

The 86th CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran, February 24, 2004)

The 86th meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on February 24, 2004, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Medet Sadyrkulov, Ambassador / Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Permanent Representatives / Representatives of the Transitional 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 as well as the ECO Secretary General along with the ECO staff attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at ***Annex-I***.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

2. CPR adopted the following agenda for its 86th meeting:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the draft report of the 85th meeting of CPR.
3. Preparation for the 14th COM and 8th Summit meetings.
4. Recently held ECO Ministerial meetings and forthcoming events/meetings:
 - i) First Ministerial meeting on Finance/Economy held in Islamabad on January 29-30, 2004.
 - ii) First Ministerial meeting on Industry held in Tehran on January 25 – 28, 2004.
5. Consideration of list of ECO events/meetings to be supported by Special Support Fund (SSF).
6. ECO Awards – 2004.
7. Follow-up of the implementation of the decisions of 13th COM and 7th Summit meetings.
8. Status of mandatory contributions of the member states to the Secretariat budget.
9. ECI's budget for 2004 and its 3-year plan for CPR's approval.
10. Consideration on the draft proposal on Statute of the Economic Research and Statistics Center of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).
11. Endorsement of the draft MoU between ECO and UNEP.
12. Selection of Consultant for a feasibility study on Interconnection of ECO countries Power Systems funded by IDB: State of affairs.
13. UN resolution on the International Decade of Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015.
14. Administrative matters.
 - i) *Appointment for the post of Assistant Director (Coordination Unit).*
15. Any other business.
16. Date of the next meeting.

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the draft report of the 84th meeting of CPR.

3. CPR adopted the report of its 85th meeting which was circulated by the ECO Secretariat vide note verbale No.SG/CPR/2004/0143 dated January 27, 2004 with some amendments proposed by Pakistan. The adopted report was circulated among the member states vide Secretariat's note No.SG/CPR/2004/0357 dated February 28, 2004.

Agenda Item No.3

Preparation for the 14th COM and 8th Summit meetings

4. The Permanent Representative of Tajikistan informed that the 8th Summit will be hosted by the Government of Tajikistan on September 14, 2004, in Dushanbe to be preceded by the 14th meeting of the Council of Ministers.

10. CPR asked the member states to intimate concurrence with the dates and confirm their participation in the meetings as soon as possible.

Agenda Item No.4

Recently held ECO Ministerial meetings and forthcoming events/meetings:

i) First Ministerial meeting on Finance/Economy held in Islamabad on January 29-30, 2004.

ii) First Ministerial meeting on Industry held in Tehran on January 25 – 28, 2004.

5. CPR expressed its appreciation and thanks to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting the First Ministerial meeting on Finance/Economy held in Islamabad on January 29-30, 2004 and the Government the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting First Ministerial meeting on Industry held in Tehran on January 25 – 28, 2004.

6. CPR agreed that the Secretariat will circulate notes about actionable points of the decisions of the meetings and the member states will urge their concerned authorities in their countries to do the required actions for the implementation of the decisions.

7. The Secretariat circulated information about the forthcoming events/meetings during the meeting and requested the member states to confirm their participation to the meetings in due course ***Annex-II***.

Agenda Item No.5

Consideration of list of ECO events/meetings to be supported by Special Support Fund (SSF).

8. The CPR approved the list of events to be supported by the SSF subject to the approval of the Government of Pakistan to the inclusion of Training Course on WTO Agreement on Agriculture which is placed at ***Annex-III*** herewith.

Agenda Item No.6

ECO Awards - 2004.

9. CPR agreed to extend the deadline for receipt of nominations for ECO Awards and the Selection Committee till April 1, 2004. CPR requested Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan for sending nominations for both Selection Committee and Awards. Since Turkey has just sent nominations for Awards, CPR requested Turkey for sending nominations for the Selection Committee as well.

Agenda Item No.7

Follow-up of the implementation of the decisions of 13th COM and 7th Summit meetings.

10. CPR appreciated the preparation of follow up report circulated by Secretariat vide note No.PR/DEC.COM.SUM/2004/0299 dated February 18, 2004.

Agenda Item No.8

Status of mandatory contributions of the member states to the Secretariat budget.

11. The Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan informed the CPR that he was still awaiting information from his country on the calculation for the budget for 1999, however, his Government is preparing to pay for the contribution of other years.

12. CPR urged the member states to pay their contributions to the Secretariat's budget for the year 2004.

Agenda Item No.9

ECI's budget for 2004 and its 3-year plan for CPR's approval.

13. CPR deferred this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.10

Consideration on the draft proposal on Statute of the Economic Research and Statistics Center of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).

14. CPR also deferred this item to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No.11

Endorsement of the draft MoU between ECO and UNEP.

15. The Permanent Representative of Tajikistan informed about their new proposal to be incorporated in the draft MoU.

16. CPR approved the text of MoU, with Tajikistan's proposal, between ECO and UNEP and authorized the ECO Secretary General to sign it with UNEP.

Agenda Item No.12

Selection of Consultant for a feasibility study on Interconnection of ECO countries Power Systems funded by IDB: State of affairs.

17. CPR was informed that as per decision of the 85th CPR meeting, the Secretariat sent to IDB a letter on February 3, 2004 requesting the Bank to make direct contact with the Consultants in order to make final selection. The text of the said letter was circulated earlier to the member states vide Note No.EME/PWR/IDB/FS/2004/0230 dated 7th February 2004.

Agenda Item No.13

UN resolution on the International Decade of Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015.

18. The Permanent Representative of Tajikistan informed about the UN resolution which was initiated by the President of Tajikistan.

19. CPR while appreciating the initiation of the President of Tajikistan took note of this information.

Agenda Item No.14

Administrative matters.

i) *Appointment for the post of Assistant Director (Coordination Unit).*

20. CPR agreed with the following recommendations of the Selection Panel held on February 24, 2004, before the CPR meeting:

- i) To appoint Dr. Zafar Iqbal Zaidi, nominee of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as Assistant Director, Category-I, D1 with effect from 28th March 2004 for a term of three years.
- ii) Due to load of work on the Coordination Unit, extension in the term of the present incumbent Dr. Syed Rizwan Ahmed till arrival of his successor, any time after March 27, 2004, subject to the approval of the Government of Pakistan.

Agenda Item No.15Any other business.

21. CPR did not discuss any other issue under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No.16Date of the next meeting.

22. CPR decided to hold its next meeting at **10:00 hours** on Wednesday, **April 14, 2004**.

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