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The Secretariat of the Economic Cooperation Organization presents its compliments to Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Embassies of Member States in Tehran and has the honour to enclose the **Summary Record of the 12th ECO Summit** held on 16th October, 2012 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Summary Record does not contain the statements of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Foreign Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic and Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan. The statements of the abovementioned dignitaries will be shared with the Member States and also displayed on the ECO website as and when received by the Secretariat from the Member States.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the esteemed Ministry and the esteemed Embassies the assurances of its highest consideration.

Encl: As above.

All ECO Member States

Summary Record of the 12th ECO Summit Meeting

(16th October, 2012 – Baku, Azerbaijan)

The 12th Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 16th October, 2012. The meeting was attended by:

1. H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai
President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
 2. H.E. Mr. Ilham Heydar Oglu Aliyev
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
 3. H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad
President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
 4. H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 5. H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon
President of the Republic of Tajikistan
 6. H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan
Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey
 7. H.E. Mr. Annamuhammet Gochyev,
Deputy Prime Minister of Turkmenistan
 8. H.E. Mr. Ilgizar Sobirov,
Chairman of Senate of Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan
 9. H.E. Mr. Askar Zhumagaliyev
Minister of Transport & Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan
 10. H.E. Mr. Erlan Abdyldaev
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic
2. In addition, the following dignitaries participated in the Summit as Special Guests:
- H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 - H.E. Mr. Halil Akinci, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States
3. H.E. Mr. Shamil Aleskerov, Secretary General of ECO, along with the relevant staff of ECO Secretariat as well as the representatives of the ECO

Specialized Agencies, Regional Institutions & Units and representatives of International/Regional Organizations also attended the meeting. The list of participants is placed at ***Annex-I***.

4. The 12th ECO Summit was preceded by Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) on 13-14 October, 2012 and 20th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) on 15th October, 2012 in Baku.

Agenda Item No. 1 **Opening Ceremony**

➤ *National Anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan*

5. Before the formal inauguration of the 12th Summit, the National Anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan was played.

➤ *Welcoming Remarks by the Chairman of the previous (11th) ECO Summit*

6. As the Republic of Turkey held the Chair of the 11th ECO Summit, H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, opened the 12th Summit with a brief statement. The Turkish Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to the Government and people of Azerbaijan for hosting the Summit and for extending warm hospitality and creating a spectacular environment for the deliberations of the Summit. He stated that the global financial & economic crisis has impacted not only the entire world but ECO region as well. Under these circumstances, the Government of the Republic of Turkey expanded the horizons of ECO vision and forged new steps forward in terms of cooperation and restructuring of organization during their term of presidency. He recalled that the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) was established during the 11th Summit in Istanbul, which worked effortlessly and prepared its report for guidance of the Member States. He hoped that in the light of the recommendations of the EPG, the ECO will become a powerful cooperation platform not only at regional level but also at global level. He invited the Member Countries to take ownership of this organization in a more heartfelt fashion. He hoped that the Republic of Azerbaijan will guide ECO to a brighter future. He promised that the Republic of Turkey will share their experiences and work with brotherly country Azerbaijan during their term of presidency.

➤ *Election of the Chairman*

7. After his opening remarks, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey proposed H.E. Mr. Ilham Heydar Oglu Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the Chairman of the 12th ECO Summit. The meeting unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Ilham Heydar Oglu Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the Chairman of the 12th ECO Summit. The meeting congratulated Mr. Aliyev for his election as the Chairman of the 12th Summit and expressed confidence that under his able Chairmanship, ECO would make significant headway towards achieving its objectives.

➤ *Inaugural Statement by the Chairman of the 12th Summit - H. E. Mr. Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan*

8. Upon assumption of the Chairmanship of the 12th Summit, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his statement, expressed the hope for the successful conclusion of the Summit. He assured that the Republic of Azerbaijan will do everything possible for further development of the organization, enabling it to work on specific projects and to further expand the brotherly relations among the ECO Member States. He stated that the Republic of Azerbaijan attaches great importance to the ECO and believes that success of ECO is in the interests of all Member States sharing a common history and identity of economic and political interests. Referring to the deep rooted historical and cultural linkages amongst the ECO Member States, the President suggested that these should be a good basis for successful functioning of the Organization. He mentioned that the Republic of Azerbaijan participated in all international activities to protect the national interests of ECO Member States and mutual support and understanding would certainly strengthen our organization. Excellency, Aliyev appreciated the position of the Member States on the Armenian-Azerbaijani Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. He highlighted the economic progress made by the Republic of Azerbaijan in the recent years. He stated that the Republic of Azerbaijan has fulfilled its commitment to become a shareholder of the ECO Trade and Development Bank and intends to participate in major infrastructure and economic projects in Member Countries. The President also informed that the Republic of Azerbaijan has initiated the creation of a diversified network of oil and gas pipelines and transported energy resources to the world markets in different directions. He assured that the Republic of Azerbaijan will take practical measures to facilitate the operation of the North-South and East-West transit corridors. Because of its geographical location, the Republic of Azerbaijan can become a regional transport hub. Baku-Tbilisi-Kars railway corridors will be completed in near future and will connect the continents. While concluding his statement, he reiterated his Government's commitment to the objectives and goals of the Organization. A copy of his statement is placed at ***Annex-II***.

Agenda Item No. 2
Adoption of the Agenda

9. The 12th ECO Summit meeting adopted the following agenda as recommended by the 20th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) held on 15th October, 2012 in Baku:

1. Opening Ceremony
 - National Anthem of the Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Welcoming Remarks by the Chairman of the previous (11th) ECO Summit
 - Election of the Chairman
 - Inaugural Statement by the Chairman of the 12th Summit - H. E. Mr. Ilham Heydar oglu Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Statements by Heads of State/Government/Delegation
4. Report of the 20th Meeting of COM by the Chairman of COM
5. Statement by the ECO Secretary General
6. Date and Venue of the next Summit
7. Adoption of Baku Declaration 2012
8. Ceremony for ECO Awards
9. Any other business
10. Vote of Thanks and Closing Address by the Chairman of the 12th Summit
11. Closing of the Meeting

Agenda Item No.3

Statements by the Heads of State

10. The Heads of State/Government/Delegations in their statements accentuated the needs for expansion of cooperation in various fields under the framework of ECO and reaffirmed their support to the objectives and goals of the Organization. A copy of the statements is placed at ***Annex-III***.

11. The statements were also delivered by H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and H.E. Mr. Halil Akinci, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council of Turkic Speaking States. Copies of their statements are placed at ***Annex-IV***.

Agenda Item No.4

Report of the 20th Meeting of COM by the Chairman of COM

12. H.E. Mr. Elmar Mammadyarov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in his capacity as the Chairman of the 20th Meeting of the Council of Ministers, presented a brief report to the 12th ECO Summit on the deliberations and decisions of the 20th COM. A copy of his statement is placed at ***Annex-V***.

Agenda Item No.5

Statement by the ECO Secretary General

13. H.E. Mr. Shamil Aleskerov, ECO Secretary General, in his statement, highlighted the important activities of the Organization since the 11th ECO Summit held in Istanbul on 23rd December, 2010. A copy of his statement is placed at ***Annex-VI***.

Agenda Item No.6

Date and venue of the next Summit

14. The meeting welcomed the offer made by H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to host the 13th ECO Summit in 2014 in Pakistan. The exact dates of the Summit will be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Agenda Item No.7
Adoption of Baku Declaration, 2012

15. The Summit adopted the Baku Declaration 2012, as recommended by the 20th Meeting of Council of Ministers held on 15th October, 2012, in Baku. The Declaration provides future guidelines to the Organization on its priority areas. The text of the Baku Declaration 2012 is placed at **Annex-VII**.

Agenda Item No.8
Ceremony for ECO Awards

16. H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as the Chairman of the 12th ECO Summit, presented ECO Awards 2012 to the winners from Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Turkey in the fields of Economics, History, Culture and Fine Arts, Science and Technology, Education, Agriculture and Environment. The recipients from eight Member States were recommended by the Selection Committee and endorsed by the 179th CPR meeting and finally approved by the 20th COM held on 15th October, 2012 in Baku. The recipients were felicitated on receiving the awards of excellence. The names of the recipients are as follows:

S. No.	Name of Country	Name of Nominee	Field/Category
1.	Afghanistan	Mr. Mohammad Mir Raad	History, Culture , Literature & Fine Arts
2.	Azerbaijan	Mr. Asaf Nadirov	Economics
3.	Iran	Dr. Hassan Anousheh	History , Culture , Literature & Fine Arts
4.	Kazakhstan	Dr. Tuleutay Skakovich Suleymenov	Education
5.	Kyrgyzstan	Prof. Dr. Abdyrakhmanov Tolobek Abylovich	History , Culture, Literature & Fine Arts
6.	Pakistan	Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Shakoori	Science & Technology
7.	Tajikistan	Mr. Rahimov Farhod Qodirovich	Science & Technology
8.	Turkey	Mr. Sezai KARAKOC	History , Culture, Literature & Fine Arts

17. A family photograph was taken on the occasion.

Agenda Item No.9
Any other business

18. No issue was raised under this item.

Agenda Item No.10

Vote of Thanks and Closing address by the Chairman of the 12th Summit

19. The Heads of State/Government/Delegation expressed their profound gratitude to the President, the Government and the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the excellent arrangements made for the Summit and warm hospitality extended to the delegations. They also congratulated ECO Secretary General and his dedicated staff on the efficient and successful organization of the Summit.

Agenda Item No.11

Closing of the meeting

20. The Chairman of the Summit, H.E. Mr. Ilham Heydar Oglu Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, made his concluding remarks and declared the Meeting closed.
