

The 87th CPR Meeting

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The 87th Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on April 14, 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 at **Annex-I**.

2. The CPR congratulated H.E. Mr. Halit Bozkurt Aran on his appointment as the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey in Tehran and welcomed him for his first presence in the meeting of CPR and wished him success during his tenure. The CPR also welcomed the new Deputy Secretary General from Pakistan, Mr. Masroor Ahmad Junejo and new Minister/Deputy Head of Mission of Pakistan Embassy in Tehran, Mr. Mohammad Waheedul Hassan who were recently appointed and wished them success during their tenures as well.

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda.

3. CPR adopted the following agenda for its 87th meeting:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Adoption of the draft report of the 86th meeting of CPR.
3. Preparation for the 14th COM and 8th Summit meetings.
4. Forthcoming ECO Events.
5. Establishment of ECO Special Fund for Projects of Reconstruction of Afghanistan.
6. ECO Awards – 2004.
7. Status of mandatory contributions of the member states to the Secretariat budget.
8. ECI's budget for 2004 and its 3-year plan for CPR's approval.
9. Signing of MOU with World Metrological Organization (WMO)
10. Consideration on the draft proposal on Statute of the Economic Research and Statistics Center of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO).
11. Any other business.
12. Date of the next meeting.

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the draft report of the 86th meeting of CPR.

4. CPR adopted the report of its 86th meeting which was circulated by the ECO Secretariat vide its note verbale No.SG/CPR/2004/00398 dated March 6, 2004 with some amendments proposed by Pakistan. The Secretariat has circulated the adopted report vide its' note verbale No. No.SG/CPR/2004/0654 dated April 17, 2004.

Agenda Item No.3

Preparation for the 14th COM and 8th Summit meetings

5. The Permanent Representatives of Iran and Uzbekistan gave their concurrence on the date of the Summit to be held on September 14, 2004, in Tajikistan, Dushanbe.

6. The Secretary General informed the CPR that last week he visited Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan to pay courtesy calls on the Presidents and the Ministers for Foreign Affairs. He informed the CPR further that during his meetings with the concerned Tajik authorities, he discussed with them the preparation for the 8th Summit and the 14th COM meetings. As a result of the discussions, it was agreed that the SOM will take place on 10-11 September 2004, COM will be held on 12 September 2004, and 13 September 2004 will be off for the preparation of the Summit, and Summit will be held on 14 September 2004. Therefore, the CPR while gave its concurrence with the aforesaid dates, requested the member states to convey their confirmation to participate in the subject meetings to the Secretariat as soon as possible. .

7. Moreover, the Secretariat circulated a draft list of regional/international organizations proposed to be invited by the Tajik authorities for attending the inaugural session of the 8th Summit. The CPR, while requesting the Secretariat to circulate it with note verbale, agreed to consider and finalize the list in its next CPR. With regard to questions raised by some member states, the Secretariat clarified that the invitations will be addressed to the head of the international organizations. However, if the heads who cannot attend the inaugural session may send their representatives. The host Tajik authorities will be requested to provide hospitality to heads of the international organizations only in case they participate themselves. Arrangements will be made in a way that the head of the international organizations will be given opportunity to make a five-minute statement during the inaugural session. However, the copies of the statements of their representatives will be distributed during the meeting.

8. The member states requested the Secretariat to provide information from the host Tajik authorities about those international organizations who have representatives in Tajikistan.

9. The Secretary General also informed the CPR that he is planning to send a team from ECO Secretariat headed by Deputy Secretary General to Dushanbe to help the host authorities for preparation for the aforesaid meetings.

10. The CPR decided to consider in its next meeting he *Work Programme for 2004* which was circulated by the Secretariat vide its note verbale No. PR/ECO-WP/2004/0561 dated 3rd April 2004 before its submission to the 14th COM for approval.

Agenda Item No.4

Forthcoming ECO Events

11. The Secretariat circulated the list of selective forthcoming events which is placed at ***Annex-II*** and request the member states to confirm their participation in those meetings as soon as possible.

12. The CPR requested the Secretariat also to include items in the agenda about briefing on meetings attended by the ECO staff recently, and on follow up of the implementation of other Ministerial meetings.

Agenda Item No.5

Establishment of ECO Special Fund for Projects of Reconstruction of Afghanistan

13. The CPR requested the member states to confirm their participation in the Financial Experts meeting for the establishment of ECO Special Fund for reconstruction of Afghanistan to be held on 21 April 2004 in Kabul and furnish the Secretariat with the composition of the delegation along with flight schedule. The result of the meeting will be submitted to the next meeting of CPR for its consideration.

Agenda Item No.6

ECO Awards - 2004

14. The CPR agreed to extend the date for nominations for the awards as well as selection committee till 30 April 2004 and to hold the Selection Committee meeting to select the winners in May 2004 before the next meeting of CPR.

Agenda Item No.7

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

15. The Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan informed the CPR that information from his government is still being awaited on the issue of contribution for the ECO Secretariat budget 1999-2000.

16. The CPR urged the other member states to make necessary arrangements for paying their contributions to the ECO Secretariat budget for 2004 at the earliest.

17. The Secretary General informed the CPR that according to the latest information from the Bank, the ECO Secretariat has received the contribution for the Secretariat Budget of 2004 from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Turkey.

Agenda Item No. 8

ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)'s budget for 2004 and its 3-year plan for CPR's approval

18. The CPR approved ECI's budget for 2004. Pakistan has announced contribution of Us\$ 70,000/- to the ECI's budget.

19. The CPR deferred the consideration of the 3-Year Plan" for approval to its next meeting.

Agenda Item No. 9

Signing of MoU with World Metrological Organization (WMO)

20. CPR approved the draft MoU with WMO provided that the views of the member states intimated so far be reflected in it. The CPR also authorized the Secretary General to convey the draft to WMO and if they agreed with text to sign it with WMO.

Agenda Item No.10

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

21. The CPR agreed that the above-mentioned subject could be put into agenda of the next Meeting of Economic Research and Statistics Focal Points to be held in 2004.

Agenda Item No.11

Any other business

(a) Mission's cost for implementation of feasibility studies for reconstruction of Afghanistan

22. The Secretariat circulated a note on the mission's cost maximum US\$ 4,000/- requested by the consultant (ECO-CEC) for the implementation of the following two feasibility studies for reconstruction of Afghanistan

i) Rehabilitation/Construction of Nawar bridge of Hesarak in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan - approximate cost US \$ 7,270/-

ii) Electrical Distribution Network of Pol-I-Alam Centre of Loger Province, Afghanistan – approximate cost US \$ 16,000/-

23. The CPR deferred this item to its next meeting and requested the Secretariat to include it as a separate item in the agenda.

(b) Change of week-end holidays at the ECO Secretariat

24. The Secretary General informed the CPR that week-end holidays of the Secretariat will be changed from Thursdays-Fridays to Fridays-Saturdays with effect from the 2nd of May 2004.

(c) Reimbursement of cost of air-ticket to Kyrgyz Representative

25. The CPR agreed to compensate the cost of air-ticket amounting to US\$ 977/- (US Dollars Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven) from Special Support Fund (SSF) to Kyrgyz Representative Mrs. G. A. Ermekbaeva who will attend the two meetings in Afghanistan from 19-21 April 2004, namely; 2nd ECO Regional Investment Conference and Financial Experts meeting.

(d) Proposed List of ECO Events/Meetings to be supported by ECO Special Support Fund

26. The Council agreed that the issue of inclusion or otherwise of the Training Course on WTO Agreement on Agriculture in the list of ECO events/meetings to be supported by ECO Special Support Fund which was objected to by Pakistan would be considered at the next CPR meeting.”

Agenda Item No.12

Date of the next meeting

27. CPR decided to hold its next meeting on **Monday, May 31, 2004 at 10:00 hours.**

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