



273rd Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

Report

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ECO Secretariat

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The 273rd CPR Meeting, held on February 27, 2023, was attended by the Permanent Representatives/Representatives of Republic of **Azerbaijan**, Islamic Republic of **Iran**, Republic of **Kazakhstan**, **Kyrgyz Republic**, Islamic Republic of **Pakistan**, Republic of **Tajikistan**, Republic of **Türkiye**, **Turkmenistan** and Republic of **Uzbekistan**. The ECO Secretary General and the relevant Staff of the Secretariat also attended the Meeting. List of participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

On request and proposal of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the meeting was organized in Hybrid Mode.

Opening the Meeting, the delegations of the Member States joined the **Chairman** and the **ECO Secretary General** to convey condolences for the massive destruction and loss of precious human lives during the recently occurred devastating earthquakes in Türkiye, expressing their deep sympathies with the bereaved families, people and government of Türkiye.

The Ambassador of the Republic of **Türkiye** to the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Country's Permanent Representative to ECO acknowledged with earnest appreciation the kind gestures, assistance and support of the Member States during Türkiye's hard time inflicted by destructive quakes in the country.

The **Chairman** requested the Members of the esteemed Council to observe a one-minute silence due to the catastrophic earthquakes in Türkiye as well as to a brutal attack that took place against the Embassy of Azerbaijan in Tehran on January 27, 2023.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 273rd CPR Meeting

2. Regarding Item 3 of the Agenda concerning the current situation and circumstances with the regard to conduct of Chairmanship in ECO in 2023, the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** proposed the Council to move the issue for discussion before any other business.

3. The Representative of the Republic of **Azerbaijan** expressed his concurrence on the proposal made by Iranian side for the said re-positioning of Item 3. Furthermore, some other changes in the sequence of Agenda Items was requested by the Representative of Azerbaijan.

4. After making necessary adjustments and re-sequencing of the Agenda Items as per the aforesaid proposals, the **Council** adopted the following Agenda of its 273rd Meeting:

1. Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the 273rd CPR Meeting
2. Adoption of the Draft Report of the 272nd CPR Meeting
3. Follow-up of the outcomes of the 26th Meeting of the COM

4. Preparation for the 16th ECO Summit and 27th Meeting of the COM
5. ECO Awards 2023
6. Approval of ECO Work Programme and Calendar of Events 2023
 - Inclusion of the 1st Meeting of the GA & BoD of ERC in the Calendar of Events for 2023
 - Inclusion of the 3rd Ministerial meeting on ICT preceded by the High-Level Experts Group meeting in the Calendar of Events for 2023
7. Administrative and budgetary matters:
 - Strengthening the Translation Unit of the Secretariat
 - Report on the costs incurred from Feasibility and General Purpose Fund for the 33rd RPC Meeting (January 16-19, 2023)
 - Recommendations of the Selection Panel
8. Current situation and circumstances with regard to conduct of Chairmanship in ECO in 2023
9. Any other business
10. Date of the next CPR Meeting

Agenda Item No.2

Adoption of the Draft Report of the 272nd CPR Meeting

5. The **Council** adopted the Draft Report of the 272nd CPR Meeting held on January 11, 2023, circulated amongst the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CFU/CPR/272nd Meeting/2023/93 dated January 12, 2023.

Agenda Item No.3

Follow-up of the outcome of the 26th Meeting of the COM

6. The **Chair** requested the ECO Secretariat to brief the Council on the measures to be taken to follow up the outcomes of the 26th Meeting of the COM held in Tashkent on January 24, 2023.

7. The **ECO Deputy Secretary General (Tourism, PM, JPA & EPA)** informed the Council that as desired by ECO Secretary General, the preparation for drafting a Plan of Action is under process with regard to the implementation of decisions/outcomes of the 26th COM Meeting. He assured that the said document would be finalized soon for distribution amongst the Member States.

8. The **Legal Advisor** briefed the Council on some prominent developments made during the COM Meeting and expected follow-up measures there-under. He pointed out that under the Report of Secretary General to 25th COM, the Council encouraged Member States signatory to Agreements concluded within the framework of ECO accelerate the ratification process, therefore, to this end the follow-up measures are needed to be taken by the Member States. It was also noted that 25th COM adopted the Statute of ECO Regional Center for Risk Management of Natural Disaster (ECO-RCRM), and upon approval the Statute was signed by the honourable Foreign Minister of Islamic Republic of Iran. As a follow-up measures, the Secretariat declared that the Statute is open for signature by the Member States at the ECO Secretariat or any other

venue that the Member States deemed to sign the Statute. As for the Charter of Clean Energy Center, he explained that after amendment of Article IX of the Charter, the Charter was declared open for signature by the Secretariat and noted that the Charter was sent to Baku for being signed by the honourable Minister of Energy of Azerbaijan.

9. The **Legal Advisor** further briefed the Council that after obtaining the approval of COM regarding the Terms of Reference of High-Level Committee and the desire expressed by COM that the Member States and Secretariat may accelerate their collaboration and coordination for materializing the functions of the High-Level Committee, the follow-up measures designed for the Committee would be putting before the Committee the issue of ECO Vision beyond 2025. He added that 25th COM agreed on the proposal of establishment of a High-Level Dialogue Platform on Environmental Cooperation and tasked CPR together with Secretariat to work out necessary Terms of Reference of the Platform. In this regard, he informed that the zero draft of the Platform, prepared by the Secretariat will be put on the agenda of 274th or 275th CPR Meetings.

10. The **Chairman** informed that the Charter of ECO Clean Energy Center (ECO-CEC) was recently signed by Ministry of Energy of Azerbaijan. He said that the original Charter would be forwarded to the Secretariat soon, requesting other Member States to consider signing and ratification of this important document, ensuring an expeditious operationalization of the ECO-CEC.

11. Regarding the revision of UNGA draft resolution on UN-ECO Cooperation, the **Chairman** noted that the issue was discussed at SoM in Tashkent and RPC level this year. He requested the Secretariat to circulate an updated version of the document amongst the Member States with a view to securing their views and inputs thereon.

12. The ECO **Secretary General** acknowledged, with appreciation and thanks, the signing of the ECO-CEC's Charter by Azerbaijan, encouraging the other Member States to sign and ratify this important document. Regarding the UNGA resolution on UN-ECO cooperation, he recalled that the said resolution is passed biennially by the UNGA with consensus. Noting the interventions by some Member States, the draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation is under process of revision which will be shared soon with the ECO Chair and other Member States for further views/consideration before its tabling at the UNGA, the Secretary General conveyed. He said that the Republic of Azerbaijan, being current ECO Chair, is supposed to table the revised draft of the UN-ECO resolution for adoption by UNGA during its upcoming session.

13. The Permanent Representative of **Iran**, appreciating the ECO Secretariat for briefing the Council on outcomes of the COM, reiterated his gratitude to the Republic of Uzbekistan for hosting the 26th COM Meeting in Tashkent that, he noted with pleasure, witnessed the maximum presence of the honourable ECO Foreign Ministers. To make it more exemplary and commemorative and bearing in mind that the 16th Summit is scheduled to be hosted by Uzbekistan in November, there is a need to speed up the implementation of COM's decisions and recommendations with a view to presenting a tangible report to our highest leadership. He opined that the Secretariat might peruse the text of the Tashkent Communiqué, ascertaining some priority assignments to be

done before the upcoming Summit. Furthermore, he expressed delight over the revision of draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation, inquiring the formal procedure for tabling it before the UNGA.

14. The **Chair** also looked forward to the required procedure for presenting the draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation, requesting the Secretariat to circulate an updated version of the document for consideration by the Member States.

15. The **ECO Secretary General** invited the attention of the Council towards the brief process stated by ECO Deputy Secretary General (**Tourism, PM, JPA & EPA**) regarding the follow-up measures as to implementation of Tashkant Communiqué. About the draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation, he referred his previously mentioned comments, looking forward to Member States' inputs on the document to be shortly circulated amongst them that he considered essential before forwarding the text to the UNGA. With a view to saving time, the same may be discussed and deliberated by the ECO Chair and Permanent Missions of the Member States in New York before starting informal consultations with the general membership of UN.

16. The **Chair** stated that on receipt of the revised version of draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation, the Chairing country would be requested to arrange consultation in New York.

17. Seconding the Iranian side's views and in consideration of the upcoming ECO Informal Ministerial Meeting in New York that may coincide with the UNGA Session, the Representative of the Republic of **Azerbaijan** also emphasized the need for setting up some timeline for finalization of the revised draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation. He believed that an early circulation of the document amongst Member States would enable their prompt consideration on it, adding that the Republic of Azerbaijan will advise its Mission in New York for making necessary coordination in this regard.

18. Concluding discussion in the matter, the **Council** desired the ECO Secretariat to make an early circulation of the following for consideration of the Member States:

- I. Action Plan for implementation of COM's decisions and recommendations;
- II. Revised version of the UNGA draft resolution on UN-ECO cooperation.

Agenda Item No.4

Preparation for the 16th ECO Summit and 27th Meeting of the COM

19. The **Chair** brought to the attention of the Council that as per Article IV of the Treaty of Izmir, the Heads of State/Government of the Member States are required to meet biennially or more often if considered necessary by the Member States. In this context he pointed to the importance of planning for the preparatory works of the 16th Summit Meeting and 27th COM Meeting scheduled to be held in 2023. The Chair

requested the Representative of the Republic of Uzbekistan to brief the Council on preparation and hospitality details of the event.

20. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Uzbekistan** to ECO, Ambassador Bakhodir Abdullayev thanked the Member States and ECO Secretariat for facilitation and support, ensuring successful organization of the 26th Meeting of the COM at Tashkent on January 24, 2023. He hoped that adoption of the Tashkent Communiqué and its practical realization would strengthen the existing cooperation amongst the Member States. Moreover, he recalled and reiterated Uzbekistan's readiness for hosting the 16th ECO Summit as desired and expressed by Country's honourable President during his meeting with the ECO Secretary General on the sidelines of the COM event. In addition, he informed the confirmations of participation in the next Summit by Iran, Kazakhstan and, requesting other Member States to also accelerate their confirmations in this regard, enabling the host authorities to make required arrangements for facilitation of the highest ECO leadership in Uzbekistan. He also proposed the formation of a Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) in connection with ensuring necessary preparations for the next Summit and COM events.

21. The Permanent Representative of the Republic of **Türkiye** seconded the proposal for organizing the Summit in November this year, and establishment of the proposed PrepCom for ensuring timely preparations to this end.

22. The Representative of the Republic of **Azerbaijan** informed that the relevant authorities in Baku were considering the dates for hosting the 27th Meeting of Council of Ministers (COM). He said that the proposed dates of the next COM Meeting would be shared shortly. He also supported establishment of the PrepCom to facilitate in-time preparations for effectively organizing these two very important ECO events.

23. The Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of **Iran** emphasized that the establishment of PrepCom was necessary if the next Summit to be followed by COM Meeting, in order to facilitate the beforehand preparations of both the events.

24. The Representative of the Republic of **Azerbaijan** underlined that an informal COM meeting was scheduled to be held on the sidelines of the next UN General Assembly Session, adding that the 27th COM meeting is to be organized before the Summit and after the informal COM event, most probably in October 2023. He expressed Azerbaijan's readiness to make bilateral consultations with the Uzbek side for mutually finalizing the dates of the next COM meeting.

25. The Permanent Representative of **Uzbekistan**, however, highlighted that there were no such provisions in the ECO Rules of Procedure for holding COM meeting before or after Summit.

26. Making reference of his meeting with the honourable President of Uzbekistan that took place on the sidelines of the 26th COM Meeting, the **Secretary General** informed that the highest Uzbek dignitary had desired early completion of all development projects in the region with a view to securing some tangible outcome before the 16th ECO Summit. Besides, he conveyed that the honourable President

tentatively confirmed November 9-10, 2023 for hosting the Summit event in Uzbekistan, expecting the extension of invitations to the ECO Heads of States/Governments in due course of time.

27. The **Legal Advisor** confirmed that there is no obligation in the ECO Rules of Procedure for consecutive holding of the COM and Summit meetings, explaining that as per Article IV of the Izmir Treaty the Summit has its own mandate. Regarding the level, composition and work of the PrepCom, he stated that it would consist of Representatives of the Member States and facilitates the preparations of both the COM and Summit events.

28. Considering the views and comments expressed the **Council** decided on the establishment of Preparatory Committee for overall coordination and preparations in connection with organizing the next Summit and COM Meetings in Tashkent and Baku, respectively.

Agenda Item No.5 ECO Awards 2023

29. The Chair requested the Member States to convey their nominations for ECO Awards by or before May 31, 2023, as well as the names of their authorized experts as members for the formation of ECO Awards Selection Committee.

30. The Permanent Representatives of **Türkiye** and **Iran** informed that their concerned authorities were working on the nominations that would be conveyed within the given timeframe.

31. Recalling his previously made proposal, the Permanent Representative of **Iran** stressed for involving ECO Specialized Agencies in the process of evaluating the individuals' nominations with a view to determining best suitable candidates for ECO Awards.

32. Citing the provisions of relevant ECO Modalities regarding the working of the ECO Award Committee, the ECO **Secretary General** stated that the Modalities for ECO Awards provides for seeking the views of specialized agencies as to fields related to History, Culture, Literature and Fine Arts and well as Science and Technology and Education from the ECO Specialized Agencies.

33. In view of the aforesaid discussions, views and comments, the **Council** urged the Member States for timely delivery of the list of their candidates for ECO Awards within the time limit set to this end, that is, end of May 2023. The Secretariat was also requested to issue a reminder to Member States regarding the aforesaid deadline.

Agenda Item No.6 Approval of ECO Work Programme and Calendar of Events 2023

34. The ECO Work Programme and Calendar of Events 2023 as endorsed by 33rd RPC Meeting on January 19, 2023 are required to be placed before the Council of Ministers under recommendation of the Council of Permanent Representatives.

35. The **Council** reviewed the ECO Work Programme and Calendar of Events 2023 and discussed the possibility for inclusion of the following in the said documents based on the proposals of the Member States:

- 1st Meeting of the General Assembly & Board of Directors (BoD) of ECO Re-Insurance Company (ERC);
- 3rd Ministerial Meeting on ICT to be preceded by High-Level Experts Group Meeting at Tehran in July 2023.

36. Referring to the Calendar of Events 2023, the Representative of **Azerbaijan** mentioned three events to be held in Azerbaijan back to back in May this year that include (i) 8th Meeting of Customs Transit Committee of TTCC, (ii) 10th Meeting of TTC and, (iii) 6th High-Level Working Group Meeting on Qazvin-Rasht-Astara (Iran)-Astara (Azerbaijan) Railway, adding that the 8th Meeting of Customs Transit Committee of TTCC is already covered under SSF. He underscored that the other two meetings are directly related to the regional connectivity, which the theme of this year's ECO Chairmanship. He requested the Council to also cover them out of SSF. He suggested the utilization of GRF to cover any deficit to this end. He further said that a formal proposal by Azerbaijan would follow soon to this end.

37. The **Secretariat** explained that under the budget of 2023 the total allocation to SSF was 10,000.00 USD. Hence, due to budget limitation that provides the coverage of costs that might be incurred for the proposed list of SSF could be regarded as impossible. By the use of the remaining amount under SSF from previous year, SSF could hardly support up to 10 meetings.

38. The Permanent Representative of **Iran** expressed his concurrence to the selective events to be covered out of SSF, stressing that as per Modalities Ministerial Meetings and SoM of the Ministerial Meetings should not be covered by SSF. He added that the meeting of PAECO was inserted in the proposed list of SSF as well as the meeting of judicial authorities. He noted that the first one is the meeting of the affiliated body and the second one just needs the will of the respective authorities which should be encouraged. He underlined that given the budget constraints under SSF, there would not be any need for insertion of workshops, training courses, etc. in the proposed list. He requested the Secretariat to revise the proposed list of events that are expected to be financed under SSF based on the views expressed at CPR. The shortened proposed list would be discussed during next Meeting of CPR, he continued. However, he looked forward to the Council's consideration for giving a general authorization to the ECO Secretary General to avoid referring such issues to CPR. Moreover, while referring to the ECO Calendar of Events, Sector "H" related to ECO International Relations and ECO Specialized Agencies, informed that the Ministry of Culture of Iran decided to organize the Board of Trustees (BoT) Meeting of ECI in June 2023, being the current Chair of the Institution. Aimed at expanding membership of the ECI, the invitation to attend the BoT's meeting will be extended to all ECO Member States, he underlined.

39. Mulling over the matter, the **Council** recommended approval of ECO Work Programme and Calendar of Events for the year 2023 by COM through adoption of a two-week silence procedure. Furthermore, the Council tasked the Secretariat to shorten the proposed list of events to be covered by SSF and requested observance of the Modalities for the proposal along with the aforesaid views shared by the Member States.

Agenda Item No.7

Administrative and budgetary matters:

- Strengthening the Translation Unit of the Secretariat

40. The **Chair** stated that based on the COM's decision, a post of Russian Translator (Category-II, P2) was abolished on December 31, 2022. He also pointed out that one of the incumbent Russian Interpreters Ms. Ulkar Mehdiyeva (Azerbaijani national) requested to work remotely from Azerbaijan for quite some time. The Chair noted that such developments appeared to impact on the functioning of the Secretariat's translation unit, requesting the Council to look into the matter and address the translation issues of the Secretariat.

41. The Permanent Representatives of **Türkiye** and **Kazakhstan** stated that they were not in favour of any proposal that brings additional costs to the ECO. However, arrangements may be made for re-appropriation of funds from one to another account with the approved budget of the Secretariat, they said.

42. The **ECO Secretary General** brought to the attention of the Council that the number of staff in translation section was reduced during the reform process with the understanding that the need of the Secretariat would be met by adoption of an appropriate recruitment policy required for the selection and appointment of the professional interpreters/translators. To this end, with the aim of improving the services of the interpretation section of the Secretariat the Member States would be approached for holding informal consultation with the aim of development of a proper formula for addressing the shortcoming in this section he added.

43. The Permanent Representative of **Iran** assured his full support to the Secretary General regarding the adoption of an appropriate recruitment policy. He further recommended the hiring of some part-time translators for making an interim arrangement through transfer of money from one to another head of account within the allocated budget of Organization that will bear no additional expenses.

44. The Permanent Representative of **Tajikistan** supported his Iranian counterpart with a view to providing quality translation services to the Member States and the Secretariat.

45. The **Council** tasked the Secretariat to come up with draft proposal for consideration by the next CPR Meeting.

- Report on the costs incurred from Feasibility and General Purpose Fund for the 33rd RPC Meeting (January 16-19, 2023)

46. The Council at its 271st Meeting held on December 21, 2022, authorized coverage of the costs of the local hospitality, hotel accommodation for three nights and return airfare (up to USD 900) to maximum 1+1 delegates of each Member State, from Feasibility and General Purpose Fund. The total costs amounted to USD 6,399.03 as reflected in the table below. It is further noted that nine Member States had participated in the RPC meeting which held in hybrid format and the costs is related to in-person participants except for the participants from the host country and the Embassy of Afghanistan in Tehran.

| Member State | Reimbursement of airfare | | Hospitality | Total amount in USD |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | number of delegates | amount in USD | amount in USD | |
| Azerbaijan | 2 | 1748 | 352.1 | 2,100.1 |
| Tajikistan | 2 | 1800 | 352.1 | 2,152.1 |
| Türkiye | 2 | 900 | 352.1 | 1,252.1 |
| Uzbekistan | 1 | 660 | 234.73* | 894.73 |
| Total | | 5,108 | 1,291.03 | 6,399.03 |

*Accommodation is calculated for 4 nights for 1 delegate.

47. The Council took note of the aforesaid Report.

- Recommendations of the Selection Panel

48. The Selection Panel met on February 26th, 2023 (10:00 hrs). The Meeting was coordinated by Amb. Dr. Huseyin Avni Bicakli, ECO Deputy Secretary General for (Admin, EME, IR & IT) and chaired (*virtually*) by Mr. Farid Valiyev from the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Türkiye and Republic of Uzbekistan.

49. The Selection Panel made the following recommendation(s) for consideration by the CPR:

Program Officer for Transport & Communications (Category-II, P1)

50. Mr. Zeinolla R. Kalymbetov (**Kazakhstan National**) may be appointed for a full term of four (04) years to be effective from the date of joining at the Secretariat against the vacant post of Program Officer for Transport & Communications (Category-II, P1).

Program Officer for Tourism (Category-II, P3)

51. Mr. Hasan Tufan (**Türkiye National**) may be appointed for a full term of four (04) years to be effective from the date of joining at the Secretariat against the post of Program Officer for Tourism (Category-II, P3) which would fall vacant in the ECO Secretariat upon completion of service tenure of Ms. Aysegul Yorulmazlar (Türkiye National) on March 10, 2023.

52. The Selection Panel also recommended that Ms. Aysegul Yorulmazlar, the incumbent Program Officer for Tourism may also be allowed to continue her services till the arrival of her successor from Türkiye to properly handing/taking over the record of the concerned Division, enabling her successor to follow up the future tasks in an appropriate manner.

53. The Council approved the above recommendations of the Selection Panel.

Agenda Item No. 8

Current Situation and Circumstances with regard to conduct of Chairmanship in ECO in 2023

54. As agreed by the Council in the beginning of the meeting, the floor was opened for discussion in the matter.

55. The **Chair** as well as the Representative of **Azerbaijan** noted that in view of the conditions developed due to brutal attack that took place against their Embassy in Tehran, it would not be convenient for them to chair and attend the CPR and other meetings of the Organization in person at Tehran. They proposed the Council to consider the format of the ECO meetings in Tehran to be organized in hybrid format.

56. The Permanent Representative of **Iran** while expressing his grief on the unfortunate event informed that the relevant authorities of Azerbaijan and Iran are bilaterally looking into the matter. He opined to adopt a reconciliatory approach until any conclusion to this end made by authorities of the two countries.

57. The **Council** agreed that the verbatim text of the statements/interventions delivered by the delegations of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Republic of Iran will be available in the Secretariat's record for the reference and can be accessed upon the request from any Member State.

Agenda Item No.9

Any other business

58. The **Head of Section** (Administration) proposed that one of the Secretariat vehicles Toyota Camry 2017 model may be replaced with two new vehicles; i) Toyota Camry 2023 model; ii) Toyota Hiace 2022/2023 model without any financial or budgetary implications. He requested the Council to consider the proposal and authorize the Secretariat to replace the old vehicle with two new ones that would bear no financial or budgetary implications.

59. The **Council** authorized the Secretariat to replace the old vehicle with new ones without any financial/budgetary implications.

60. The Representative of **Azerbaijan** sought the updates on ECO-ASEAN Joint Ministerial Meeting to be organized on the sidelines of the next UNGA Session in New York.

61. ECO **Secretary General** informed that during the last General Assembly Session in New York, he met with his ASEAN counterpart, reaching an agreement to resume the ECO-ASEAN joint ministerial consultations. However, he requested the Republic of Azerbaijan, being the current ECO Chair to task their Mission in New York for making in-parallel coordination with the ASEAN Chair in New York. He further informed that ASEAN Secretariat had earlier sent a Draft Cooperation Program to ECO Secretariat. After consultation with the ECO Member States, the reviewed version of this draft document was shared with ASEAN Secretariat for their consideration and approval. Therefore, after finalization of the text of this document we might consider the signing of Cooperation Framework between ASEAN and ECO on the sidelines of the next General Assembly Session in New York, he added.

Agenda Item No.10

Date of the next CPR Meeting

62. The Council decided to convene its next (274th) Meeting on 29th March 2023 in ECO Secretariat, Tehran

Annexure-I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:

The Republic of Azerbaijan:

- H.E. Mr. Ali Alizade, **Permanent Representative**
- Mr. Orkhan Zeynalov, Special Envoy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mr. Farid Valiyev, Head of Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

- H.E. Mr. Seyed Jaleddin Alavi Sabzevari, **Permanent Representative**
- Mr. Behzad Azarsa, Senior Expert, Multilateral & International Economic Cooperation
- Mr. Musa Khosravi Moghadam, ECO Expert, Multilateral & International Economic Cooperation

The Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

- H.E. Mr. Askhat Orazbay, **Permanent Representative**
- Mr. Gamzat Khairov, Counsellor

The Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic:

- H.E. Mr. Sydykov Turdakun, **Permanent Representative**

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

- Mr. Ahmad Shami, Counselor

The Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan:

- H.E. Mr. Nizomiddin Zohidi, **Permanent Representative**

The Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye:

- H.E. Mr. Derya Ors, **Permanent Representative**
- Mr. Ulvi Darendeli, Counselor

The Embassy of Turkmenistan:

- H.E. Mr. Ahmet Gurbanov, **Permanent Representative**
- Mr. Kemal Atayev, Third Secretary

The Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan:

- H.E. Mr. Bakhodir Abdullaev, **Permanent Representative**
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