



Islamic Republic of Iran
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Observations by the Islamic Republic of Iran on
Chair's Summary of the 17th ECO Summit**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Secretariat of Economic Cooperation Organization in Tehran and wishes to express its strong dissatisfaction over the distribution of a document entitled "KHANKENDI COMMUNIQUE Chair's Summary of the 17th ECO Summit" and requests for appropriate correction and necessary changes as per following observations:

1. As per proposal by the host country before the Summit, there was an agreement among Member States to have a chair's summary instead of summit final declaration. While the structure of the issued text is formulated in a way that portrays an agreed negotiated text, it is not reflecting the expressed positions of the Heads of State/Government during the Summit.
2. The language and concepts used in the first part of the text and the incomplete and selective narrative of the Istanbul Declaration is not acceptable and shall not imply unanimous view by all participating Heads of State/Government in the Summit.
3. The second part of the text onward, starting with "Proceeding from the national statements of the heads of delegation of ECO Member States" does not reflect the correct account of the views expressed by the distinguished Heads of State/Government.

4. It is very regrettable that the paragraph on Israeli's regime aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran is drafted in a way that does not reflect the realities of the Israeli aggression to an ECO Member State and has not condemned the blatant violation of international law and the United Nations Charter by the Israeli Regime. This paragraph has ignored totally the categorical condemnation and rejection expressed by honourable Heads of State/Government in the Summit.
5. Moreover, the reference to the Israeli Zionist aggressor regime in the same paragraph as the "State" is neither acceptable to this delegation nor consistent with the language used in similar documents in other Organizations, including Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), where all ECO Member States are members.
6. Therefore, we strongly request revision of the whole paragraph related to the brutal and unlawful attacks by Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran in accordance with the statements in the Summit as well as the language used in the resolution adopted unanimously at the recent meeting of the OIC Foreign Ministers, held on 21-22 June 2025 in Istanbul, which strongly condemned the aggression.
7. The reference to taking note by the Heads of State/Government of "a guide for concrete follow-up" in the last paragraph does not reflect the proceedings of the Summit.

In the light of the above, it is requested that these observations be:

- 1) circulated among the ECO Member States;
- 2) uploaded in the ECO website in the same place where the above "Chair's Summary" is already uploaded, and
- 3) included in the Summit outcome documents.

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