

The 49th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Tuesday, 24 October, 2000)

1. The 49th meeting of the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives was held in ECO Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Seyed Mohammad Hossein Adeli, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and attended by 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. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda:

2. Due to unforeseen engagements of some of the Permanent Representatives, the CPR agreed to shorten the meeting and discuss only a selected number of items on the revised agenda which had already been circulated. The delegation of Islamic Republic of Iran made some observations on the formulation of sub-item III of Agenda Item 13 on the draft. However, the Council decided to postpone consideration of all sub-items of Item 13 of the draft Agenda to its next Meeting. The adopted Agenda is attached as **Annex-II**.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of the Report of the 48th Session of the CPR:

3. The Report of the 48th Session was adopted and is being circulated separately.

Agenda Item No. 3

The Report of ECO Secretary General on the following:

- i. The Informal COM and the Joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meetings held on 18th and 20th September, 2000 in New York, respectively.
- ii. Participation in the Millennium Summit and Joint IMF- World Bank Annual meeting.

4. H.E. Dr. Abdolrahim Gavahi, Secretary General, was invited by the Chairman to take the floor on the above meetings.

5. Accordingly, the Secretary General recalling that the detailed reports of all of the above meetings had already been circulated, briefed the Council on the consultations which were conducted during the informal COM in which the ECO Foreign Ministers reviewed and exchanged views on the issues pertaining to the regional cooperation.

6. On the Joint ECO-ASEAN Ministerial Meeting the Secretary General stated that all ASEAN countries were represented in the meeting. They discussed the possibilities for the expansion of cooperation between the two organizations including the visit of ASEAN Secretary General to the ECO Secretariat.

7. The Secretary General also informed the Council that in his address before the Millennium Summit he had incorporated the views of Member States through advance consultations with them.

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 Chairman of the CPR, H.E. Dr. Adeli referring to the decision by the 10th Council of Ministers to establish a Working Group of Senior Officials, briefed the Council on the Informal Meeting of Senior Officials which was held in New York in September 2000.

9. Detailed discussions on the matter was postponed to the next Session of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 5

Appointment of new Director of Energy, Minerals & Environment in the ECO Secretariat:

10. The Secretary General briefed the Council on the outcome of the Selection Panel held before the CPR meeting in which it was agreed to propose Mr. Houshang Shojania (nominated by the Islamic Republic of Iran) as the new Director of Energy, Mineral & Environment.

11. The Council unanimously adopted the Panel's recommendations in this regard and appointed Mr. Shojania as the Director, Energy, Mineral & Environment in the ECO Secretariat effective from 28.10.2000.

Agenda Item No. 6

Preparation for the first ECO Ministerial Meeting on Energy/Petroleum Resources, to be held in Islamabad in November, 2000:

12. The Council stressing upon the importance of this meeting urged those Member States who had not yet confirmed their participation in the above meeting to do so expeditiously.

13. The Council endorsed the initiative of the Government of Pakistan to invite international organizations dealing with energy to the above meeting.

Agenda Item No. 7

Any other business:

14. Under this item, the Secretary General made an appeal to Member States who, so far, have not paid their contribution to the ECO Secretariat budget for the current year as well as the previous years to do so expeditiously.

15. The Secretary General also referred to the draft budget for the next year which had been circulated earlier and introduced the main features of the budget.

16. The Council decided to set up a Working Group to examine the said draft budget and provide its recommendations to the future Session of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 8

Date of the next Meeting:

17. The Council decided to hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 26, 2000 at the ECO Secretariat.

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