

# The 46<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

( Tehran – Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2000 )

The 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2000. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Nasrollah Kazemi Kamyab, Director General (ECO Affairs & Multilateral Economic Cooperation), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, Republic of Azarbaijan, 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 CPR adopted the Agenda with addition of the two following Items:

- Implementation of the decisions of the First ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade (as Agenda Item No. 9);
- Preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum Resources, to be held in Islamabad in November, 2000 (as Agenda Item No. 10).

Also, the CPR decided to discuss the issue of Cooperation between the ECO and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) under Agenda Item No. 11 (Any other Business). The adopted Agenda is enclosed as **Annex-II**.

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

#### Adoption of the Report of the 45<sup>th</sup> Session of the CPR

The Report of 45<sup>th</sup> Session was adopted with minor amendment in its para 7. The adopted Report is being circulated separately.

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

#### Appointment and renewal of Secretariat's posts in Category-I.

The Secretary General briefed the Council on the recommendations of the Selection Panel which held its meeting earlier the same day. The Council approved these recommendations as following:

- The Selection Panel could not reach any conclusion regarding the appointment of Directors and Assistant Directors in its meeting, held today (18<sup>th</sup> July, 2000).
- Consequently, it was recommended that the CPR preceded by a Selection Panel Meeting may hold another meeting with one main Item on its Agenda on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2000.
- It was also recommended that the CPR during its Meeting, to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2000 would appoint those Directors and Assistant Directors which would have been allocated to the specific Founding Members and for which nominations were available.

The Selection Panel further recommended the following:

- In those cases where nominations for the posts of Directors and Assistant Directors from Founding Members were not available, the deadline for the presentation of new nominees would be extended till 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2000.
- All the proposals for the extension of the tenure of the present Directing Staff will be considered and decided upon during the next CPR Meeting, to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2000.

The CPR took note of the views expressed by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan regarding appointment of their nominee to one of the Secretariat's posts. The CPR favoured the appointment of Tajikistan's nominee to one of the posts to be vacated in near future so that Tajikistan could be represented in the ECO Secretariat.

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

Preparations for the informal Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers(COM), to be held on the sidelines of the 55<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly

Draft UNGA Resolution on "Cooperation between the United Nations and the ECO

The Council asked the Working Group to assist the CPR to review the draft UN Resolution and the draft Agenda of the informal COM's Meeting, to be held in New York in the second half of September, 2000 and report its recommendations to the CPR in due time. The Working Group will meet in the Secretariat on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2000.

#### Other relevant matters

The Chairman informed the Meeting that 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 would be proposed as possible dates for the informal COM's Meeting to be held on the sidelines of the 55<sup>th</sup> UNGA Session. Furthermore, the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2000 has been suggested as the date of the joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting. The Secretariat will be in contact with the present Chairman of the CPR as well as the ASEAN Secretariat for finalization of the dates and venues of the said Meetings. The confirmed dates will be duly communicated to the Member States.

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

COM's decision to establish a Working Group of Senior Officials to examine the improvement in the effectiveness and efficiency of the ECO and to reconsider the ECO Regional Institutions and Specialized Agencies

The CPR deferred the matter for consideration to one of its future Meetings.

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

Finalization of ECO Roads & Railway Maps.

The CPR decided to defer this matter to its Meeting, to be held in August, 2000.

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

IDB Grant proposal for the ECO Project titled: "Interconnection & Parallel Functioning of ECO Power Systems".

After having heard the explanations of the concerned Director on the above issue, the CPR asked the Secretariat to continue its negotiations with IDB for finalization of the draft Grant Agreement. The said Agreement shall be signed after approval of the CPR. The

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan informed the CPR that they will officially convey their position regarding Uzbek Company's participation in this Project.

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

#### Matters related to the ECO-Consultancy and Engineering Company (ECO-CEC)

The Secretary General briefed the Council on the importance of the ECO-CEC Seminar, to be held in Lahore (Pakistan) as rescheduled for 7-9 September, 2000. The Secretary General also indicated some salient points of his meeting with CEC Board of Directors at the ECO Secretariat such as ECO-CEC's request for financial assistance. Furthermore, the Secretary General also appealed to the Member States, in particular the new Member States, to confirm their participation in the said Seminar.

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

#### Implementation of the decisions of the First ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade

The CPR appreciated the ECO Secretariat for preparing a comprehensive status report on the implementation of the decisions of the first ECO Ministerial Meeting on Commerce/Foreign Trade, which was earlier forwarded to the Member States and requested the Secretariat to continue its follow-up in this regard and regularly submit progress report on the implementation of the Framework Agreement on Trade (FAT) Cooperation for consideration by the CPR.

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

#### Preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum Resources, to be held in Islamabad in November, 2000

The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (host Government) informed the Council that the Meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2000, preceded by the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) on 7 November, 2000. The host authorities will provide local hospitality for 1+2 delegates from each Member State. He also requested to include this item regularly on the Agendae of the future CPR Meetings until the event is held.

The Council, however, requested the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to convey its wish to his Government to hold the SOM for two days (6-7 November, 2000 ) instead of one day (7 November) in order to allow sufficient time for finalization of related documents.

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

#### Any other Business.

#### Cooperation between ECO and BSEC

The CPR reviewed the decision of the 10<sup>th</sup> COM Meeting in this respect, and agreed to include this item in the Agenda of one of its future Meetings. The Council also requested the Secretariat to prepare an Informative Note in this regard to be circulated among the Member States.

### **Agenda Item No. 12**

#### Date of the next Meeting.

The CPR agreed to hold its 47<sup>th</sup> Meeting with limited Agenda Items on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2000 at 1030 hours at the ECO Secretariat. The Council further decided and agreed to hold its 48<sup>th</sup> Session on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2000 at 1000 hours at the ECO Secretariat.

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