



REPORT

**TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING**

ECO CHAMBER of COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Sep2 – 2014
Karachi- I.R Pakistan



**Report of the
Sixth Transportation Committee Meeting
ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECO CCI)
Sep 02 – 2014, Karachi- I.R Pakistan**

The Sixth meeting of the Transportation Committee of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted by the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) was held on Sep 2, 2014 in Karachi-I.R Pakistan . The representatives of Transportation Committee from member Chambers as well as the ECO Secretariat participated in the meeting (list at Annex I).

Agenda Item No – 1: Inauguration of the Meeting

Chairman of the Transportation Committee delivered his welcome address.

Agenda Item No – 2: Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda of the meeting already circulated to Member States and given below was adopted by the house.

- 1- Inauguration of the Meeting
- 2- Adoption of the Agenda
- 3- Appointment of the Drafting Committee
- 4- Statement by the Chairman of Transportation Committee
- 5- Activity Report by Secretary General, ECO CCI
- 6- Remarks by heads of delegations
- 7- Notes by the ECO Secretariat on the latest achievements regarding the ECO ITI train and the decisions of the 8th Meeting of High Level Working Group Meeting on the ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Route, held at Tehran, on 4th March 2014.
- 8- Briefing on the implications of harmonization of the Working hours of the customs offices of the Member States by the ECO Secretariat
- 9- Notes on following up holding the training workshop for the transport operators of Pakistan on TIR Convention by the TOBB
- 10- Points on establishing a commercial working group for activation and marketing of the ITI and KTAI trains
- 11- Any Other Business
- 12- Date and Venue of the next Meeting
- 13- Adoption of the Report
- 14- Vote of Thanks

Agenda Item No – 3: Appointment of the Drafting Committee

A Drafting Committee consisting of ECO CCI Secretariat and representatives of the Member Chambers was formed to prepare the Draft Report of the Meeting.

Agenda Item No – 4: Statement by the Chairman of Transportation Committee

Mr Faruk Aydin of Turgutlu Chamber of Commerce and Industry on behalf of Chairman of the Transportation Committee delivered his statement in which he underlined the global trade shift towards Asia and ECO member states calling for revitalization of the historical Silk Road and boosting private sector cooperation in this respect.

Agenda Item No – 5: Activity Report by Secretary General, ECO CCI

Secretary General, ECO CCI delivered the activity report of the ECO CCI since the last meeting held in October 2013 in Tehran (Annex II) .

- He called for collaboration of chambers of commerce of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan for ECO Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul (ITI) rail road and the decisions of the 8th Meeting of High Level Working Group Meeting held at Tehran, on 4th March 2014, where ECO CCI got the responsibility for marketing this route .

Agenda Item No -6: Remarks by heads of delegations

Heads of delegations from Member Chambers made their remarks.

The Turkish delegation informed the session that the Turkish side is involved in encouragement of connecting Afghanistan to the ITI Train .

Afghanistan delegate also informed the meeting on the progress and problems regarding connection of Afghanistan to the ITI Train.

- The house asserted that the above issue should be followed by the ECO CCI in collaboration with the ECO Secretariat .

Agenda Item No-7: Notes by the ECO Secretariat on the latest achievements regarding the ECO ITI train and the decisions of the 8th Meeting of High Level Working Group Meeting on the ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Route, held at Tehran, on 4th March 2014,

The ECO Secretariat delegate delivered his report on the latest achievements regarding the ECO ITI train and the decisions of the 8th Meeting of High Level Working Group Meeting on the ECO Container Train on Islamabad-Tehran-Istanbul Route, held at Tehran, on 4th March 2014, under this item (Annex III).

Agenda Item No-8: Briefing on the implications of harmonization of the Working hours of the customs offices of the Member States by the ECO Secretariat

The ECO Secretariat delegate delivered a brief report on the implications of harmonization of the Working hours of the customs offices of the Member States.

- He informed the session on the status of the customs section of the Transit Trade Framework Agreement (TTFA) on harmonization of the Working hours of the customs offices of the Member States, which will be further followed up by the ECO Secretariat.

Agenda Item No-9: Notes on following up holding the training workshop for the transport operators of Pakistan on TIR Convention by the TOBB,

The meeting heard points on the follow-up of holding the training workshop for the transport operators of Pakistan on TIR Convention by the TOBB.

- TOBB informed the house that the training program will be either held in Ankara, Turkey or Pakistan where the FPCCI stated that the issue will be later communicated to the TOBB through ECO CCI .
- The ECO CCI was called to communicate and encourage the relevant Pakistani authorities regarding accession of Pakistan to the TIR Convention.

Agenda Item No 10: Points on establishing a commercial working group for activation and marketing of the ITI and KTAI trains;

The house heard points on establishing a commercial working group for activation and marketing of the ITI and KTAI trains which was covered within the Agenda Item No – 5: Activity Report by Secretary General, ECO CCI .

- The ECO CCI was called upon to harmonize efforts for establishment of this working group in collaboration with the private sectors of member countries.
- The en route countries were called to nominate companies to the ECO CCI for commercialization of KTAI and ITI rail and road corridors and have a separate meeting on the sidelines of the next ECO CCI Transportation Committee Meeting , where the member chambers were requested to make their nominations to the ECO CCI within three months.

Pakistani delegates delivered respective presentations on ECO region transportation and communications / Gwadar Port City, Pakistan (Annexes IV and V).

- It was proposed that the ECO Shipping Company be restored in collaboration of the ECO CCI with the relevant authorities of member countries.

Agenda Item No 11: Any Other Business

No other issues were raised under this item.

Agenda Item No-12: Date and Venue of the next Meeting

The Meeting left the approval of date and venue of The 7th meeting of the Transportation Committee of ECO Chamber of Commerce and Industry to the Executive Committee and General Assembly Meetings.

Agenda Item No – 13: Adoption of the Report

The Meeting adopted the Draft Report of the sixth Transportation Committee Meeting of ECO CCI to be provided to the Executive Committee for approval .

Agenda Item No – 14: Vote of Thanks

The participating members offered their thanks to the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) for the excellent arrangements made for holding this important meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to the participants during their stay in Karachi.

The participants also appreciated the contribution of the ECO Secretariat for providing the necessary assistance and support.