Draft Report of the 1st Meeting of ECO Cultural Institute's Council of Permanent Representatives (ECI-CPR)

ECI Headquarters, Monday 2nd November 2009, 11:00 Hour

1- The ECI-CPR held its 1^{st} Meeting at ECO Cultural Institute Headquarter on 2^{nd} November 2009, under the chairmanship of H. E. Mr. Ramazon Zaripovich Mirzoev, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan. The meeting was attended by all the ECI Member states as well as Representative from the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and a delegation of the ECO Secretariat. (List of participants is attached as Annex – I)

Agenda Item No 1

Inauguration of the Meeting:

The Meeting was inaugurated by H. E. Dr. Hojatollah Ayyubi, newly appointed President of ECI. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ayyubi touched upon the importance of cultural cooperation among member states and urged them to extend their assistance to ECI for the achievement of its aims.

Agenda Item No 2

Adoption of the Agenda:

2- The council adopted the following agenda:

Report of the President of ECI on Review of the ongoing projects and plans of the Institute

Constitution of Working Group for the deliberation of issues of ECI

3 – The council welcomed the new President of ECI, H. E. Mr. Hojatollah Ayyubi and expressed the hope that in view of his wide experience in the field of culture, he would enhance the status of ECI by achieving its goals and objectives.

Agenda Item No 3

Report of the President on the ongoing projects and plans of ECI:

4 – The President briefed the meeting about the ongoing and forthcoming activities of ECI and expressed the hope that with cooperation of Member States, the Institute would achieve its goals. He presented the report of his participation in the 2^{nd} Meeting of Ministers of

Tourism of ECO, recently held in Turkey. He also informed the meeting that the following cultural programs are to be implemented by ECI in the coming months:

Participation of ECO Member States in a special section of Fajr International Theater and Music Festivals in Tehran in February 2010.

Establishment of ECO tourism site to bring contents of ECO Tourist Guide up the date.

To hold the First ECO Sport Games in Iran and to be hosted by other Member States in the following years.

To organize Nowrooz Festival with participation of Heads of Member States in Iran in March 2010.

Agenda Item No 4

Constitution of Working Group for the deliberation of issues of ECI:

5- There was a consensus among the participants that since the nature of the first meeting of ECI-CPR is a preliminary one, a working group comprising of representatives of Member States should be held before the 2nd Meeting of ECI-CPR in order to discuss in detail, the issues of ECI, including its financial and administrative work and any related issues with the aim of preparing the Draft Agenda for the 2nd Meeting of ECI-CPR. The Meeting endorsed the proposal made by representative of Pakistan that the forthcoming meetings of ECI-CPR be held back to back with ECO-CPR Meeting.

Agenda Item No 5

Any other business:

6- It was stressed by representatives of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan that the Annotated Agenda of ECI-CPR should be distributed among Member States well in advance so that there would be enough time for them to carefully examine it.

Agenda Item No 6

Date of 2nd Meeting of ECI-CPR:

7 – The ECI-CPR decided that the date of the next (2^{nd}) Meeting would be decided by a Working Group to be held before the 2^{nd} Meeting of ECI-CPR and to be announced to Member States by ECI.

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List of Participants

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:

- Miss Gul Makay Bakhtiari, Deputy cultural Attaché

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

- Mr. Mohsen Rouhee Sefat, Deputy Director, Eco Affairs Bureau

The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

- Mr. Sajid Bilal, Counsellor

The Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan:

- H. E. Mr. Ramazon Zaripovich Mirzoev, Ambassador
- Mr. Mirzoev Komil, second Secretary

The Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan (observer):

- Mr.Bakhtybay Abdimoldaef, Second Secretary

The ECO Secretariat:

- Mr. Taheri shimerani, Legal Advisor
- Mr. Jawad Ali, Assistant Director Chef de Cabinet ad interim

ECI:

- H.E. Dr Hojatollah Ayyubi, President
- Mr. Hafiz Muhammad Jamil Owaisi, Executive Director
- Mr. Mohammad Ali Najafi, International Relations Officer
- Mr. Mohammad Taghi Kebari, Accountant