

The 43rd CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Tuesday, 23 May, 2000)

1. The 43rd Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Tuesday, 23rd May, 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 adopted Agenda with addition of four new Items (10-13) alongwith minor changes in some items, is enclosed as **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 42nd Meeting of the CPR.

3. The Council adopted the Report of its 42nd Session as prepared by the Secretariat. The adopted Report is being circulated separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

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

i. Briefing by the Representative of the host Government (IRI) on arrangements and organizational matters.

4. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Council that a briefing would be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1030 hours on 24th May, 2000 for the Heads of ECO Diplomatic Missions to apprise them of arrangements made for the above meetings. He also informed that the meetings of SOM & 10th COM would take place at IPIS, Tehran whereas the 6th ECO Summit will be held in the Hafezieh Complex.

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

5. The Secretary General informed the Council that the Secretariat will be working on weekly and official holidays preceding the meetings (1, 3 & 4 June) in order to handle the preparatory work, properly and timely.

iii. Draft Tehran Declaration

6. The Council decided to convene a Special Session exclusively on Tehran Declaration on 30th May, 2000 after the working group meets on 27th May to further discuss and finalize the present draft.

iv. Any other matter

7. All the Permanent Representatives/Representatives indicated their governments' decisions to participate in 10th COM and 6th ECO Summit Meetings. Aside from the Islamic Republic of Iran, six member countries confirmed participation of their Heads of State/Government in the forthcoming Summit. Moreover, remaining Member States were urged by the Permanent Representative of the host government (IR of Iran) to expedite their confirmation to facilitate arrangements and preparations.

Agenda Item No. 4 & 5

Selection/Appointment of the next Secretary General of ECO

ECO's New Scale of Assessment

8. The Council recalled the need to agree on a rotation formula for the post of Secretary General as well as on the ECO's new Scale of Assessment for contributions to the ECO Sectt.'s budget before reaching any conclusion.

9. The council, therefore, agreed to hold informal discussions on above matters at 1600 hrs. on May 27, 2000 at ECO Secretariat.

Agenda Item No. 6

Consideration of the nominations for the posts of DSGs,

Directors and Assistant Directors

10. In view of extension of deadlines for nominations of DSGs' posts till May 29, 2000 (inclusive), the Secretariat shall circulate resumes of the candidates on the above date. The Selection Panel will meet on 31st May, 2000 at 1500 hours to review the resumes of the nominees for necessary recommendations to the 44th CPR.

11. For the posts of Directors & Astt. Directors the deadline for nominations was extended upto June 15, 2000.

Agenda Item No. 7

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

12. In view of CPR's previous decision to postpone the review of the present organizational set-up of the Secretariat, the only issue, which had to be discussed, was the work distribution among the three DSGs. Since some members were awaiting instructions from their capitals, the final decision on this matter was deferred to the 44th Session of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 8

The ECO Awards

13. The Council decided to hold the Meeting of the ECO Awards Selection Committee on 3rd June, 2000 immediately after conclusion of the 44th Session of the CPR on the same day at the ECO Secretariat.

14. The Council also decided that those Member States, whose representatives to the above Committee were not able to attend, would be represented by their Permanent Representatives in Tehran.

15. The Council also decided that the Secretariat may circulate the research works received upto 23rd May, 2000 only.

Agenda Item No. 9

Utilization of ECO Special Feasibility Fund

16. The Council endorsed the Secretariat's proposal to add a new paragraph (as new para after para 36) to the Functional Methodology of ECO for adoption by the 10th COM. The new para reads as following:

“Regarding the projects fulfilling the aforementioned criteria to be carried out/executed with collaboration/ participation of international/regional organizations with which ECO maintains institutional or working relationship, the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) may authorize the Secretary General to undertake financial commitments from ECO Special Feasibility Fund up to a limit of 20% of the total cost of the project subject to the maximum of \$ 50,000 with the prior approval of the CPR in each case.”

Agenda Item No. 10Pakistan's proposal to discuss the matter relating to the extension of DCCU Project

17. The Council while expressing support to the extension of the project, in principle, requested the Secretariat to prepare and submit a progress report containing necessary justification for the extension. The matter will be considered by CPR in its first Session after the 6th ECO Summit Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 11Authorization to CPR to act on behalf of the Council of Ministers (COM) in renewing Sectt.'s posts in Category-I

18. The Council agreed to include this item in the draft Agenda of the 10th COM Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 12Amendments in the Charter of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)

19. The Council agreed to include the request of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) to amend items 2 & 3 of Article III of the ECI Charter in the draft Agenda of the 10th COM Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 13Finalization of ECO Roads & Railways' Maps

20. The Council decided to hold informal consultations on this issue among all the Member States concerned and to submit the outcome to the next Session of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 14External Relations of ECO

- a) MOU with OSZhd;
- b) MOU with UIC;
- c) Working relationship with the Energy Charter Treaty;
- d) Concluding MOU with UNEP
- e) Azerbaijan's proposal regarding Black Sea Cooperation:

21. The Council authorized the Secretary General to sign MOUs with OSZhd, UIC and UNEP as well as establishing working relationship with the Energy Charter Treaty.

The Council, however, could not reach consensus on Azerbaijan's proposal regarding BSEC.

Agenda Item No. 15

Any other business

22. Under this item, the Secretary General launched a strong appeal to the Member States to meet their obligations on urgent basis in respect of their budgetary contributions particularly those who had not yet done so even for the years 1998 & 1999.

Agenda Item No. 16

Date of next Meeting

23. The CPR agreed to hold its 44th Meeting on Saturday, 3rd June, 2000 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

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