

# The 89<sup>th</sup> CPR Meeting

## Report

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The 89<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) was held at the ECO Secretariat on August 01, 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, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey and Turkmenistan as well as the ECO Secretary General along with the ECO staff attended the meeting. The list of participants is at **Annex-I**.

### Agenda Item No. 1

#### Adoption of the Agenda.

2. CPR adopted the following agenda for its 89<sup>th</sup> meeting:

#### 1. Adoption of the Agenda.

2. Adoption of the draft report of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of CPR
3. Preparation for the 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings
  - a. Draft Agendas for SOM, 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings.
  - b. Confirmation for participation
  - c. Draft Dushanbe Declaration/ECO Vision 2015
4. Preparation for the Informal Meeting of ECO Council of Ministers (COM) in New York on the sidelines of the forthcoming UN General Assembly Session
  - a. Draft Agenda of the informal meeting of COM
  - b. Draft UNGA resolution between ECO and UN
  - c. Confirmations for participation
5. Preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial meeting in September 2004 in New York on the sidelines of the forthcoming UN General Assembly Session
  - a. Confirmations for participation
  - b. Draft Agenda of the Meeting
6. Reconstruction Projects in Afghanistan:
  - a. ECO Special Fund for projects of reconstruction in Afghanistan
  - b. Feasibility Study for Construction of Canal Crossings in Farah Province of Afghanistan.
7. Modalities of utilization of Special Support Fund (SSF) of the Budget
8. ECO Events/Meetings:
  - a. Briefing on the meetings attended by ECO staff recently
  - b. Forthcoming ECO events
9. Establishment of the ECO Science Foundation
  - a. Consideration of modified Charter of the Foundation
  - b. Consideration of Basic Documents of the Foundation
  - c. Preparations for 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation
10. Report of the Audit Board for the budget of the ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) for the year 2003 and ECI's 3-Year Plan.
11. Financing a Consultancy from the ECO Feasibility Fund for preparation an ECO Business Plan for establishment of the ECO Trade and Development Bank.

12. ECO Awards 2004
13. Authorization of Secretary General for utilization of General Reserve Fund and Feasibility Fund for the current Secretariat's expenditure.
14. Administrative matters
  - a. Appointment for the post of Director, Economic Research & Statistics
  - b. Appointment/Extension for the post of Assistant Director/  
Chef de Cabinet
  - c. Appointment for the post of Data Base Officer
  - d. Appointment for the posts of Russian Interpreter and  
Russian Translator
15. Any other business
  - a. Process of holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> ECO Regional Trade & Investment Conference on April 18-19, 2004 in Kabul, Afghanistan
  - b. Informal Meeting of Ministers of Finance/Economy to be held in New York.
16. Date of the next meeting

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**Agenda Item No. 2**

**Adoption of the draft report of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of CPR**

3. The CPR adopted the report of the 88<sup>th</sup> meeting of the CPR which was circulated by the ECO Secretariat vide its note No. SG/CPR/2004/1133 dated 14 June 2004, with some amendments proposed by Pakistan. The Secretariat circulated the adopted report vide its note No. SG/CPR/2004/1459 dated August 02, 2004.

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**Agenda Item No. 3**

**Preparation for the 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit meeting**

(a) ***Draft Agendas for SOM, 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit***

4. The CPR discussed the draft agendas and the proposals made by the Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Turkey and asked the Secretariat to prepare the revised draft agendas on the basis of the proposals of the member states. However, the revised draft agendas of SOM, 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings will be discussed and finalized in the next meeting of CPR.

5. As per the aforesaid decision of the 89<sup>th</sup> CPR meeting, the Secretariat prepared the revised draft agendas of SOM, 14<sup>th</sup> COM and 8<sup>th</sup> Summit meetings which are enclosed herewith at ***Annex-II***.

(b) ***Confirmation for participation***

6. The CPR was informed that for the time being:

- i. Afghanistan, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan (being host country) and Turkey have confirmed that their respective Presidents will attend the ECO Summit. Pakistan has confirmed that its Prime Minister will lead the Pakistan delegation to the Summit.
- ii. Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (being host country) have confirmed their participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council of Ministers (COM).

7. Permanent Representative of Pakistan confirmed to the CPR that Pakistan will participate in the all aforesaid meetings.

8. The CPR requested other member states, who did not confirm their participation yet, to confirm their participation at the earliest and convey their composition of delegation along with flight schedule.

(c) ***Draft Dushanbe Declaration/ECO Vision 2015***

9. The CPR agreed that a Dushanbe Declaration should be submitted for adoption by the 8<sup>th</sup> Summit as per the usual practice of the previous ECO Summits. However, ECO Vision 2015 drafted by EPG should be considered by COM along with the recommendations of the EPG.

10. Therefore, the CPR requested the Secretariat to draft Dushanbe Declaration and circulate it to member states before the next CPR meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 4*****Preparation for the Informal Meeting of ECO Council of Ministers (COM) in New York on the sidelines of the forthcoming UN General Assembly Session***(a) ***Draft Agenda of the informal meeting of COM***

11. The CPR adopted the draft agenda of the informal meeting of the Council of Ministers scheduled to be held on September 27, 2004, in New York, which was circulated to member states on July 6, 2004.

(b) ***Draft UNGA resolution between ECO and UN***

12. The CPR endorsed the draft "Resolution on Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization", provided that Turkish proposal regarding the cooperation among the member states on environment should be incorporated in the said draft.

(c) ***Confirmations for participation***

13. Pakistan and Kazakhstan has confirmed participation in the aforesaid meeting. The CPR urged other member states to confirm their participation in the meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 5*****Preparation for the 9<sup>th</sup> ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial meeting in September 2004 In New York on the sidelines of the forthcoming UN General Assembly Session***(a) ***Confirmations for participation***(b) ***Draft Agenda of the Meeting***

14. The CPR urged the member states to confirm their participation in the above mentioned meeting. However, they requested the Secretariat to prepare and circulate the draft agenda of the meeting so it can be discussed in the next CPR meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 6*****Reconstruction Projects in Afghanistan******a. ECO Special Fund for projects of reconstruction in Afghanistan***

15. The CPR agreed on the draft modalities, prepared by the Financial Experts meeting in Kabul on April 21, 2004, for the establishment and operation of ECO Special Fund for reconstruction projects in Afghanistan to be submitted to the 14th COM meeting for approval. However, Permanent Representative of Republic of Turkey informed that Turkey will send its formal confirmation later in due course.

16. Pakistan has already earmarked US\$ 5 million for the ECO Special Fund. This amount will remain with the Government of Pakistan until the ECO Secretariat has identified projects worth US\$ 5 million, funding for which will then be provided by the Government of Pakistan.

**b. Feasibility Study for Construction of Canal Crossings  
in Farah Province of Afghanistan**

17. The CPR deferred the above item to its next meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 7**

***Modalities of Utilization of Special Support Fund (SSF) of the Budget***

18. The CPR discussed revised Modalities for Utilization of Special Support Fund which was forwarded by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the recommendations proposed by the Secretariat. The CPR agreed on the Secretariat's proposal to include in the modalities following para:

“If so required due to unexpected developments within the subject year, the Secretariat may submit a revised list to CPR for re-approval.”

19. Copy of the agreed modalities is enclosed herewith (***Annex-III***). However, CPR requested the Secretariat to prepare a note on financial implications on utilization of the SSF by all ten member states, instead of only seven member states which is the current practice.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

***ECO Events/Meetings***

- (a) ***Briefing on the meetings attended by ECO staff recently***
- (b) ***Forthcoming ECO Events***

20. The CPR, while appreciating the lists of events/meetings attended by the ECO Staff and the forthcoming events/meetings (***Annex-IV***), urged the member states to confirm their participation in the forthcoming meetings. However, the CPR requested the Secretariat to circulate the list of forthcoming events/meetings to member states before the CPR meeting in advance.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

***Establishment of the Science Foundation***

- (a) ***Consideration of modified Charter of the Foundation***
- (b) ***Consideration of Basic Documents of the Foundation***
- (c) ***Preparations for 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation***

21. The CPR requested the member states who did not do so to furnish their views on the modified Charter to the Secretariat. The CPR also requested the member states to furnish their views on the Basic Documents of the Foundation. On Iran's proposal and the Secretariat's clarification, it was agreed that views of all the member states on the ECO Science Foundation's Charter and the Basic Documents were not necessarily required. Accordingly, Pakistan was requested to identify date for hosting the First Meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) without waiting the views of all the member states.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

***Report of the Audit Board for the budget of the ECO Cultural  
Institute (ECI) for the year 2003 and ECI's 3-Year Plan***

22. The CPR deferred the above item to its next meeting.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

***Financing a Consultancy from the ECO Feasibility Fund for preparation an***

***ECO Business Plan for establishment of the ECO Trade and Development Bank***

23. The CPR agreed, in principle, on hiring of the consultancy firm to prepare the ECO Business Plan for establishment of ECO Trade and Development Bank to be financed from the ECO Feasibility Fund. However, the CPR requested the Secretariat to provide for the member states, the estimated cost for the consultancy and the modalities for selection of the consultant to carry out the consultancy for consideration.

***Agenda Item No. 12  
ECO Awards 2004***

24. The CPR agreed on the ECO Awards 2004 winners selected by the Committee to be submitted to COM for approval. The CPR also authorized the Secretariat to invite the winners to receive their Awards on the eve of 8th ECO Summit in Dushanbe to be held on September 14, 2004. Moreover, the CPR also authorized the Secretariat to pay for the round trip tickets economy class to the winners for shortest route from their home country to Dushanbe, upon receipt of vouchers of air-tickets from the relevant head of account.

***Agenda Item No. 13  
Authorization of Secretary for utilization of General Reserve  
Fund and Feasibility Fund for the current Secretariat expenditure***

25. The CPR authorized the Secretary General to utilize temporarily the funds in the General Reserve Fund and the Feasibility Fund for current expenditures of the Secretariat. Upon the receipt of the outstanding contribution from the Member States, the said Funds should be replenished accordingly.

26. The CPR urged the member states to pay their contribution arrears to the Secretariat's Budget at the earliest so the Secretariat may do its functions smoothly and the amount used from the General Reserved Fund and the Feasibility Fund be replenished.

***Agenda Item No. 14  
Administrative Matters***

- (a) ***Appointment for the post of Director, Economic Research & Statistics***
- (b) ***Appointment/Extension for the post of Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet***

27. The Chairman/Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic informed the CPR about their informal consultation which was agreed to be done during the previous CPR meeting.

28. The CPR agreed to submit to 14<sup>th</sup> COM meeting the renewal of the term of Mr. Ermek Ibrahimov as Director (Economic Research and Statistics) for three years with effect from July 24, 2004.

29. The CPR agreed to extend the tenure of Mr. Afzal Mirshakarov, Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet, for further two months with effect from August 10, 2004. However, the Chairman will continue its informal consultations on the issue of extension of the tenure of Mr. Mirshakarov and inform the next CPR accordingly for approval.

- (c) ***Appointment for the post of Data Base Officer***
- (d) ***Appointment for the posts of Russian Interpreter and Russian Translator***

30. The CPR considered the recommendations of the Selection Panel and approved the following:

- i. The tenure of Mr. Aamir Ghani Mir, Data Base Officer (Category II, P3) has been extended for one month with effect from July 25, 2004.

- ii. Mr. Akim Urmantayev has been appointed as Russian Interpreter (Category-II, P3) with effect from September 1, 2004, for the remaining period of Mr. Murat Khasenov which will expire on July 31, 2006.
- iii. Mr. Daniyar Moldakhmet has been appointed as Russian Translator (Category II, P2) with effect from September 1, 2004, for the remaining period of Mr. Akim Urmantayev which will expire on June 21, 2006.

#### **Agenda Item No. 15**

##### ***Any other business***

- (a) ***Process of holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> ECO Regional Trade & Investment Conference on April 18-19, 2004 in Kabul, Afghanistan***

31. The issue was elaborated and the CPR while reminding the rules and regulations of the Organization including Article XII of Treaty of Izmir called upon the Secretariat to take into consideration these rules including the principle of consensus in all ECO meetings. CPR also recommended the Secretariat to send necessary documents for each meeting well in advance, so as to make it possible for member states to consider these documents and state their point of view in this regard.

- (b) ***Informal Meeting of Ministers of Finance/Economy to be held in Washington***

32. The CPR deferred the item to its next meeting. However, Permanent Representative of Turkey informed that Republic of Turkey will participate in the aforesaid meeting.

- (c) ***Remarks of the Permanent Representative of Turkey***

33. The Permanent Representative of Turkey referring to Secretariat's note circulated to member states on July 25, 2004, regarding status of participation of member states in ECO events/meetings held since January 2004, informed that Turkey has participated into 26 out of 27 ECO events/meetings; hosted six meetings, two meetings were attended by Ministers and three meetings were attended by Deputy Ministers, etc.

#### **Agenda Item No. 16**

##### ***Date of the next meeting.***

34. The CPR decided to hold its next meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, at 10:00 hours.

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