

The 48th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Sunday, 27th August, 2000)

The 48th Meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held in the ECO Secretariat on Sunday, 27th August, 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, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Turkey and Republic of Uzbekistan and the Secretary General of ECO attended the Meeting. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Since the 48th Session was the first CPR Meeting held after H.E. Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi, assumed the post of the Secretary General of ECO, the Chairman and the Permanent Representatives extended their felicitations and full support to the new Secretary General and vowed to closely cooperate with him in fulfillment of his duties. H.E. Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi, in return, thanked the Chairman of the CPR and the Permanent Representatives for their kind support and expressed his commitment to do his best in advancing the objectives of the Organization and those of the Member Stats in regional cooperation.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda

The CPR adopted the Agenda with deletion of Item 5, which was deferred to one of its future Meetings and addition of a sub-item titled “First International Festival of Royan & Infertility, to be held in Tehran on 27-28 September, 2000 under Item 10 (Any other Business). The adopted Agenda is enclosed as **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 47th Session of the CPR

The Report of 47th Session was adopted and is being circulated separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

Preparations for the informal Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers(COM), to be held on the sidelines of the 55th Session of the UNGA

- i. Draft UN General Assembly Resolution on “Cooperation between the United Nations and the ECO” - Report of the Working Group to assist CPR;

The Council endorsed the amendments made by the Working Group in the subject draft Resolution, held on 22nd August, 2000 with only minor editorial changes. However, the Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan abstained from the decision on draft Resolution to have more time to consult with his capital. The revised draft Resolution is being circulated separately.

ii. Final review of the Agenda of informal COM and Joint ECO- ASEAN Ministerial Meetings;

6. The draft Agenda of the informal COM and joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meetings were approved as already circulated.

iii. Other relevant matters;

7. The Secretary General informed the CPR of dates and venues of the two Meetings as following:

- The informal COM Meeting will be held on Monday, 18th September, 2000 at 1300-1500 hrs. at the UN Delegates Dining Room;
- The joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th September, 2000 at 1500-1630 hrs. at the ECOSOC Chamber at the UN HQs.

The Secretary General also informed the Council that he would address the '*millennium Summit*' of the Heads of State/Government, to be held in New York on 8th September, 2000 at the invitation of the United Nations.

Agenda Item No. 4

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.

8. The CPR, after reviewing the background of the above COM's decision, deferred its further consideration to its next Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 5

Preparations for the first ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum Resources, to be held in Islamabad on November 8, 2000.

9. Referring to the suggestion made by the CPR in its 46th Session for extending the duration of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) to two days, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan stated that he was still coordinating this matter with his Government and would be able to convey the decision on the actual dates as soon as finalized.

Agenda Item No. 6

Approval of Work-distribution among the three Deputy Secretaries-General of ECO Secretariat.

10. The CPR approved the proposal of the Secretary General on work distribution among the three DSGs as circulated vide ECO Sectt.'s Note Verbale No. CON/CPR-48(WD)/2000 dated 15th August, 2000.

Agenda Item No. 7

External relations of ECO:

a. MOU between the ECO Secretariat and the International Trade Centre(ITC)/UNCTAD/ WTO;

11. Since some of the Member States were awaiting instructions from their respective capitals, the CPR deferred this matter to its next Meeting.

b. Contribution of US\$ 50,000/- out of the ECO Feasibility Fund to the joint ECO-ITC Project to promote intra-trade;

12. The CPR authorized the Secretary General, ECO to utilize US\$ 50,000/- out of the ECO Feasibility Fund for the joint ECO-ITC Project for promotion of intra-trade.

c. Cooperation between Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) & Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC).

13. Since some of the Member States stated that they were unable to comment on this issue due to lack of instructions from their respective governments, the CPR deferred this matter to its next Meeting. However, the CPR considered it as a prerogative of the Secretary General to invite his counterpart in BSEC to visit the ECO Secretariat.

Agenda Item No. 8

Consideration of the Audit Report for the year 1999.

14. The CPR recommended the Audit Report for the year 1999 to the 11th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM), for approval.

Agenda Item No. 9

Statement of utilization of funds of the budget of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) for 1999.

15. The CPR deferred this matter to its next Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 10

Any other Business

a. First International Festival of Royan & Infertility, to be held in Tehran on 27-28 September, 2000

16. The Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Council about the subject Festival and requested that it may be considered as an ECO event. He further stated that one participant from each Member State had been invited to attend the said Festival on hospitality basis.

b. Joint IMF-World Bank invitation to the Secretary General, ECO

The Secretary General informed the CPR that he was invited to attend the joint IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings as an observer. The meeting will be held on September 26-28, 2000 in Prague, Czech Republic.

Agenda Item No. 11

Date of the next Meeting

17. The CPR agreed to hold its 49th Session at 1000 hours on Monday, 2nd October, 2000 at the ECO Secretariat.

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