

# The 41<sup>st</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – Tuesday, 29 February, 2000 )

1. The 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 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, as proposed by the Secretariat, was adopted with the following additions and is enclosed as **Annex-II** :

a) New sub-item (c) under the Agenda Item No. 4;

ECO's new Scale of Assessment as new Agenda Item No. 6.

b) New sub-item (d) under Agenda Item No. 12;

“List of selected ECO Events/Meetings, to benefit from Special Support Fund”,  
for discussion under Agenda Item No. 13 (Any Other Business).

### **Agenda Item No. 2**

#### Adoption of the Reports of the 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the CPR.

3. The Council adopted the Report of its 39<sup>th</sup> Session with the following formulation for para-5 of the said Report:

“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 opinion, in an informal meeting to be arranged by the Chairman.”

4. The Council also adopted the Report of its 40<sup>th</sup> Session. The above two Reports, as adopted, are being circulated separately.

### **Agenda Item No. 3**

#### Final adoption of the ECO Secretariat's Budget for the year 2000 on behalf of the COM.

5. The CPR, in compliance with the Article 3.2 of Financial Regulations adopted the ECO Secretariat's budget for the year 2000 on behalf of the Council of Ministers.

### **Agenda Item No. 4**

#### Preparations for the First Ministerial Meeting on Trade (Commerce)

a) Briefing by the Representative of the host country (IRI) on arrangements and organizational matters.

6. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran briefed the meeting on the arrangements made for the meeting. He informed the Council that the Senior Officials' Meeting will be held at the ECO Secretariat on 4-5 March, 2000 and the Ministerial Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2000 at the Institute of Political and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran.

b) Briefing by the Secretariat on latest developments regarding participation.

The Secretary General informed the Council that according to the confirmations received by the Secretariat so far, the necessary quorum was achieved and the Ministerial Meeting will be held as scheduled on 4-6 March, 2000.

c) Invitations to the UN Agencies and other International Organizations dealing with trade.

The Council considered and approved the invitations to UNDP, UNIDO, FAO, ACU, ECO-CCI and Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines to attend the said Ministerial Meeting. In addition, the WTO was also included among the International Organizations to be invited to the Meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

Consideration of the Work Programme of ECO for the year 2000.

9. The Council deferred the subject matter to one of its future Meetings.

**Agenda Item No. 6**

ECO's new Scale of Assessment for contributions to the Secretariat's budget

10. The Council convened to discuss this issue also in conjunction with the Selection/Appointment of the new Secretary General of ECO in the forthcoming informal meeting to be arranged by the Chairman, CPR (Pl. see para 11 below).

**Agenda Item No. 7**

Selection/Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO

11. The Council convened to hold the informal Meeting on this issue as well as on ECO's new Scale of Assessment. This informal meeting will be held at the residence of the Chairman of the CPR, H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

Preparations for the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM) and 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit (June, 2000, Tehran)

a. Confirmation of dates by the Islamic Republic of Iran:

12. The Council was informed that the dates of the upcoming COM and Summit meetings will be intimated soon by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

b. Approval of the list of International/Regional Organizations to be invited.

13. The Council approved the list of the international/regional organizations to be invited to the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit, as proposed by the Secretariat, with addition of the World Bank. The Council also decided to consider in its future Meeting the proposal of Permanent Representative of Turkey to include the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in the list.

**Agenda Item No. 9**Report of the Secretary General on Reorganization and Restructuring of the ECO Secretariat.

14 The Council agreed with the Secretary General's view point that action to be taken regarding his Report on Reorganization and Restructuring of the ECO Secretariat, should focus at this stage only on distribution of work among the three DSGs. Thus, the present structure of the Secretariat concerning directorates and other units shall be kept as it is. The new set up shall also aim at a more balanced distribution of work among the three DSGs. The proposals will be submitted to the next regular session of the CPR.

**Agenda Item No. 10**Consideration of the Report of the Secretariat on possible anomalies in the ECO Science Foundation documents

15. The Council took note of the study carried out by the Secretariat and expressed the view that other Member States may also communicate their views on the subject documents.

**Agenda Item No. 11**The present status of ECO Awards

16. The Secretary General made a strong appeal to the Member States who have not yet nominated their representatives for the Selection Committee as well as for the Awards themselves, to do so expeditiously. The Secretary General also emphasized that in case the nominations were not received in one month's time, the opportunity to hold the ceremony during the forthcoming ECO Summit, may be missed.

**Agenda Item No. 12**Developments in the External Relations of ECO

a) MOU with OSZhD;

b) MOU with UIC;

17. The Council once again urged the relevant Member States to forward their views/comments on the above MOUs as soon as possible.

c) Working relationship with the Energy Charter Treaty.

d) Relationship with SADC

18. The Council agreed that the letter, with some editorial changes, may be signed by the Secretary General, ECO and forwarded to its destination.

**Agenda Item No. 13**Any other business

a. List of selected ECO Events/Meetings, to benefit from Special Support Fund

19. The Council approved the list prepared and circulated by the Secretariat and authorized the Secretary General to proceed accordingly.

b. Third ECO Ministerial Meeting on Transport & Communications, 24-28 April, 2000 Islamabad

20 The Council requested the Member States to confirm their participation in the said Meeting as early as possible. Simultaneously the host country (Pakistan) was requested to specify the hospitality arrangements for the subject Meeting to be circulated for information of the participating Member States.

**Agenda Item No. 14**

Date of next Meeting

21. The CPR decided to hold its next session at 1000 hours on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2000, to discuss the following two issues:

- ECO's new Scale of Assessment for contributions to the Secretariat's budget.
- Selection/Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO.

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