



28th Meeting of the ECO Council of Ministers (COM)

Draft Agenda and Annotated Draft Agenda

December 3, 2024
Mashhad, Iran

Draft Agenda

Opening Statements

- Statement by the Honourable Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the host and Chairman of 28th COM Meeting;
 - Statement by the Honourable Foreign Minister of Republic of Azerbaijan as the Chairman of 27th COM Meeting;
 - Statement by the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister - Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan as the ECO Chairman in 2025;
 - Statement by the ECO Secretary General.
1. Adoption of the Agenda;
 2. Statements by Ministers/Heads of Delegation of Member States;
Other statements:
 - Statements by the ECO Observers; *(if any)*
 - Statement by Heads of ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions;
 - Statement by the Heads of Regional International Partners.
 3. Consideration of the Report of ECO Secretary General on activities of the Organization;
 4. Review and approval of:
 - Reports of ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) Meetings;
 - Report of Sectoral Ministerial Meeting;
 - Reports of Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions;
 - Report of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee.
 5. Organization of Summit and COM Meetings on Annual Basis;
 6. Adoption of Mashhad Communiqué;
 7. Treaty Event;
 8. Any other business;
 9. Date and venue of the next COM meeting;
 10. Adoption of Report and closing of the Meeting.

Annotated Draft Agenda

Opening Statements

- H.E. Mr. Seyed Abbas Araghchi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the Chairman of COM in 2024 and the host of the 28th COM will make his statement and preside over the event;
- The Chairman may then invite H.E. Mr. Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the Chairman of 27th COM Meeting to deliver his statement;
- The Chairman may then invite H.E. Mr. Murat Nurtleu, Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan as the ECO Chairman in 2025 to make his statement;
- The Chairman may then invite the ECO Secretary General H.E. Dr. Asad M. Khan to deliver his statement on the activities of the Organization;
- The Chairman then suggests adoption of the Agenda as proposed by SoM.

Agenda Item No.1

Adoption of the Agenda

1. As proposed by the Senior Officials Meeting (SoM) held on December 2, 2024, the Council may adopt the Agenda of its Meeting.

Agenda Item No.2

Statements by:

- **Ministers/Heads of Delegation of Member States**

2. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegation of the Member States will be invited to make their statements in alphabetical order, giving priority to Minister. *A 7-minute duration is recommended for the delivery of each statement.*

Other statements:

- **Heads of Delegation of the ECO Observers**

3. After the ECO Member States, Heads of Delegation of the ECO Observers will be invited to deliver their statements. *A 4-minute duration is recommended for each statement.*

- **Heads of ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions**

4. Later on, the Presidents of the under-mentioned ECO Specialized Agencies and Regional Institution will be invited for delivering their statements. *A 3-minute duration is recommended for each statement.*

- i) ECO Cultural Institute (ECO-ECI)
- ii) ECO Science Foundation (ECO-SF)
- iii) ECO Educational Institute (ECO-EI)
- iv) ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECO-TDB)

- **Heads of Regional International Partners**

5. After that, the Heads of Delegation of the Regional International Partners will be invited to deliver their statements. *A 3-minute duration is recommended for each statement.*

Agenda Item No.3

Consideration of the Report of ECO Secretary General on activities of the Organization

6. As laid down in Article IX (2) of the Treaty of Izmir, the Secretary General presented his annual report to the COM that was circulated among the Member States vide Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/1615 dated November 12, 2024.

7. The Report, inter alia, covers the activities of the Organization made since the 27th COM Meeting held on October 10, 2023 in Shusha, Azerbaijan. It further outlines the major achievements of the ECO concerning the economic effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization, as well as status of ECO projects and programmes being implemented for small, medium and large scale development in the region. The document further highlights the measures taken to enhance ECO visibility in the global landscape, and the Organization's activities aimed at expanding and fortifying its connections with other regional and international organizations. The Report also contains recommendations on ECO's priority areas of cooperation, as well as progress on the recommendations of the midterm review of ECO Vision 2025.

8. The Council may consider the Report of the ECO Secretary General on activities and engagements of the Organization.

Agenda Item No.4

Review and Approval of:

- Reports of ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) Meetings
- Report of Sectoral Ministerial Meeting
- Reports of Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions
- Report of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee

9. Since the 27th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) held on October 10, 2023 in Shusha, the Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) held 10 Meetings (280–290 CPR Meetings). The adopted Reports were circulated among the Member States as per details given below:

No.	Report	Note Verbale Number & its date of circulation
1.	280 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/280 th CPR Report/2023/1713 dated October 24, 2023
2.	281 st CPR Meeting	No. CFU/281 st CPR Report/2023/1923 dated November 28, 2023
3.	282 nd CPR Meeting	No. CFU/282 nd CPR Report/2023/2055 dated December 27, 2023

4.	283 rd CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/96 dated January 30, 2024
5.	284 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/295 dated March 11, 2024
6.	285 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/446 dated April 8, 2024
7.	286 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/582 dated May 6, 2024
8.	287 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/749 dated June 6, 2024
9.	288 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/391 dated September 17, 2024
10.	289 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/1403 dated October 9, 2024
11.	290 th CPR Meeting	No. CFU/2024/1456 dated October 20, 2024

10. The Council may also consider, endorse and approve the Report of the 9th ECO Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, September 17, 2024).

➤ Annual Reports of ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies

- i) ECO Cultural Institute (ECI)
- ii) ECO Educational Institute (ECO-EI)
- iii) ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF)
- iv) ECO Trade & Development Bank (ECO-TDB)
- v) ECO Reinsurance Company
- vi) ECO Regional Institute for Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology (ECO-RISCAM)
- vii) ECO Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ECO-CCI)
- viii) ECO Regional Coordination Centre for the Implementation of the Regional Program for Food Security (ECO-RCC)
- ix) ECO College of Insurance (ECO-Col)
- x) ECO Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ECO-IEST)
- xi) ECO Postal College
- xii) ECO Regional Centre for Risk Management for Natural Disasters (ECORCRM)
- xiii) ECO Seed Association (ECOSA)
- xiv) ECO Consultancy & Engineering Company (ECO-CEC)

11. In accordance with Article X of the Treaty of Izmir, ECO Specialized Agencies/Regional Institutions shall submit Annual Reports on their activities to the Council of Ministers. The Reports of Affiliated Bodies, if presented, are also reviewed by COM.

12. The Council may consider and review the Annual Reports of the ECO Specialized Agencies/ Regional Institutions/Affiliated Bodies circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. IR/2024/1636 dated November 14, 2024.

13. The Council may also consider and approve the Report of the ECO Vision 2025 Review Committee circulated among the Member States vide Secretariat's Note Verbale No. ECO/2024/1330 dated September 24, 2024.

Agenda Item No. 5

Organization of Summit and COM Meetings on Annual Basis

14. The concept is to organize the Summit and COM Meetings annually under single ECO chairmanship to align schedule of these two important events with a view to ensuring coherence and efficiency within ECO.

15. The council may consider the proposal and provide guidance in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 6

Adoption of Mashhad Communiqué

16. The Secretariat via its Note Verbale No. CFU/2024/1552 dated November 4, 2024 circulated the first Draft of Mashhad Communiqué among the Member States for their views/comments. The Draft of Mashhad Communiqué was taken into consideration at PrepCom level. The document has also been discussed by the SOM for consideration of the COM.

17. The Council may consider and adopt the Mashhad Communiqué as recommended by Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) held on December 2, 2024 in Mashhad, Iran.

Agenda Item No.7

Treaty Event

18. The ECO Secretariat vide Note Verbale No. LA/2024/1545 dated November 4, 2024, circulated the latest status of agreements concluded within the framework of ECO. The Member States were also requested to inform the Secretariat not later than November 25, 2024 of their intentions to sign any of the agreements listed in the latest status report during the 28th COM Meeting.

19. The Islamic Republic of Pakistan vide its Note Verbal No. ECO-7/5/2024-C/19/643 dated November 13, 2024 conveyed their readiness to sign the Charter of ECO Clean Energy Centre during the 28th Meeting of COM in Mashhad.

20. The Council may like to welcome the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to sign the Charter of ECO Clean Energy Centre under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No.8

Any other business

21. The delegations may discuss other issue(s), if any, under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No.9

Date and Venue of the next COM meeting

22. The 29th Meeting of the Council of Ministers (COM) will be hosted by the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2025 being the Chair of the Organisation.

Agenda Item No.10

Adoption of Report and closing of the Meeting

23. Under this Agenda Item, the Council may consider the Report of 28th Meeting of Council of Ministers for approval.

24. The Council may express its gratitude to H.E. Mr. Seyed Abbas Araghchi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran for chairing the meeting in efficient and professional manner, as well as for his excellent Chairmanship. The Council may also appreciate the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for their warm hospitality and arrangements to facilitate the delegations of the Member States.

25. The Council may further express its gratitude to Dr. Asad M. Khan, the ECO Secretary General and his team for preparation of relevant documents and coordination with all the ECO Member States to organize this important meeting effectively.
