

Senior Officials' Meeting
2nd Ministerial Conference on Central Asia Economic Cooperation

11 November 2003, Tashkent

I. Objectives

The purpose of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) is to prepare for the Ministerial Meeting of the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Central Asia Economic Cooperation. Specifically, the SOM will (i) finalize the Draft Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting to the Ministerial Conference; and (ii) review draft Joint Ministerial Statement.

II. Output of the SOM

The output of the SOM will be (i) finalized Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting to the Ministerial Conference (the Draft Report); and (ii) revised draft Joint Ministerial Statement.

The Draft Report, to be prepared and circulated prior to the SOM, will be the basis for discussion at the SOM. It will have four sections. The first three sections will be drafted based on the draft outline report endorsed at the 27-28 September Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM) as follows:

- (i) progress report: to report on how the call from the ministers at the 1st MC for actions in various areas has been addressed since March 2002;
- (ii) sector outcomes: summarizing by sector the outcome from the RPM; and
- (iii) institutional issues: addition of committee and working group; MI WG; and strengthening the OIF to meet increased needs.

In addition to the above, a possible issue for consideration of the 11 November SOM is the future participation of the Russian Federation (and related with this, the more general issue of criteria and procedures if new members are to join). This would be reflected in the Draft Report.

III. Participants and Meeting Arrangements

Senior officials of the country delegations including national focal points and representatives from line ministries and Multilateral Institutions (MIs) will participate in the SOM.

The SOM is proposed to be chaired by a representative of the Government of Uzbekistan and co-chaired by an official from the Asian Development Bank.

All sessions will be held in plenary and are closed sessions.

The chairperson/co-chair of the SOM will report the outcome of the SOM to the Ministerial Meeting the next day.

IV. Agenda

An agenda of the Senior Officials' Meeting is attached below.

Agenda
Senior Officials' Meeting and Development Partners' Meeting

11 November 2003

*Amir Temur Hall, Intercontinental Hotel
Tashkent, Uzbekistan*

SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Chaired by Mr. Rozukulov, Head, DEERFI, Government of Uzbekistan

Co-Chaired by Mr. Rao, Deputy Director General, ADB

0900 – 1230 (This is a meeting for the preparation of the Ministerial Meeting on 12 November. Participants are senior officials of the participating governments of Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, facilitated by representatives of multilateral institutions (MIs) of ADB, EBRD, IMF, IDB, UNDP and WB.)

0900 – 0910 Opening Session

0910 – 0930 Session 1: Review of the Draft SOM Report to the MC

Presentation of the Draft SOM Report – ADB

0930 – 1100 Discussion

1100 – 1130 Tea Break

1130 – 1230 Session 2: Review of the draft Joint Ministerial Statement

1230 –1400 Lunch
Venue: Crystal Ballroom

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' MEETING

1500 – 1630 Development Partners' Meeting
(This is a meeting of the senior officials of the governments, the MIs, observer countries, and other donor organizations. Major development partners will be invited to present their assistance programs in support of economic cooperation in the region for (i) information sharing; and (ii) seeking specific opportunities to coordinate more closely.)

1900 –2100 Dinner (for All Participants of the 2nd MC) – Hosted by Government of Uzbekistan
Venue:Crystal Ballroom

Ministerial Meeting
2nd Ministerial Conference on Central Asia Economic Cooperation
Wednesday, 12 November 2003

I. Objectives

The Objectives of the Ministerial Meeting are to (i) review progress in regional cooperation activities under the overall institutional framework (OIF) since the 1st Ministerial Conference in March 2002, and (ii) provide direction and policy guidance for the evolving OIF and future activities thereunder.

II. Participants and Meeting Arrangements

Ministers and senior officials from participating countries, representatives from EBRD, IMF, IDB, WB, UNDP and ADB will be invited to participate in the Meeting. In addition, representatives from neighboring countries and bilateral and multilateral organizations will be invited as observers to the Meeting.

The Meeting will be chaired by the Government of Uzbekistan and co-chaired by ADB.

All sessions will be held in plenary. Session I (Inaugural Session) and Session II (Opening Session) will be open to the media; the rest of the sessions will be closed sessions to be attended by Conference participants only.

III. Output of the Ministerial Conference

A Joint Ministerial Statement will be issued by the Conference.

IV. Agenda

An agenda of the Ministerial Meeting is attached below.

Agenda
Ministerial Meeting
12 November 2003
Amir Temur Hall, Intercontinental Hotel
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Chaired by Mr. Azimov, Deputy Prime Minister, ADB Governor
Co-Chaired by Mr. Eichenberger, ADB Vice President

Wednesday, 12 November

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| 0800 – 0900 | Registration |
| 0900 – 0940 | Session 1*: Inaugural Session |
| 0900 – 0905 | Opening Remarks - Mr. Azimov, Deputy Prime Minister, UZB |
| 0905 – 0920 | Welcome Speech on Behalf of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan – Mr. Rakhimov, State Advisor to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan |
| 0920 – 0935 | Keynote Speech – President Chino, Asian Development Bank |
| 0935 – 1000 | Photo session and Tea Break |
| 1000 – 1200 | Session 2*: Opening Session |
| | Co-chair’s Remarks – Mr. Eichenberger, Vice President, ADB (Introduction of the Agenda) |
| | Opening Remarks by Country Delegations - Azerbaijan, People’s Republic of China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan) |
| | (The opening session provides an opportunity for the countries to state their positions on economic cooperation, their views on future directions, and stance on any particular issues.) |
| | Opening Remarks by Multilateral Institutions – EBRD, IMF, IDB, WB, UNDP, and ADB. |
| | Discussion |
| 1200 – 1400 | Lunch – Hosted by ADB
Venue: Crystal Ballroom |
| 1400 – 1530 | Session 3: Report of the Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM) to the Ministerial Conference |

Presentation of the SOM Report for MC – Director General, East and Central Asia Regional Department, ADB (15 minutes)

(The Report will have the following sections: (i) progress report; (ii) sector outcomes; (iii) institutional issues (OIF), and (iv) other issues, which reflects results of the RPM held end September and the SOM on 11 November. The Report will seek approval/endorsement from the Ministers on certain issues.

Discussion by the Ministers

(This session is for the ministers to voice their views on policies, issues and matters relevant to regional economic cooperation, and to exchange views among themselves. In principle, the ministers could comment on any subjects dealt with in the Report, or bring up any relevant issues they wish to, although the presentation provides a basis for discussion.)

1530 – 1600

Tea Break

1600 – 1700

Session 4: Review and Adoption of the Joint Ministerial Statement

(Country delegations will speak in turn on their views of the Joint Ministerial Statement. The finalized Statement will be considered adopted after comments raised at the session are appropriately incorporated.)

1700 – 1730

Session 5: Closing Session

Closing Remarks by Chair and co-chair (5 minutes each)

1900 – 1930

Press Conference – Chair and co-chair with attend on behalf of the Ministerial Meeting

1930 – 2100

Reception – Hosted by Government of Uzbekistan
Venue: Uzexpocenter
(Building at the back of the Intercontinental Hotel)

End of Conference

* Open to members of the media.