

**Draft Report of the 3rd Meeting of the
Council of Permanent Representatives of ECI (E-CPR)
ECI Headquarters, 10th May 2010 at 10:00 hours**

- 1- The Council of Permanent Representatives of ECI (E-CPR) held its 3rd Meeting at the ECI Headquarters on 10th May 2010. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as delegations of the Secretariat of ECO and ECO Cultural Institute. (List of participants is attached as Annex -I)

Agenda item No.1

Inauguration of the Meeting

- 2- H.E. Dr. Hojjatollah Ayyoobi, President of ECI inaugurated the meeting. He welcomed the Member States representatives for their participation and expressed the hope that with relocation of its Headquarters to a new building, ECI with the assistance of Member States would further expand its activities.
- 3- He briefed the meeting on his recent visits to two ECI Member States, Tajikistan and Afghanistan for the inauguration of ECI Coordination Units and expressed his deep appreciation to the governments of Tajikistan and Afghanistan for their full fledged support for the implementation of these projects.

ECI President also elaborated on three important projects, planned to be implemented by the Institute: Calligraphy Exhibition in Tajikistan, establishment of ECO Symphony orchestra and organizing ECO Cultural Week in Iran. He asked Member States to extend their support and participate in the said programs.

- 4- Answering a question raised by representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, ECI President informed the Meeting that accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to ECI Charter is now under consideration by the esteemed government of that country and Kazakhstan will hopefully be the fifth full member of ECI in the near future. He also informed the Meeting on the progress made regarding full membership of the Republic of Turkey to ECI following his meeting of 19th February 2010 with honorable Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey in Antalya.
- 5- Representative of ECO Secretariat on behalf of ECO Secretary General congratulated the establishment of ECI offices in Tajikistan and Afghanistan and was of the opinion that the move would give a fresh impetus to cultural activities of ECI in Member States.

Agenda item No.2

Election of the chairman

- 6- The meeting unanimously elected Mr. Mohsen Rohee Sefat, Deputy Director, ECO Affairs Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the chairman of the meeting.

Agenda item No.3

Approval of the Draft Report of the 2nd E-CPR Meeting

- 7- The meeting unanimously approved the Draft Report of the 2nd E-CPR Meeting, already circulated by ECI among Member States vide its Note No.ECI/88-8/3256 dated 18th January 2010.

Agenda item No.4

Review of ECI's Audit Report for the year 2007

- 8- The ECI's Audit Report for the year 2007, presented to Member States by ECI vide Note No. ECI/524/198 dated 25TH April 2010 was considered by the meeting and since there was no objection, the Report was unanimously approved.

Agenda item No.5

Approval of ECI's proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2010

- 9- ECI's Accounts Officer informed the meeting on details of proposed budget for 2010 and said the US dollar 56754 increase in this budget, compared with 2009 budget, is mainly due to the appointment of a new Director in ECI. He further explained that in the 2010 proposed budget, the amount of US dollar 49653 is to be paid to the new Director of ECI as his salary and other allowances and US dollar 6020 is also allocated for annual increase in ECI's staff salary.
- 10- Representative of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan informed the meeting that the part payment of his government to ECI 2010 budget is not reflected in the proposed budget, therefore his delegation is not in a position to approve the present proposed budget at this stage. While stressing that Pakistan, due to non increase of its annual share in the proposed budget has no objection to it in principle, he asked ECI to make necessary amendments to the contents of proposed budget taking into account the part payment of the government of the I.R of Pakistan and present it to the next E-CPR meeting for the approval.

11-The meeting decided that the text of revised budget of ECI for the 2010 fiscal year shall be presented to the next E-CPR.

Agenda item No.6

Extension of contracts of ECI staff

12-The issue of extension of contract of three ECI staff was discussed under this item. The legal adviser of ECO expressed the opinion that extension of the contracts of the said staff is not within the mandate of E-CPR. The meeting after listening to representatives of Pakistan and Afghanistan remarks on the need to receive the details of the staff contract, decided to differ the issue to the next E-CPR meeting.

Agenda item No.7

Any other business

13-Under this agenda item, the representative of Pakistan congratulated ECI for the opening of its offices in Tajikistan and Afghanistan and asked ECI that due to the planned visit of ECI's President to Pakistan, relevant information on the establishment of the said offices would be provided to his embassy.

Agenda item No.8

Date of 4th Meeting of E-CPR

14-The date of the next meeting of E-CPR will be announced to Member States by ECI.

The 3rd Meeting of ECO Cultural Institute's Council of Permanent Representatives
(ECI-CPR)
ECI Headquarters, Monday 10th May 2010

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. Qasim Mohiuddin, Third Secretary.

The ECO Secretariat:

- Mr. Taheri Shimerani, Legal Advisor.
- Mr. Jawad Ali, Assistant Director.

ECO Cultural Institute:

- H.E. Dr. Hojjatollah Ayyoobi, President.
- Mr. Hafiz Muhammad Jamil Owaisi, Executive Director.
- Mr. Mohammad Ali Najafi, International Relations officer.
- Mr. Mahmoud Tabatabaee, Accounts officer.