

**Draft Report**  
**of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the**  
**Council of Permanent Representatives of ECI (ECI-CPR)**  
**(ECI Headquarters, 28 February 2018)**

The Council of Permanent Representatives of ECO Cultural Institute (ECI) convened its 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at the ECI Headquarters on 28 February 2018 under the Chairmanship of the Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Meeting was attended by ECI President, the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and representatives of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as well as delegation of the ECO Cultural Institute. (List of Participants is enclosed as **Annex. I**).

1- A Working Group comprised of financial experts/officers of ECI and the Member States shall be set up to examine the draft proposed budget of ECI for the year 2018 and submit its report to the forthcoming ECI-CPR meeting for the final approval.

2- President of ECI declared that the Institute has always conveyed its consent with joining of the nominee for the post of Executive Director and Assistant Director at ECO Cultural Institute but the Institute is confronting with liquidity crisis due to late payment of annual contributions and outstanding arrears of the Member States while ECI has never stopped implementation of its programs that extends far beyond its approved annual work program. The comparison of financial facts and figures pertinent to three recent tenures of presidentship of ECI is as follows:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Staff Salary, Allowances &amp; Benefits</b>	%76	%78	%89
<b>Current costs</b>	%12	%12	%7
<b>Cultural and Research Programs</b>	%9	%9	%4
<b>Properties</b>	%3	%1	0
<b>Total</b>	100	100	100

3-Letter of appointment for the nominee from the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the post of Executive Director at ECI and the nominee from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for the post of Assistant Director at ECI will be issued by the Institute's secretariat upon the assumption of the posts at ECI while assumption of a post with grade p2 by one other representative from the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan is beyond the bounds of possibility.

4- Upon the proposal of the distinguished Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the ECI Member States in cooperation with the ECO Secretariat will adopt a solution to provide essential resources for payment of salaries and emoluments of the ECI staff members who are seconded by their respective governments.

5- It was proposed that a consultation meeting of ECI President and ambassadors of ECI Member States shall be held at Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to discuss current state of affairs of ECI.

**Annex-I**

**The 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
ECI Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR)**

**List of Participants**

**Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan:**

- Mr. Ahmad Haroon Najmpoor, Minister Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission
- Ms. Bodaghi, Staff Member, ECO Affairs Department

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

- H.E. Majid Bizmark, Director General, International Environmental and Sustainable Development Affairs
- Mr. Aziz Hosseini Tabar, Senior Expert, ECO Affairs Bureau

**Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:**

- H.E. Asif Ali Khan Durrani, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Mr. Ghulam Hussain, Third Secretary

**Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan:**

- H.E. Nematullo Emomzoda, Ambassador of the Republic of Tajikistan,
- Mr. Mirzosharif Kabirov, Accounting Officer

**ECO Cultural Institute:**

- H.E. Dr. Mohammad Mahdi Mazaheri, President
- Ms. Fatemeh Mirbagheri, External Relations
- Mr. Shah Mansur Khojeov, Tajikistan's Desk Officer
- Ms. Parvin Khalesi, Accounting Officer
- Ms. Parisa Firouzkouhi, Cultural Expert
- Mr. Mehdi Omraninejad, Cultural Expert