

# The 44<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – Saturday, 03 June, 2000 )

The 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 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 Agenda, as prepared by the Secretariat, was adopted and enclosed as **Annex-II**.

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

#### Adoption of the Report of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the CPR.

The Council adopted the Report of its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session as prepared by the Secretariat. The adopted Report is being circulated separately.

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

#### Matters pertaining to the 10<sup>th</sup> COM and the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings

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**i. Final review of draft Agenda of 10<sup>th</sup> COM & 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings.**

The Council reviewed the draft Agenda of the 10<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting and with minor changes in the order of Items 5 & 6 approved it for consideration of SOM and adoption by COM. The revised Agenda is placed below as **Annex-III**.

The Council agreed to further discuss the draft Agenda of the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meeting during the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM).

**ii. Briefing by the Representative of the host Government (IRI) on Programmes of SOM, 10<sup>th</sup> COM & 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings.**

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Council that there would be another briefing session for the final arrangements of the forthcoming 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran at 1600 hours on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2000.

**iii. Briefing by the Secretary General, ECO.**

The Secretary General briefed the Council regarding the working papers related to the forthcoming 10<sup>th</sup> COM & 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings. He also stated that his report to the 10<sup>th</sup> COM is being circulated.

#### iv. Draft Tehran Declaration

The Council agreed to continue discussions on this issue during the Senior Officials' Meeting. The Council also agreed to include in the draft Tehran Declaration the proposals conveyed by the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Kyrgyz Republic, which are being circulated by the Secretariat among the Member States separately.

#### v. Any other matter related to the 10<sup>th</sup> COM & 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meetings.

No matter was discussed under this sub-item.

### **Agenda Item No. 4 & 5**

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

#### -ECO's New Scale of Assessment

The Chairman of the CPR H.E. Mr. Abbasali Hasanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan briefed the Council on the outcome of the informal consultations on the above matters and requested the approval of the write-up titled "Recommendations of the Council of Permanent Representative (CPR) to the Council of Ministers on appointment of the Secretary General, Deputy Secretaries General and Scale of Assessment for contributions to the ECO Secretariat's Budget" for submission to SOM and subsequently its final adoption by the 10<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting. The above text is enclosed as **Annex-IV**.

Consequently, the CPR decided to recommend the nominee from the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the next Secretary General of the ECO.

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

#### Consideration of the nominations for the posts of DSGs.

The Secretary General informed the Council about the outcome of the Selection Panel, held on 31<sup>st</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2000 respectively, which is as under:

"The Selection Panel met on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2000 and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2000 to consider nominees for the posts of DSGs. Seven nominees were forwarded to the Secretariat by six Member States.

Turkey withdrew the candidacy of Dr. Ahmet Tıktık and requested the extension for the deadline. Taking into consideration the agreed rotation formula, the Panel recommended to the CPR the approval of the Turkish request.

The Panel selected Mr. Sanaullah from Pakistan and Mr. Alesgerov from Azerbaijan out of the remaining six nominees as the most appropriate candidates for the two DSG posts, taking into consideration all relevant factors.

The Panel recommended that the present high-level setup of the Secretariat be continued until 12<sup>th</sup> August 2000 as an interim arrangement. Therefore, the new DSGs may assume their duties with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> August 2000 with the exception of Mr. Agral's successor who may assume duty on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2000.

Consequently, DSG Dr. Shahabi's term will be extended until 12<sup>th</sup> August 2000.

The above arrangements will not have extra financial implications on the current Secretariat's budget.

On the other hand, the field of responsibilities for new DSGs will be defined by the CPR taking into consideration the proposals of the new Secretary General.”

The Council reached consensus on the nominee of Pakistan. There was also consensus on the request of Turkey to extend deadline for submission of its nominee as well as interim arrangements. However, no consensus could be reached with regard to the recommendation of the Panel for the third post of DSG (due to the objection of Kyrgyz Republic and Turkmenistan). Therefore, the issue regarding the third DSG has been deferred to SOM and subsequently the COM for final approval.

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

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

While the CPR generally favoured the Option-II of the Organizational Set-up of the Secretariat, some delegations required further instructions from their capitals. Therefore, the final decision was postponed to the SOM.

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

#### The ECO Awards

The ECO Awards Selection Committee met for the first time on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2000. The Selection Committee recommended that given very short time left before the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meeting, the issue of ECO Awards be postponed till after the 6<sup>th</sup> ECO Summit Meeting. The matter may then be discussed and finalized by the end of the current calendar year (December, 2000) with the condition that no additional nominations should be accepted by the Secretariat.

The Council took note of the recommendation of the Selection Committee and deferred the issue to SOM for final decision.

### **Agenda Item No. 9**

#### Any other business

No issue was discussed under this item.

### **Agenda Item No. 10**

#### Date of next Meeting

The CPR agreed to hold its 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2000 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

### **Agenda Item No. 11**

#### Adoption of the Report of the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CPR

The Council adopted the Report of its 44<sup>th</sup> Session. The adopted Report is being circulated separately.