

# The 42<sup>nd</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – Wednesday, 12 April, 2000 )

1. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 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

The Council agreed to include Azerbaijan's proposal under Item 11 'Any other Business' regarding Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC). The adopted Agenda is enclosed as ***Annex-II***.

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

#### Adoption of the Report of the 41<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the CPR.

3. The Council adopted the Report of its 41<sup>st</sup> Session, as prepared and circulated by the Secretariat. The adopted Report is being circulated separately.

### **Agenda Item No. 3 & 4**

#### Selection/Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO

#### ECO's New Scale of Assessment

4. The Council agreed to continue informal consultations on the above two issues in order to reach final consensus under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Azerbaijan and current Chairman of the CPR.

### **Agenda Item No. 5**

#### Preparations for the Third ECO Ministerial Meeting on Transport & Communications

5. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan briefed the Council on the arrangements made by the host government for the Ministerial Conference and requested the Member States to furnish detailed information about the composition of their respective delegations and their travel schedules at the earliest.

6. The Secretary General made an appeal to the Member States to include one expert on TTFA Annexes in the composition of their delegations to finalize the remaining Annexes of the Agreement.

7. Finally, the CPR approved the proposed list of international and regional organizations to be invited to the inaugural session of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ECO Ministerial Meeting on Transport & Communications.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6**

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)

##### i. Briefing by host Government (IRI) on arrangements and organizational matters.

8. Since the Secretariat had not received any objection/reservation regarding the proposed dates for the above Meetings, the Council, therefore, considered those dates as final. Also, the host country's Representative briefed the Council on the arrangements made by the host government for the Meetings. He also reiterated that 1+4 delegates from each Member State may participate in SOM, 1+4 in COM and 1+10 (Total: 21) in the Summit Meetings.

##### ii. Briefing by the ECO Sectt. on the relevant issues (e.g. Agenda and Programmes of COM and Summit, International Organizations to be invited, etc.

9. The Council recommended the draft Agenda, proposed by the Secretariat for the forthcoming 10<sup>th</sup> ECO COM and the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings. With regard to the list of international organizations to be invited in the said Meetings, the Council approved the list already circulated among the Member States by the Secretariat on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2000.

##### iii. Draft Tehran Declaration

10. The Council decided to refer the draft Tehran Declaration to the Working Group for detailed discussion. The Group will meet on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2000 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

#### **Agenda Item No. 7**

Report of the Secretary General on Reorganization and Restructuring of the ECO Secretariat.

11. The Council was generally in favour of the Option-II of reorganization/distribution of work among DSGs as proposed by the Secretariat, while suggesting to avoid numeration of DSGs.

12. The CPR authorized the Secretary General to announce vacancies for the posts of DSGs, Directors and Astd. Directors. The deadline for nominations for DSGs' posts is set for 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2000, while the responsibilities of DSGs will be decided later on the basis of prospective work distribution by CPR.

13. The Council also agreed to continue discussions on this matter during its next session. After receiving nominations for the posts of DSGs, the Selection Panel will convene and formulate its recommendations to CPR and subsequently to the 10<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting for final approval.

14. For the posts of Directors and Astd. Directors, the CPR may finalize the needed appointments before end June, 2000.

#### **Agenda Item No. 8**

Consideration of the Work Programme of ECO for the year 2000

15. The CPR approved the Work Programme taking into account the revised programme of Transport & Communications sector. The revised consolidated Work Programme is being circulated separately.

**Agenda Item No. 9**The current position of ECO Awards

16. The Secretary General briefed the Council on the main points of the Secretariat's non-paper regarding the above issue.

17. The CPR decided that the Selection Committee for the ECO Awards shall comprise of five nominees already conveyed by the Member States and the respective Permanent Representatives from the remaining Member States for this year as a special case. The Council decided to have a meeting of the Selection Committee at the ECO Secretariat on May 15, 2000.

**Agenda Item No. 10**External Relations of ECO

a) MOU with OSZhD;

b) MOU with UIC;

18. The Council called upon those Member States (Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) who have not clarified their positions on MOUs with OSZhd and UIC to do so expeditiously.

c) Working relationship with the Energy Charter Treaty;

19. Although, there was tendency towards favouring such relationship, the CPR decided to postpone this issue to its future meetings so that some Member States could receive necessary instructions in this regard.

d) Concluding MOU with UNEP;

20. In view of the topicality of the environmental issues worldwide, the Secretary General requested the CPR to authorize him to sign the above MOU as soon as possible. The CPR deferred its decision on this issue to the next CPR Meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 11**Any other businessAzerbaijan's proposal regarding Black Sea Cooperation:

21. The Republic of Azerbaijan's proposal to act as coordinator between ECO and Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) was deferred to the next meeting of the CPR.

**Agenda Item No. 12**Date of next Meeting

22. The CPR agreed to hold its 43<sup>rd</sup> session on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2000 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

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