

The Extraordinary CPR Meeting

Report

(Tehran – Sunday, 08 May 2005)

1. As per the decision of the 98th Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR), an Extraordinary Meeting of the CPR was held at the ECO Secretariat on 8th May 2005 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Mirzoev Ramazon Zaripovitsh, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tajikistan, to discuss administrative issues. The Permanent Representatives/Representatives of the Islamic Republic 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 relevant ECO Secretariat staff attended the meeting. (List of participants are attached as **Annex-I**).

Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda

2. The CPR adopted the following agenda for its Extraordinary Meeting:

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Elaboration of New Mechanism of Staff Rotation in the ECO Secretariat
- 3.. Administrative Matters
 - a) Appointment to the post of Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet
 - b) Appointment as Program Officer/Expert on Transport
(Utilization of the vacant post of Receptionist/Telephone Operator)
 - c) Appointment to the post of Director Economic Research and Statistics
4. Any other business

Item No. 2

Elaboration of New Mechanism of Staff Rotation in the ECO Secretariat.

3. The CPR deliberated on the issue at length and appreciated the proposals made by Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic in this regard. The CPR requested these countries to send more details about their proposals, if possible, and also urged other member states to send their proposals in writing to the Secretariat, possibly by 18th May 2005. The CPR requested the Secretariat to compile all those proposals and prepare a consolidated comprehensive study taking into account all the proposals and views expressed by the representatives of the respective member states, present Staff Regulations and current practices prevailing at the Secretariat as well as the practices in other international/regional organizations, such as ASEAN, SAARC, etc. for recruitment of staff, especially the rules/procedures/practices for rotation of posts amongst the member states. The Secretariat may, if necessary, also seek the consultancy of the other organizations like UNDP, etc.

4. Furthermore, the CPR took note that this issue is already in the agenda of the 1st Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) to be held on 30-31 May 2005, therefore, any proposal which could be finalized by the 99th CPR meeting may be considered by the 1st SOM.

Item No 3

Administrative Matters

a) **Appointment to the post of Assistant Director/Chef de Cabinet**

5. The CPR deliberated on the issue. However, it deferred the decision to its next meeting.

b) **Appointment as Program Officer/Expert on Transport**
(Utilization of the vacant post of Receptionist/Telephone Operator)

6. The CPR deferred this issue to its next meeting.

c) Appointment to the post of Director Economic Research and Statistics

7. The CPR deliberated on the issue but it did not reach the final conclusion and deferred the issue to its next meeting. However, the CPR emphasized that the concerned parties may hold further informal consultations with regard to the above appointments and submit their recommendations for CPR's consideration/approval.

Item No. 4

Any other business

8. No item was discussed under this agenda item.

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