of the 38th Meeting of the CPR, adopted with the addition of a new para 5 under Item 3, is being circulated separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

Adoption of the ECO Secretariat's Budget for the year 2000.

4. The Council discussed ECO Secretariat's budget for the year 2000 in detail and finalized it. The finalized budget will be circulated separately. However, in order to enable the Permanent Representatives to receive necessary approval from their respective Capitals, the formal adoption of the budget was deferred to the next Meeting of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 4

Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO

5. After discussing the matter, the CPR decided to continue its deliberations on this issue, including the admissibility of Afghanistan's application on which there was divergence of opinions, in an informal meeting to be arranged by the Chairman.

Agenda Item No. 5

The ECO Cultural Institute's budget for the year 2000.

6. Discussion on this issue was deferred to the next Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 6

Preparations for the 10th RPC Meeting.

a) Agenda of the 10th RPC.

7. As proposed by the Secretariat, item 8 on the draft Agenda of the 10th RPC Meeting was deleted due to the fact that in the 9th RPC Meeting, it was agreed to consider the Annual Economic Report not as a separate Agenda Item but as part of the Working Papers of the Directorate of Economic Research and Statistics of the ECO Secretariat.

b) Calendar of Events/Meetings for the year 2000.

8. Discussion on the Calendar of Events/Meetings for the year 2000 was deferred to the next Meeting of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 7

Any other Business.

9. The Secretary General informed the Meeting that several amendments had so far been proposed by the Member States for the finalization of TTFA Annexes. Therefore, another Expert Meeting on the sidelines of 10th RPC Preparatory/Review Meeting was required to be held in order to finalize the said Annexes. In this regard, the Secretariat had already circulated its Note Verbale No. CON/TCM/91222 dated 22nd December, 1999. The Member States were also requested to include one Expert on TTFA in the composition of their delegations to the 10th RPC Meeting for the purpose of attending the proposed Experts Meeting on TTFA Annexes.

10. The Secretary General also reiterated his call to the concerned Member States to pay their outstanding contributions. Presently, the accumulated dues by the concerned Member States, exceeds US\$ 800,000, creating serious financial problems for the Secretariat in meeting its obligations.

Agenda Item No. 8

Date of next Meeting

11. The CPR decided to hold its next Session at 1000 hours on Monday, 31st January, 2000.

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