

REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ECO CULTURAL INSTITUTE (TEHRAN, 25-26 JANUARY 2000)

The Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the ECO Cultural Institute was held in Tehran on 25-26 January 2000. The Meeting was attended by delegations from the eight signatory Member States i.e. Islamic State of Afghanistan, Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Turkey, Turkmenistan and His Excellency Ambassador Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO. The representatives of ECO Secretariat as well as of the ECO Cultural Institute were also present. The list of participants is placed at **Annex-I**.

(Agenda Item No.1)

Opening of the Meeting and the Inaugural Address by the Chairman of the BOT:

2. The Meeting was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Ataollah Mohajerani, Minister for Culture & Islamic Guidance of the Islamic Republic of Iran. His inaugural address is placed at **Annex-II**.

(Agenda Item No.2)

Speech by H.E. Mr Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO

3. The inaugural session of the meeting was also addressed by H.E. Mr. Onder Ozar, Secretary General of ECO. A copy of his address is placed at **Annex-III**.

(Agenda Item No.3)

Election of the Chairman:

4. H.E. Dr. Seyed Mohammad Hosein Adeli, Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the Meeting.

(Agenda Item No.4)

Adoption of the Agenda

5. The meeting adopted the Agenda which is placed at Annex-IV.

(Agenda Item No.5)

Appointment of the Drafting Committee:

6. An open-ended Drafting Committee was formed to prepare the draft report of the meeting.

(Agenda Item No.6)

Statements by the Leaders of the Delegations:

7. The Heads of the Delegations from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic of Turkey presented their inaugural statements. Copies of the statements made available to the ECI are placed at Annex-V. The honourable delegates highlighted the common cultural heritage of the peoples of the region and called for further strengthening of cultural ties.

(Agenda Item No.7)

Report by H.E. Mr. Akbar Parvaresh, President of ECI:

8. President of the Institute H.E. Mr. Akbar Parvaresh, presented his detailed report on the activities of the Institute to the meeting. Copy of the ECI President's Report is placed at Annex-VI. The Board of Trustees took note of the Report of the President and expressed its appreciation on the performance of the Institute.

(Agenda Item No.8)

Approval of the ECI Budget for 2000:

9. Given the anticipated savings from the ECI Budget of 1999, the meeting approved the Institute's budget amounting to US\$160,000 for the year 2000. The revised budget showing different heads in the light of the amount approved by the BOT Meeting is placed at Annex-VII. The Meeting asked the ECI to present a report about the status of utilization of the funds from the 1999 budget to the CPR by the end of March or early April 2000.

10. The meeting also approved the share of the contributing Member States for the year 2000 ECI budget as follows:

1.	Islamic State of Afghanistan	US\$10,000
2.	Islamic Republic of Iran	US\$70,000
3.	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	US\$70,000
4.	Republic of Tajikistan	US\$10,000

11. The meeting emphasized the need for timely contributions from the concerned Member States for the implementation of ECI's programmes.

12. The meeting appreciated the announcement made by the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan to donate a full-fledged Library relating to cultural subjects to the ECI. This donation would be over and above the contribution to be made by the Republic of Tajikistan to the ECI budget.

(Agenda Item No.9)

Approval for 3-Year Plan of Action of the ECI:

13. The meeting approved, in principle, the contents of the 3-Year Plan of Action of the ECI with the *proviso* that some of the activities proposed for the Year 2000 for which there was no budgetary provision would be held in abeyance and the whole situation on the implementation of the Plan shall be reviewed by the CPR at the end of the year in the light of ratifications by the remaining Member States and resulting budgetary implications. Copy of the Plan of Action is placed at Annex-VIII.

14. The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Tajikistan proposed that the ECI may chalk out a long term Plan concerning events such as musical festivals, painting exhibitions and seminars on prominent personalities of the region to be arranged in various cities of the ECO Member States in order to promote greater awareness of common cultural heritage of the region.

(Agenda Item No.10)

Approval for the Design of ECI Seal and Emblem:

15. The meeting approved the design of the Emblem and the Seal of the Institute *provisionally* in order to facilitate the functioning of the Institute. Copy of the approved Emblem is placed at Annex-IX.

However, it was agreed to reconsider the matter in the next BOT meeting to see whether the design of the Emblem needed any amendments. Meanwhile, the meeting also asked the ECI to consult the experts for their opinion on the design of the provisionally approved Emblem and Seal.

(Agenda Item No.11)

Endorsement of Anomalies from the basic documents of the Institute and approval by the CPR: a) Staff Regulations; b) Financial Regulations; and c) Scales of pay of President, Executive Director and Assistant Director, ECI:

16. The meeting endorsed the amendments in the basic documents of the Institute which had already been approved by the CPR in its 36th Session held on October 31, 1999. Copies of the amended basic documents as well as the Charter will be circulated separately.

(Agenda No.12)

Status of Ratification of the ECI Charter:

17. The meeting reiterated its earlier request to the remaining signatory Member States, namely, Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Republic of Turkey and Turkmenistan, who had not yet ratified the Charter to expedite the ratification process. The meeting also invited the two non-signatory Member States i.e. the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Uzbekistan to accede to the Charter of the Institute.

Agenda Item No.13:

Any other business:

18. The Board appreciated the good performance of H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Parvaresh as the President of the Institute, and, taking note of the need for his service in other positions, the meeting elected unanimously Dr. Mahmoud Boroujerdi, as the new President of the ECO Cultural Institute as of January 27, 2000, for the remaining period ending May 10, 2001. Mr Boroujerdi's curriculum vitae is attached to the Report of the Meeting as Annex-IX.

Agenda Item No.14:

Decision on the Date & Venue of the next BOT Meeting:

19. It was proposed to hold the Third Meeting of the BOT in January 2002. Tehran was proposed to be the tentative venue of the meeting if no other Member State volunteered to host it.

Agenda Item No.15:
Adoption of the Report:

20. The Report of the Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees was adopted unanimously.

Agenda Item No.16:
Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting:

21. The Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Heads of the Delegations and the Secretary General, ECO, to the Chairman and to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Islamic State of Afghanistan:

1. H.E. Mr. Said Mohammad Khairkhah
Ambassador of the Islamic State of Afghanistan
(Head of the Delegation)
2. Mr. Mohamamd Ayoub Samad
Second Secretary and ECO Director
(Member of the Delegation)
3. Mr. Mohammad Rahim Afzal
Cultural Attache
(Member of the Delegation)
4. Mr. Abdullah Hakim
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1. H.E. Mr. Shamsaddin Akhundov
Deputy Minister of Culture
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1. H.E. Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Taskhiri
President, Culture & Islamic Relations Organization
(Head of Iranian Delegation)
2. H.E. Mr Ahmad Masjed Jamae
Acting Minister of Culture & Islamic Guidance
(Member of Iranian Delegation)
3. H.E. Dr. Nasrullah Kamyab
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The First Deputy Minister of Culture
2. Mr. Ataiov Abdul Feiz
First Secretary, Embassy of the
Republic of Tajikistan

Republic of Turkey:

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ECO Cultural Institute:

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ECO Secretariat:

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