



REPORTS OF
THE 3rd ECI BOARD OF TRUSTEES
(BOT) MEETING

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22nd, 2007/ISLAMABAD)

The 3rd ECI Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting was held in Islamabad on May 22nd 2007. The meeting was participated by the delegations from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Turkey, ECO Secretariat and ECI. The list of participants is attached in Annex A.

1. Inauguration of the meeting.

The meeting started with the recitation of the verses from Holy Quran.

2. Election of the Chairman.

The previous Chairman of ECI His Excellency Mohammad Hossein Saffar Harandi, Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance of the Islamic Republic of Iran handed over the chairmanship of BOT to H.E. Mr. G.G. Jamal, Minister for Culture, Islamic Republic of Pakistan as the Chairman of the BOT. Addressing the meeting he welcomed the delegates and stressed upon the need for expansion of cultural cooperation between the ECO countries and strengthening the ECI as an instrument of such cooperation.

3. Adoption of the Agenda.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

4. Appointment of the Drafting Committee.

A three member Drafting Committee was approved comprising of ECI and representatives of member states for preparing the draft report of the meeting.

5. Statement of the Secretary General of ECO.

Mr. Mustafa Demirezen, Deputy Secretary General of ECO on behalf of the Secretary General addressed the meeting (Annex-I).

6. Report of the President of ECI.

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Rajabi the President of ECI presented the report about the activities of the ECI (Annex-II).

7. Statement of Head of States.

The Heads of Delegations participating in the Meeting made separate speeches. (Annex-III).

8. Approval of the recommendations of the 2nd HLEG Meeting

The BOT appreciated the work done by the 2nd HLEG and approved its report (Annex-IV).

9. Status of signing/ratification of ECI Charter and cooperation with other organizations/states.

The BOT while emphasizing the need of participation of all the ECO member states in strengthening the ECI requested those member states who signed the charter of ECI to expedite the process of ratification and those ECO member states who have not signed yet may also sign and ratify the Charter. Furthermore the BOT supported the establishment of cooperative relationship between EO and other international Organizations/States.

10. Implementation of 15th COM Proposal on "Promotion of Awareness/Image of ECO "

BOT while considering image building of ECO and to promote awareness about its significance among the member states and at international arena, as decided by 15th Councils of Ministers of ECO, thus emphasizing the modern day importance and significance of mass media communication resolved for establishment of an ECO satellite Television Channel and reactivating the already existing ECO News Agency (ECONA).

11. Reviewing the Financial and Administrative Issues of ECI.

While acknowledging the importance of the financial contribution of the member states for smooth and effective functioning of the Institute, they

supported the idea for establishment of an ECO Cultural Trust Fund and appreciated the gracious contribution of 2 Million Dollars by Islamic Republic of Iran and requested the other member states to contribute. Pakistan promised to place this proposal to the concerned authority for getting approval of reasonable amount to be deposited in that fund.

12. **Any other Business.**

Islamabad Communique was presented by ECI and was approved by the BOT (Annex-V).

13. **Date and Venue of the Next BOT Meeting.**

The BOT instructed the ECI to contact all the ratifying and signatory member states for finalizing the venue and date of the next BOT meeting.

14. **Adoption of the Report.**

The report of the BOT meeting was unanimously approved.

15. **Vote of Thanks.**

The participating delegations offered their profound thanks and appreciation to the Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan for warm hospitality and excellent arrangement during the BOT meeting.

List of Participants

The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

- 1- *H.E. Mr. Najibollah Maneli* Deputy of Minister of Culture
- 2- Counselor of the Embassy of Afghanistan in Islamabad

The Islamic Republic of Iran

- 1- *H.E Mr. Hossein Saffar Harandi* Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance
- 2- *H.E Mr. Mashaallah Shakeri*
Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Pakistan
- 3- *Mr. Parviz Karami*
Director General of Minister of Culture's office
- 4- *Mr. Abolghasem Tahmasebi*
Head of ECA Bureau Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 5- *Dr. Ebrahim Fayyaz*, (from Tehran University)
- 6- *Mr. Mehrdad Rakhshande Roo*,
Cultural Counselor of the Embassy of the I.R of Iran in Islamabad.

The Islamic Republic of Pakistan

- 1- *HE. Mr. G. G Jamal*
Minister of Culture
- 2- *Mr. Salim Gul Shaikh*,
Secretary of Ministry of Culture.
- 3- *Mr. Jalaludin Suhail*,
Joint Secretary of Ministry of Culture.
- 4- *Mr. Salah uddin*
Director General of Pakistan Sports Board, Ministry of Sports
- 5- *Mr. Prince Abbas Khan*
Director General, National Archives of Pakistan
- 6- *Mr. Syed Zulfigar Hameed*
General Manager of Associated Programme of Pakistan Corporation
- 7- *Mr. Ch. Muhammad Nazir*
Director General, National library of Pakistan, Department of Libraries,
Ministry of Education.
- 8- *Ms. Shahina Anwar*
Controller International Relations, Pakistan Television 5

9- *Ms. Seema Siddiri*

Deputy Controller, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation

10- *Ms. Samina Hassan,*

Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Culture.

Republic of Turkey

1- *Mr. Asip Kaya*

Counselor, Turkish Embassy in Islamabad

ECO Secretariat

1- *Mr. Mustafa Demirezen*

Deputy Secretary General 2-

Mr. Zafar Iqbal Zaidi

Assistant Director

ECI

1- *H.E. Mr. Mohammad Rajabi*

Head of ECI

2- *Mr. Orya Maqbul Abbasi*

Executive Director

3- *Mr. Ali Sabzalian* Assistant

Director

4- *Ms. Mojgan Golchin* Cultural

Expert