

287th Meeting of the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)

Draft Agenda and Annotated Draft Agenda

May 6, 2024
ECO Secretariat, Tehran

Draft Agenda

1. Adoption of Draft Agenda of the 287th CPR Meeting;
2. Adoption of Draft Report of the 286th CPR Meeting;
3. Preparation for the First Meeting of High-Level Committee (HLC) of ECO Deputy Foreign Ministers on ECO Vision 2025 Review:
 - Report of the Second Meeting of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee.
4. Approval of ECO Work Programme 2024;
5. Approval of the List of Events to be covered out of Special Support Fund (SSF);
6. Participation of the Secretariat's delegation in the XII Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM);
7. Appointment of the new ECO Secretary General;
8. Appointment of the new ECO Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD);
9. Administrative and budgetary matters:
 - Amendments to the ECO Budget of 2024;
 - Recommendations of the Selection Panel.
10. Any other business;
11. Date of the next CPR Meeting.

Presentation by International Organization for Migration Mission in Iran (IOM Iran)

As known, migration issue is one of the most significant challenges that most of the countries have faced to achieve SDGs. According to the recent report by World Bank in 2023, about 184 million people, 2.3 percent of the world's population, live outside of their country of nationality. In addition, migration is also a challenge for ECO Region. For instance, Islamic Republic of Iran and Türkiye are amongst the largest refugee hosting countries in the world as of 2023.

Established in 1951, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM is part of the United Nations system, as a related organization.

To shed the light on importance of the migration phenomenon in the ECO Region, ECO has incorporated a joint workshop with International Organization for Migration (IOM) on "Trafficking in Persons and Human Smuggling in the ECO Region" into 34th RPC Working Paper for 2024 and it was approved by the RPC Council.

In this respect, IOM Iran is very keen on making a presentation during the 287th CPR meeting on both their activities in the ECO Region and to inform CPR about the abovementioned joint workshop. The presentation is planned to 15 minutes and another 15 minutes for Q&A session. Ms. Lalini Veerassamy, Chief of Mission of IOM Iran, has confirmed her availability to speak at the CPR Meeting on May 6, 2024.

Annotated Draft Agenda

Agenda Item No. 1

Adoption of the Agenda

1. The Secretariat proposes the following Draft Agenda for adoption:
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2. The Council may consider the above Draft Agenda for adoption.

Agenda Item No. 2

Adoption of Draft Report of the 286th CPR Meeting

3. The Draft Report of the 286th CPR Meeting held on April 8, 2024 in ECO Secretariat in Tehran was circulated amongst the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/466 dated April 15, 2024.
4. The Council may consider the adoption of the Draft Report.

Agenda Item No. 3

Preparation for the First Meeting of High-Level Committee (HLC) of ECO Deputy Foreign Ministers on ECO Vision 2025 Review:

- Report of the Second Meeting of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee

5. The Second Meeting of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee is scheduled to be held on April 24, 2024 at the ECO Secretariat in Tehran. The Council will be briefed on the matters considered by the Review Committee's Second Meeting to ascertain further recommendations for consideration of the CPR.

Agenda Item No. 4

Approval of ECO Work Programme 2024

6. Based on the decision of the 286th Meeting of CPR held on April 8, 2024 in the ECO Secretariat in Tehran the Secretariat vide its Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/447 dated April 8, 2024 has initiated a two-week silence procedure for obtaining approval of the COM with respect to the revised version of the ECO Work Programme 2024.
7. Since the Secretariat was provided with some amendments to the ECO Work Programme 2024 within the limit set for the procedure, from the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Tehran, the silence procedure was considered broken. The mentioned was circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/463 dated April 15, 2024.
8. The Council may consider the said proposals and take necessary decision.

Agenda Item No. 5

Approval of the List of Events to be covered out of Special Support Fund (SSF)

9. The List of Meetings/Events/Conferences to be financed from the Special Support Fund (SSF) in 2024 prepared by ECO Secretariat was circulated amongst the Member States vide its Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/451 dated April 8, 2024.
10. The Council may approve the List of Events to be financed from the SSF proposed by the Secretariat.

Agenda Item No. 6

Participation of the Secretariat's delegation in the XII Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM)

11. Through diplomatic channels, the ECO Secretariat received an invitation from H.E. Mr. Aziz Abdukhakimov, Minister of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan, addressed to the ECO Secretary General to participate in the XII Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation scheduled to be held in Khiva (OIC Tourism Capital for 2024), Uzbekistan, on May 31–June 2, 2024.
12. The event program includes the XII Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, Senior Officials Meeting on ICTM, and the Strongman international competition dedicated to the memory of Pahlavon Mahmoud. The Conference brings together Ministers of Tourism and high-level officials from the OIC Member States, along with representatives of relevant OIC institutions and international organizations to discuss the state of the tourism sector in the Member States and ways forward.
13. The Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan expressed their readiness to cover the costs of accommodation and internal transportation of ECO Secretariat delegation on “1+1” format during its stay in Uzbekistan.
14. Referring to Article III of the Memorandum of Understanding between the ECO and the OIC signed in New York on 30 September 1994 and taking into account the importance of the event and the current level of interaction between the organizations, as well as the fact that it will be held in the territory of the ECO Member State, the Secretariat considers it appropriate to attend the event.
15. Since this event is not indicated in the ECO Calendar of Events for 2024, the Council is kindly requested to concur with the participation of the Secretariat’s delegation in the said event.

Agenda Item No. 7

Appointment of the new ECO Secretary General

16. The term of office of the incumbent ECO Secretary General H.E. Mr. Khusrav Noziri will be completing on August 12, 2024. The Secretariat vide its Note Verbale No. ADMN/PER/2024/411 dated April 3, 2024 requested the esteemed Member States to convey their candidatures for the post of ECO Secretary General.
17. The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in Tehran vide its Note Verbal No.ECO-7/3/2024-B/08/173 dated April 5, 2024, conveyed the candidature of H.E. Dr. Asad Majeed Khan for the post of ECO Secretary General.
18. The Secretariat vide its Note Verbale No. ADMN/2024/458 dated April 9, 2024 circulated the said candidature amongst the Member States for consideration.
19. The Council may decide to adopt a two-week silence procedure to secure approval of the Council of Ministers in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 8

Appointment of the new ECO Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD)

20. The term of office of the incumbent ECO Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD) Mr. Kashif Zaman will be completing on August 13, 2024. The Secretariat vide its Note Verbale No. ADMN/PER/2024/464 dated April 15, 2024 requested the esteemed Member States to convey their candidatures for the post of ECO Deputy Secretary General.

21. The Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in Tehran vide its Notes Verbales No. 208-7 dated April 9, 2024 and No. 208-9 dated April 15, 2024, while supporting Pakistan's candidature for the post of next ECO Secretary General, conveyed the candidature of H.E. Mr. Turdakun Sydykov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Islamic Republic of Iran and Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to ECO for the post of ECO Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD) that was circulated amongst the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. ADMN/2024/476 dated April 16, 2024.

22. The Embassy of Turkmenistan in Tehran via its Note Verbale No. 28/4-631 dated April 8, 2024, while supporting Pakistan's candidature for the post of next ECO Secretary General, requested support for their candidature (to be conveyed soon) against the post of Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD) that was circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. ADMN/2024/484 dated April 17, 2024.

23. The Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Tehran vide its Note Verbale No. 011/790 dated April 16, 2024 forwarded their intention to nominate the candidature (to be conveyed soon) for the post of Deputy Secretary General (TC & HRSD) that was circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. ADMN/2024/489 dated April 18, 2024.

24. The Council may consider the said proposals and take necessary decision.

Agenda Item No. 9

Administrative and budgetary matters:

- Amendments to the ECO Budget of 2024

25. The Council may endorse the amendments to the ECO Budget of 2024 in order to implement the recent decision of COM regarding the new Salary Scale of Iranian A Category Staff based on amendments to the Staff Regulations of ECO.

- Recommendations of the Selection Panel

26. The recommendations of the Selection Panel, if any, would be submitted to the Council for making possible decisions.

Agenda Item No. 10

Any other business

27. Under this Agenda Item, the Council may discuss any other relevant issues, if raised.

Agenda Item No. 11
Date of the next CPR Meeting

28. The Council may decide the date of its next (288th) Meeting in consultation with the Member States and the ECO Secretariat.
