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FOREWORD

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the D-8 Technical Booklet. The pieces featured in this edition cover the period between July 2010 to December 2012.

Going through this book will assist readers to comprehend the current picture in many different areas of D-8 cooperation among the Member Countries, what the Organization has achieved thus far and what is expected for the future. During these periods, D-8 conducted numerous meetings in Senior Official and Expert level covering wide range of issues of importance such as Food Security, Seed Bank, Trade, Industry, Civil Aviation, SMEs, Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Islamic Banking and Finance etc.

During the last decades the world has been facing serious food crisis and D-8 Ministers, Senior Officials and Experts came together in 2011 in Iran and 2012 in Indonesia and had a productive brainstorming on how D-8 could do its part in easing the effects of the crisis to the Member Countries. Apart from Food Security, past few years D-8 leaders intensely focused on both Trade and Industry issues and conducted two Ministerial Meetings on Industry and one in Trade. We observed that D-8 intra trade volume has increased from US \$ 129.5 billion in 2011 to almost US\$ 150 billion in 2012. This signifies an increase from 7.5% in 2011 to 8.2% in 2012.

It is my fervent hope that Member Countries will continue their dedication and determination to lift D-8 to a higher level in accordance with its noble objectives and aspirations.

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2ND D-8

AGRICULTURAL

MINISTERIAL

MEETING ON

FOOD SECURITY

Report on the 2nd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

*18 May 2011
Tehran-Iran*

Agenda Item 1: Inauguration

The Second Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was held in Tehran on 18 May 2011.

The meeting was attended by Ministers and representatives of member countries namely Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey as well as D-8 Secretary General.

In the opening ceremony, First Vice President of Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. M.R. Rahimi as well as His Excellency Dr. Sadegh Khalilian, Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture of Iran and Prof. W.A. Pratikto, Secretary General of the D-8 addressed the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Election of the Chairman

The Minister of Agriculture of Iran, Dr.Sadegh Khalilian, was elected as the Chairman of the meeting

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

The Ministers adopted the Agenda of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Statements of the Ministers/Head of Delegations

The Ministers/Head of Delegations made their statements.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration of the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting

The meeting discussed and adopted the report of the Senior Officials Meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Adoption of Tehran Initiative of Food Security

The Tehran Initiative on Food security was adopted by the meeting.

Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The Ministers expressed their gratitude to the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia for hosting the 3rd Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security on September 2012 in Bali-Indonesia.

Agenda Item 8: Any Other Business

The Ministers agreed to promote the objective of the organization through the involvement of private sector in their activities.

Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

The Ministers/Head of delegates adopted the report of the second Agricultural Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item 10: Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the government of Islamic republic of Iran for its warm hospitality and excellent arrangement offered during this Second Agricultural Ministerial Meeting.

Tehran Initiative

*18 May 2011
Tehran-Iran*

The Second D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was convened on 18th May 2011 at Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Dr. Sadegh Khalilian, Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture, the Islamic Republic of Iran.

II. Reiterating their concern on the continued instability in the status of food security in the world, the Ministers emphasized that without collective efforts, a large portion of the world's population would be undernourished, or otherwise unable to actualize their potentials for growth and development.

III. Re-affirming their will and commitment towards food security, the Ministers expressed that increasing food supplies, advancing sustainable agricultural-led growth, keeping food price affordable, sharing common food reserves in the large production country and enhancing the income of the small farmers, fishermen and rural populations should be given high priority in the international, regional and national plans, policies and strategies. Food security is achieved only when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

IV. Reiterating commitments made and goals set in the framework of the 6th D-8 Summit Meetings in Kuala Lumpur, 2008, the D-8 Roadmap for Economic Cooperation in the "Second Decade of Cooperation", "Kuala Lumpur Initiatives to Ensure Food Security", as well as the previous ministerial meetings, the Ministers emphasized that more focus needs to be given to formulation and implementation of concrete projects and activities to translate those goals into collective action by D-8 Group.

V. Highlighting the importance of production and supply of quality fertilizers for food security, the Ministers urged that Joint Venture fertilizer complex for production of SA, PA, DAP, and TSP be set up in Egypt at an early date in line with the agreement signed between the private sector of Egypt and Iran and called on other D-8 countries to join in this project. Public Private Partnership joint investment programs were encouraged in all other areas of fertilizer production, research and technology transfer, the Meeting welcomed the proposal to establish D-8 cooperation for fertilizer trade and appreciated the Islamic Republic of Iran offer to host the meeting of the representatives of the private sector in the second half of 2011.

VI. Appreciating Egypt for acting as the prime mover of the working group on fertilizers, the Meeting hoped that specific joint research and technological projects be urged, identified and implemented in this important field, focusing on research and technology, manufacturing organic, bio-organic and non-organic fertilizers, capacity building, and harmonizing standards in the production of quality fertilizers. The Meeting called on FAO and other relevant international organizations to provide technical assistance in this regard.

VII. Underlining the need for a common strategy on feed security as a pre-requisite to food security, the Meeting urged all the parties to expedite formulating and implementing action plans on harmonization of animal feed, quality assurance, setting up animal feed information center, and joint research and development on Animal Feed.

VIII. Appreciating Malaysia and Indonesia for acting as the Prime Mover of the Working Group on Animal Feed, the Meeting urged all parties to follow up the formulation and implemen-

tation of the projects which was agreed by the 2nd Working Group on Animal Feed on 16 May 2010. The Ministers touched on the importance of involving and encouraging the private sector of the member countries to increase intra regional trade of animal feed stuff.

IX. Noting that several areas for cooperation were identified in 2010 by the Working Group on Marine and Fisheries, including establishing intra trade and small and medium enterprise in fisheries, promoting eco marine tourism, developing of cooperation in aquaculture, capacity building in marine affairs and fisheries sector, marine protection and conservation, combat on IUU fishing and fish health management. The Meeting called on the Working Group to expedite finalizing joint project and activities to actualize concrete progress in these priority areas.

X. Appreciating Indonesia as the Prime Mover of the Working Group on Marine and Fisheries, the Meeting urged all parties to expedite the implementation of projects and activities identified by this Working Group on 16 May 2011.

XI. Expressing satisfaction on the formulation and approval of the Action Plan for Preparation of the D-8 Project for Seed Bank, the Meeting requested all parties, in particular Iran and Turkey, to expedite formulating the Project within the time frame specified by the Working Group on its session dated 16 May 2011. The Working Group was also requested to expedite formulating collaborative research and development programs between private and public sector organizations, inter alia, on standardizing and harmonizing seed certification and quality enforcement procedures among D-8 countries based on each of national regulation of member countries.

XII. Appreciating Turkey and Iran for acting as the Prime Mover of the Working Group on Seed Bank, will prepare a project proposal on Seed Bank be submitted to the next Ministerial Meeting for endorsement. The Meeting also appreciated the Republic of Turkey for offering to host the next meeting of this Working Group in November 2011.

XIII. Welcoming, with satisfaction, convening of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues, which was held on 16 May 2011 in Tehran, the Ministers urged that the course of actions considered by this Working Group for cooperation in the field of agricultural and harmonizing food standards would be implemented expeditiously.

XIV. Reiterating the need for formulation, implementation and following up concrete projects and activities to attain the

goals and objective envisaged at Kuala Lumpur Initiative and other D-8 documents on food Security, the Meeting welcomed, with appreciation the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to coordinate the formulation of a D-8 Programme for Food Security (D-8PFS) and hoped that the draft would be ready for submission to the third meeting of the Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

XV. Welcoming the proposal for the establishment of the D-8 Agricultural Information Knowledge Management Network", the Ministers took note on the setting up of the Network and that arrangement be discussed further at the next SOM level.

XVI. Touching on the need for effective follow up and continued support by all the member states and the D-8 Secretariat to assure timely implementation of the decisions of ministerial meetings and projects identified by the 5 Working Groups – Seed Bank, Animal Feed, Fertilizer, Standard & Trade issues, Marine Affairs & Fisheries- the Meeting requested all the member states to nominate within two months national focal points with responsibility to communicate on all matters related to cooperation on agriculture in the context of D-8.

XVII. The Ministers and Heads of Delegations expressed profound thanks to His Excellency Dr. Sadegh Khalilian Minister of Agriculture, the Islamic Republic of Iran for steering the deliberations of the Meeting most ably to a successful conclusion, and sincerely appreciated the warm hospitality rendered by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the participating delegations. The Meeting also appreciated the efforts of the D-8 Secretariat for excellent arrangements for organizing Meeting.

XVIII. The Meeting welcomed the offer of the Republic of Indonesia to host the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security and the Working Groups in 2012.

Report of the 2nd Senior Officials Meeting of the 2nd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

17 May 2011
Tehran-Iran

Introduction

1) The Second Senior Officials Meeting of the D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was held in Tehran-Iran on 17 May 2011. The Meeting was attended by delegations of all D-8 Member Countries namely, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. Prof. Widi A. Pratikto, Secretary General of the D-8 was also present.

Agenda Item 1: Opening Session

2) Mr. Nikbakht, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Islamic Republic of Iran, officially opened the meeting and extended the warmest welcome to all delegations on behalf of H.E. Sadeq Khalilian, the Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture of Islamic Republic of Iran.

3) Secretary General of the D-8 Secretariat expressed his gratitude to the Iranian Government for hosting the D-8 Senior Officials and Ministerial Meetings on Agricultural and expressed hope for successful deliberations.

4) The host country unanimously agreed to be the chair of the Meeting. Mr. Nikbakht, Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Iran chaired the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

5) The Meeting adopted the agenda.

Agenda Item 3: Election of the Drafting Committee

There was no delegate volunteer and therefore host country accepted the responsibility for preparation of the drafting committee with the assistance of the D-8 Secretariat.

Agenda Item 4: Consideration and Adoption on the Report of the Working Group on Seed Bank

- Turkey proposed assignment of at least 2 (two) focal points from each member country for the follow up of the working group.
- Nigeria proposed contact points to be at high level from Ministry of Agriculture of member countries. Nigeria also proposed the information and experiences on seed bank should be exchanged among member countries and Nigeria.
- Malaysia proposed to keep communication continuously active with private sector of the working group.

The meeting agreed on all proposals and adopted the report of the Working Group.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Adoption on the Report of the Working Group on Animal Feed

- Expressing their views on the agenda item 6 in the report, Indonesian delegation proposed to add "stuff" to the wording of animal feed. It was adopted by the meeting and so was the report of the working group.

Agenda Item 6: Consideration and Adoption on the Report of the Working Group on Fertilizer

- On the Agenda Item No. 6 of the report of WG on Fertilizer, the participants agreed to hold a "D-8 Private Sector Meeting on Fertilizer" in Tehran-Iran within the next three months.
- Malaysia proposed member countries to establish inter-D-8

Group bilateral or multilateral trade cooperation on fertilizer through offering competitive prices and qualities.

- The meeting also proposed cooperation and exchange of experience on production of bio-organic Fertilizers.
- Nigerian delegate underlined the importance of closer collaboration among D-8 countries on the issue of fertilizer, development and trade.
- With these amendments, the Meeting adopted the report of this Working Group .

Agenda Item 7: Consideration and Adoption on the Report of the Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues

- The meeting agreed to retain the trade issues as related to food security and urged member countries to come up with concrete proposal on how to deal with food crisis on special circumstances.
- They agreed that member countries should send their proposals to Iran for finalizing the ToR of the Working Group.
- Member countries position on standards and trade issues related to promoting food should be submitted as well as their contact points to D-8 Secretariat within one month, including the issue of plant quarantine.
- The Meeting adopted the report of this Working Group.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration and Adoption on the Report of the Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

- The meeting decided that every member country has to submit their comments on draft of ToR to the D-8 Secretariat within one month and the D-8 Secretariat will send back the revised ToR to member countries for final endorsement. The comments on ToR should be sent to member countries in parallel.
- Each of the D-8 member countries should designate/appoint a focal point/officer within one month to pursue and keep track on the decision of WGMAF vis-a-vis D-8 ministerial Meeting decisions. The designated focal point should be submitted to the D-8 Secretariat as well as each member country.
- The meeting agreed that each member country should send one priority project within one month to D-8 Secretariat.
- The Meeting adopted the report of the Working Group.

Agenda Item 9: New project and areas of Cooperation

- Turkey proposed not to add any other new projects or cooperation areas. Turkey expressed that there are already 5 (five) working groups with very important cooperation areas and for now D-8 agriculture cooperation should be limited with these areas of cooperation. All parties should take all necessary measures so that the projects and activities adopted within the framework of all working groups are implemented in a timely manner according to the timetable approved.
- With the proposal of Bangladesh, the meeting took note of the need to set up the food reserve at D-8 Level. This issue could be considered during the next SOM Meeting.
- Nigeria expressed that the results of the activities of the working groups should be reached out to small farmers at national level. Also Nigeria stressed to strengthen and facilitate seed bank at national level as well as mapping on food security and food insecurity.
- The Meeting welcomed the offer from the Islamic Republic of Iran to formulate D-8 Programme for Food Security with active participation of all member countries.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration of the Draft Tehran Initiative on Food Security and the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting

The draft Tehran Initiative was thoroughly discussed and its text was adopted by the Senior Officials for consideration of the Ministerial Meeting. The Meeting also adopted its report and would submit it for consideration of the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item 11: Date and Venue of the Third Senior Officials Meeting of Agricultural Meeting

The Meeting welcomed Republic of Indonesia's offer to host the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security as well as its related Working Group Meetings in 2012.

Agenda Item 12: Closing

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the excellent arrangement made for the Meeting and for the productive outcome of the D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on food security.

The Chairperson of the Meeting appreciated the contributions made by the delegations and wished them a pleasant stay in Tehran, and safe journey back home.

Report of the 2nd Working Group Meeting on D-8 Seed Bank

*16 May 2011
Tehran-Iran*

The Second Meeting of the D-8 Working Group on Seed Bank was convened on 16 May 2011 in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, with the participation of delegates from Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Turkey.

Agenda Item 1: Election of the Chairman

The meeting elected Dr. Muhammed Ali Kamali, Deputy of Research, Agriculture Research, Education Extension Organization of Islamic Republic of Iran as its chairman.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda as proposed by the host country.

Agenda Item 3: Election of the Rapporteur

The meeting elected Mr. Harandi delegate of the Islamic Republic of Iran as its Rapporteur.

Agenda Item 4: Presentation of the Country Reports on the status of the seed bank

The participating delegations presented their country reports on the status of seed bank. copies of the statements.

Agenda Item 5: Review of the Work Programme and Progress Report based on the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Seed Bank.

After reviewing the work programme and Progress Report, the Delegates agreed on preparing an Action Plan for D-8 Seed Bank project preparation.

After deliberations the Action Plan was adopted by the Delegates.

According to the Action Plan, Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran will prepare the Project Topics and Outline in consultation with other Member Countries by the end of June 2011.

Turkey and Islamic Republic of Iran will also draft the project to be circulated to Member Countries through D-8 Secretariat for their consideration by the end of October 2011.

Agenda Item 6: New Projects and Areas of Cooperation

The proposal for establishing regional seed bank prepared by Iranian delegation was submitted to member delegations for their consideration/evaluation. The member states will convey their viewpoints on the proposal by the end of September 2011.

Agenda Item 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Turkey agreed to host the next meeting to be held on 2nd half of November 2011.

Agenda Item 8: Any other Business

The delegates agreed to inform D-8 Secretariat about their country contact points not later than end of June 2011.

Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report has been adopted unanimously by all Delegates.

Agenda Item 10: Vote of thanks and Closing of the Meeting

Delegations expressed their vote of thanks to host country, Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Meeting officially closed by the Chairman.

Report of the 2nd Working Group Meeting on Animal Feed

*16 May 2011
Tehran-Iran*

The Working Group Meeting on Animal Feed was held on 16 May 2011. The meeting was attended by delegations from Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria and Egypt.

Agenda Item No. 1: Election of chairperson

His Excellency Mr. Saadatollah Abbasi Deputy Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture for Livestock Affairs was elected as Chairman.

Agenda Item No. 2: Adopting Agenda

The agenda prepared by the host country was adopted by the members of the working group.

Agenda Item No. 3: Election of Rapporteur

The meeting elected Dr Mojtaba Zahedifar and Mr. Azizollah Shabani from Islamic Republic of Iran was elected as its Rapporteurs

Agenda Item No. 4: Presentation of Country Reports

The representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Egypt and I.R. Iran presented their country reports.

Agenda Item No. 5: Review of the Work Programme and Progress Report based on the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Animal Feed

The Indonesian delegation presented its report on the outcomes and progress of the 1st Working Group on Animal Feed meeting (Indonesia, 7-8 Oct. 2009). The report reviewed and discussed by the participants, following decisions were made:

Each country has to introduce its own focal point in next two weeks to the Indonesian delegation (E-mail: triastuti@deptan.go.id), to proceed the following issues and prepare the action plans

- R & D cooperation
- Training
- Research on local feed raw materials
- Research on green fodders
- Establishing the working group web site and its content.
- Establishing a network on animal feed labs and harmonize the test methods

Agenda Item No. 6: New Projects and Areas of Cooperation in Animal Feed

D- 8 WGAF cooperation shall cover the following areas:

- a. Exchange of information.
- b. Promotion of joint investment and trade.
- c. Cooperation in Research and Development.
- d. Human resource development and capacity building.
- e. Intensify private sector/NGO participation and collaboration in D-8 animal feed cooperation, programs, projects and activities.
- f. Promote feed safety and quality.
- g. Promote environmentally and socially responsible resource management and development.

The following projects were proposed by some delegations and accepted by the participants.

- To enhance the sugar cane by-products (pit, bagasse as buffalo feed (I.R. of Iran).
- To enhance the use of minerals/vitamins supplements for rural/nomadic animal production systems (I.R. of Iran)
- To establish a union (consortium) for trade and production of animal feed between D-8 private/cooperative sectors (I.R. of Iran).
- To improve the quality of PKC (Palm Kernel Cake) and rice bran as non-ruminant feed (Malaysia and Indonesia).

The objectives of the (D-8 WGAF) were reviewed and approved as follows:

1- To develop and enhance cooperation in the production of animal feed as an important input in agriculture sector to meet the needs of animal feed of the D-8 member countries.

2- To enhance the quantity and quality of animal feed through facilitating investment on:

- Renovation of the existing structure of feed manufacturing industries
- Building new animal feed plants
- Storage and transporting equipments

3- To facilitate rules and regulations on animal feed trade and business, taking into consideration the needs of member countries.

4- To encourage and promote activities on feed quality and safety to ensure food safety.

5- To encourage private sector/NGO participation and collaboration to develop animal feed production and trade.

6- To enhance joint programs and projects on animal production during periods of feed shortages e.g. natural disasters (drought, flood, earth quake, etc).

7- To enhance cooperation on production of organic feeds.

8- To enhance collaboration in Research and Development activities to have a sustainable animal feed production.

9- To implement capacity building programs for human resource development.

10- To review and exchange information on animal feed.

Agenda Item No. 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The date and host of next meeting would be decided by the senior officials.

Agenda Item No. 8: Any other Business

No issue was raised under this agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was unanimously adopted by the participants.

Agenda Item No. 10: Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting

The Meeting thanked the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Organizing Committee for excellent arrangements of the meeting and hospitality extended to the delegations. The Chair declared the meeting as adjourned.

Report of the 2nd Working Group Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

*16 May 2011
Tehran-Iran*

Working Group Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries was held in Tehran, I.R.Iran on May 16, 2011. The meeting was attended by Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, I.R.Iran, Malaysia, and Turkey.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting elected its Chair, the Dr. S. A. Taghavi, Head of Iranian Fisheries Organization.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda is done

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted by the head of delegates.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of the Rapporteurs

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting elected Indonesia and Bangladesh as Rapporteurs.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Marine and Fisheries

Under this Agenda Item, each member countries delivered statement on the current status on Marine and Fisheries and highlighting their area of interests.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on The First Meeting on WGMAF.

The meeting appreciated Indonesia for the efforts made in preparing the draft TOR. The meeting decided every member countries has to submit their comments to the D-8 Secretariat within one month and the D-8 Secretariat will send back the revised TOR to member countries for final endorsement. The comments on TOR should be sent to member countries in parallel.

Agenda Item No 6: New project and areas of cooperation on marine affairs and fisheries.

The new areas of cooperation proposed by the head of delegates are as following:

Malaysia proposed:

- Capture fisheries management
- Fish Health / bacterial diseases
- Combat IUU fishing

Bangladesh proposed:

- Combat IUU fishing
- Technical assistant for manufacturing agricultural feed
- Natural disaster for poor fisheries community
- Extending intra trade amongst D-8 member countries

Turkey proposed:

- Technology transfer in Marine and Fisheries
- Fish feed
- Training program
- Establish center on food security aspect

Egypt proposed:

- Exchange information and technology on Marine and Fisheries
- Develop networking amongst member countries

I.R. Iran proposed:

- Establishment of PTA to facilitate intra trade among D-8 member countries
- Establishment of virtual training (e-learning) for member countries
- Conduct training on fish processing and quality control
- Sharing information specially on statistic and expert
- Viral and bacterial diseases in Fish and Shellfish farming to control and prevent diseases
- Exchange of expertise on marine aquaculture

Indonesia proposed:

- Climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
- Marine conservation
- Capacity building

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The meeting proposed the next WGMAF meeting to be held back to back with the third D-8 Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Each of the D-8 member countries should designate/appoint a focal point /officer within one month to pursue and keep track the decision of WGMAF vis-a vis of D-8 ministerial Meeting decisions. The designated focal point should be given preference to the D-8 Secretariat and each member countries.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report of the meeting

The report was adopted by delegates

Agenda Item No 10: Vote of Thanks and Closing

Delegate from_Indonesia appreciated the Government of I.R.Iran for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 2nd Working Group Meeting on Fertilizer

*16 May 2011
Tehran–Iran*

The 2nd Working Group Meeting on Fertilizer was held on 16 May 2011 in Tehran. The meeting was attended by the delegates from Arab Republic of Egypt, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and Nigeria and Turkey.

Agenda Item No.1: Election of Chairperson

Under this agenda, the Working Group elected His Excellency Dr. M. Khoshnoud, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Jihad-e-Agriculture of Islamic Republic of Iran as the Chairman, and Dr. H. Besharati delegate of Iran as the Co-Chair of the meeting.

Agenda Item No.2: Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda of the meeting was adopted unanimously

Agenda Item No.3: Election of Rapporteur

Dr. M. N. Gheibi delegate of Iran was elected as the Rapporteur of the meeting.

Agenda Item No.4: Presentation of country reports on status of fertilizer

All the participating Member States presented their National Reports on the situation of their potentials and requirements in the field of fertilizers.

Agenda Item No.5: New projects and areas of cooperation on fertilizer

The meeting reviewed the Work Program and Progress Report based on the 1st Meeting of the Working Group of the Fertilizer.

The Delegation of Malaysia proposed Member States to establish inter-D-8 Group bilateral or multilateral trade cooperation on fertilizer through offering of competitive prices and qualities. Based on environmental problems of the world, the Delegate also proposed cooperation and exchange of experiences on production of Bio-Organic fertilizers. Considering similar climates in some Member States, i.e. desert and arid lands as well

as the need for mutual technical cooperation on introduction and application of fertilizers, the Nigerian Delegate underlined the importance of closer collaboration among D-8 countries.

Agenda Item No.6: Date and the venue of the next meeting

The participant agreed that considering the elements reflected in country reports as well as the importance attached to the role of private sector in different aspects of the issue of fertilizer, to hold a "D-8 Private Sector Meeting on Fertilizer" in Tehran, I. R. Iran within the next three months.

Agenda Item No.7: Any other business

Under Agenda item no any Other Business was proposed.

Agenda No.8: Adoption of the Report

The report was adopted by Working Group by consensus.

Agenda Item No.9: Vote of thanks and closing of the meeting

Chairperson

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Working Group on fertilizer Issues and the excellent arrangement made for the meeting

Report of the 1st Working Group Meeting on Standards and Trade Issues

16 May 2011
Tehran–Iran

The 1st Working Group Meeting on Standards and Trade Issues was held on 16 May 2011, led by Islamic Republic of Iran with the absence of Turkey as the jointly prime mover countries. The meeting was attended by the delegates from Arab Republic of Egypt, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and Nigeria.

2. Mr. Mohammad Reza Shafeinia, Advisor to the Minister of the Jihad-e-Agriculture and the head of Iranian delegation opened the meeting with reminiscence the background of the standards and trade issues raised during the D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Kuala Lumpur, 25-27 February 2009.

Agenda No.1: Election of the Chairperson

3. Mr. Mohammad Reza Shafeinia, head of delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran was elected unanimously as the Chairperson of the meeting..

Agenda No.2: Adoption of the Agenda

4. The Agenda of the meeting was adopted unanimously.

Agenda No.3: Election of the Rapporteur

5. Delegate from Islamic Republic of Iran was elected as the Rapporteur

Agenda No.4: Presentation of Country Report

6 The head of delegation of member countries presented their country reports

Agenda No.5: New Projects and Area of Cooperation in Agricultural Standards and Trade Issues

7. Member countries deliberated a wide range of issues pertaining to the standards and trade. The Chairperson emphasized on the area of cooperation of food standards and trade on plant products and agricultural inputs such as seed, fertilizer, livestock feed and fishery. As such, the member countries agreed for standards issues to include standards for food safety and inputs.

8. The issues on the standards of Halal products were raised and discussed. The Chairperson informed the meeting on the development of Halal Food Standards among OIC member countries.

Malaysia further informed the meeting that those standards were agreed in the “26th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC)” in Turkey from 5th to 8th October 2010. He added that most of the OIC member states have not yet ratified the OIC Halal Food Standards and Procedures. In view of this, if the OIC Halal Food Standards and Procedures approved by the OIC member states, then only the member countries may consider to facilitate trade on Halal products and using the standards labeling among the member countries.

9. The Meeting prepared the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for D-8 Working Group on Standards and Trade issues. However, TOR was not finalized during the meeting and member countries agreed to submit their comments, views and additional inputs to the draft of TOR to the prime mover country (Islamic Republic of Iran) by the end of June 2011. If the member countries were unable to finalize the draft of TOR, it was suggested that the 2nd Working Group Meeting on Standards and Trade Issues should be convened.

Agenda No.6: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

10. No date and venue was proposed for the next meeting. However, the meeting agreed for the Islamic Republic of Iran as the prime mover of this Working Group to initiate communication in organizing a meeting to resolve any pending issues.

Agenda No.7: Any Other Business

11. Under this agenda item no other issues were raised

Agenda No.8: Adoption of the Report

12. The meeting considered and adopt the report of the meeting unanimously.

Agenda No.9: Vote of Thanks and Closing of the Meeting

13. Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Working Group Meeting on Standards and Trade Issues for the excellent arrangement made for the meeting.

2ND MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON
INDUSTRY

Report of the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Industry

*5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The Second session of the Ministerial Meeting on Industry was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 06 October 2011. The meeting, was chaired by H. E. Mr. Nihat Ergun, the Minister of Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey, and was attended by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

Agenda Stem 1: Statements by Ministers /Heads of Delegations

Under this agenda item, D-8 Ministers on Industry and Heads of Delegations made their statements.

Agenda item II: Adoption of the Report of Senior Officials

The Report of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), the Reports of 11 Task Forces, which had been discussed and adopted at the meeting held on 5 October 2011, was adopted as presented to the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item III: Adoption of the Istanbul! Declaration

The text of the Istanbul Declaration, as adopted by the Senior Officials Meeting, was adopted.

Agenda Item IV: Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation and the Economic Cooperation Organization - ECO

The Memorandum of Understanding of cooperation between D-8 and Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), which had been agreed upon previously, was signed by the Secretaries General of both Organizations. H.E. Mr. M. Yahya Maroofi, Secretary-General of ECO made brief remarks and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity offered by the Ministerial Meeting for the occasion.

Agenda Item V: Exchange of Views on Industry Meeting

The Minister of Industry of Indonesia drew attention to the

discrepancy in the level of performance of various Task Forces of the WGIC and called for an objective review and analysis of the situation, including optimization of the number of Task Forces. The Minister of Industry of Iran also echoed the same sentiment and suggested that the responsibility for the coordination of various Task Forces could as well be reviewed. The Chairman, welcoming the statements by the two Ministers, requested the D-8 Secretary-General to study the matter and present a report with concrete suggestions thereon subsequently.

Agenda Stem VI: Date and Venue of the Third Ministerial Meeting.

Following the offer by the Minister of Industry of Bangladesh, it was decided that third D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry will be held in Bangladesh in 2012.

The Meeting was closed by the Chairman.

Istanbul Declaration on the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Industry

*6 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

We, the Ministers of Industries of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey met in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 6 October 2011 for the Second Ministerial Meeting on Industry of the Developing Eight Member Countries.

Reaffirming our commitment to continue pursuing the goals and objectives set out in the Summit Declarations held in Istanbul (1997), Dhaka (1999), Cairo (2001), Tehran (2004), Bali (2006), Kuala Lumpur (2008), and Abuja (2010) and to the Road Map (2008-2018);

Reiterating the directives of the Tehran Declaration concerning industrial cooperation among the D-8 Member Countries;

Bearing in mind the growing role of industry in the economic and social development of the D-8 Member Countries;

Reaffirming the collective aspiration and will of the Member Countries for the promotion of industrial and technological cooperation;

Emphasizing the importance of improved linkages and efficient networking between and among entrepreneurs and industrialists, in both public and private sectors, for sharing experiences, best practices, enhancing investment and skills, and promoting common business culture and language;

Reiterating our collective will and determination to raise the state of D-8 industrial cooperation to new levels in the coming years, in every respect; including towards the development of the long-term projects; and With due regard for the above principles, the Parties have agreed upon the following approaches, policies and measures:

1. Holding conferences, seminars, training courses, work-

shops, commercial fairs and specialized meetings with the Member Countries in order to exchange experiences, information, and technical know-how, including, inter alia, comparative national advantages in industry;

2. Ensuring that the outputs of the working groups are carried out;
3. Enhancing mutual investments to promote industrial and technological relations among Member Countries;
4. Promoting R&D and technological development through joint activities focused on the improvement of enterprises, economic growth and production efficiency in the D-8 Member Countries;
5. Encouraging environment-friendly investments and projects for sustainable development;
6. Enhancing collaboration on increasing the efficiency and productivity of industrial enterprises and promoting cleaner production practices through joint activities focused on economic, social and environmental sustainability;
7. Ensuring the dynamism and competitiveness of the national economies of the Member Countries, through, inter alia, creation of productive employment and effective poverty eradication policies and measures, and also strengthening SMEs in the Member Countries, via, among others, undertaking of requisite studies compatible with the new developments in the world (Green SMEs);
8. Adopting best practices for industrial energy consumption;
9. Establishing linkages among universities, research organizations and industries;
10. Carrying out joint projects for creating synergy and en-

hancing industrial capabilities;

11. Promoting sustainable bilateral and group cooperation among Member Countries within the larger context of the evolving global economy;
12. Enhancing joint research and development activities in the energy sector, including, inter alia, with focus on increasing the share of renewable energy in the D-8 Member Countries;
13. Improving SMEs' access to credit and finance, modern technology, and e-commerce in the Member Countries, and establishing a network among the existing SMEs-supporting institutions within each Member Country and between and among them;
14. Endorsing the final report of the First D-8 SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting of 2010 and seeking its implementation through the respective organizations of the Member Countries;
15. Strengthening the efficient use of the existing communication systems to enhance cooperation and technology transfer between and among the Member Countries;
16. Exploring business opportunities in the international markets for the industrial sector and activities of the Member Countries;
17. Eliminating the technical barriers to intra-D8 trade through, inter alia, actual implementation of existing bilateral and multilateral agreements towards increasing the volume and quality of trade between and among the Member Countries, with focus on the industrial sector;
18. Strengthening the market position of the D-8 Member Countries in international markets, inter alia, through collective efforts towards optimization of each Member Country's competitive position and relative advantage potentials;
19. Developing the requisite conditions for the promotion of cooperation in the fields of metrology, standardization, conformity assessment and accreditation among the D-8 Member Countries;
20. Promoting the establishment, in all D-8 Member Countries, of the the requisite legal and institutional framework for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection and enforcement consistent with international standards;
21. Supporting, through concrete, practical policies and measures, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of future industrial strategies and policies in each D-8 Member Country;
22. Exchanging information and best practices between and among the Member Countries, in an institutionalized manner, on the wide range of issues and areas in the field of industrial cooperation, including on market opportunities for SMEs development and industrial zone activities;
23. Promoting joint approach and actual collaboration on matters of common concern to the Member Countries in the field of industrial cooperation in regional and international forums;
24. Enhancing collaboration with international organizations in the field of industrial cooperation, particularly in the area of funding for joint research projects;
25. Undertaking annual strategic assessment, analysis, and review of the state of D-8 industrial cooperation, with particular emphasis on the identification of problems and bottlenecks and the development of remedial approaches, policies and measures;

In light of the above, we strongly believe that the D-8 Secretariat needs to be strengthened, in both financial and manpower terms, to be able to effectively pursue the actual follow-up of our decisions, in the field of industrial cooperation as well as in other fields.

We would like to seize the opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Government and People of the Republic of Turkey for the successful organization of this meeting and for their warm hospitality in Istanbul.

Report of the Senior Officials Meeting of the 2nd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry

*5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

Introduction

The Senior Officials Meeting of the 2nd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5 October 2011. The Meeting, chaired by Mr. Hüseyin Rahmi Çetin, Deputy Under-Secretary, Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Turkey (host country), was attended by the following seven delegations: Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

The meeting adopted the outcome of the meetings of the Task Forces as agreed by the representatives of the D-8 Member Countries in each Task Force.

Agenda item I: Consideration of the Report of the Task Force Meetings 1.

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY:

- I. To establish "D-8 Automotive Association" for the purpose of promoting the automotive industry in D-8 countries - to be achieved by May 2012 and the prime mover is Turkey.
- II. To promote close, concrete and effective relations between the companies in D-8 countries, more attention should be paid to 'business to business' cooperation. Relevant automotive industry institutions should support and organize such cooperation. The governments in D-8 Member Countries should take necessary actions to encourage and support such initiatives. Turkey is the prime mover for this initiative.
- III. Exploiting business opportunities in emerging auto markets, including in the D-8 countries, through, inter alia,

market survey, and national capability assessment studies. Gathering and processing of production and market data on a monthly basis in D-8 countries - to be initiated by May 2012 and Iran is the prime mover.

- IV. To establish a "D-8 Automotive Website," containing data, news, events and activities - by May 2012. Iran is the prime mover.
- V. Streamlining technical and administrative regulations to avoid non-tariff barriers and to establish mechanisms towards developing a regional D-8 market - to be initiated by June 2012. Turkey is the prime mover.
- VI. To promote R&D and technology development and cooperation between the relevant institutions in the Member Countries and to promote joint activities, especially in the areas of nanotechnology, renewable energy, CNG, Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, and also new materials, etc. - to be initiated by April 2012. Turkey is the prime mover.
 - Development of integrated supply chains to promote outsourcing parts and components from D-8 countries through multilateral industrial cooperation, taking into account the current annual vehicle production capacity of over 4 million units to be initiated June 2012. Indonesia is the prime mover.
- VII. Design and manufacture of a common platform for national and regional brands in line with the technical legislation for the "D-8 Joint Product Development" project for the global market, taking into account the potentials and capabilities of the D-8 countries - to be

initiated by September 2012. Iran is the prime mover.

ELECTRONICS & ICT

- I. A project about the Student Exchange Program should be designed and implemented.
- II. The field of cooperation to be broadened as "Electrical-Electronics and ICT," covering electrical devices, durable house appliances, small household appliances, air-conditioning devices, medical devices, etc.
- III. Manufacturing processes should be encouraged to comply with EN and ISO standards.

IRON-STEEL

The Task Force agreed to consider the huge potential of D-8 countries in trade capacity, and was of the view that in order to promote ferrous and non-ferrous metals trade, the Steel Task Force, the D-8 Members should make an effort to ease trade barriers.

MACHINERY

- I. A committee should be formed to follow up the implementation of decisions made during the meeting until the next D-8 meeting on industry. Yusuf OKSUZOMER was named as the Turkish representative and Faruk AK-SOY as secretary of the Committee to be formed. It was also agreed to establish a working group under the intended Committee.
- II. Furthermore, it was decided that each D-8 member country will submit in writing, within one month, the names of two representatives (from NGOs working in machinery sector) to the Secretariat, and that working group will be formed in three months. The working group is mandated to discuss the problems and to find ways to make further cooperation. Until the formal establishment of the committee and the election of its chairman, Mr. Yusuf ÖKSÜZÖMER will serve as the officer a.i.
- III. It was also decided that the participants of the next meeting will be specified beforehand and their names will be known in advance - for the purposes of reference, function, and communication.
- IV. It was agreed that railway and rolling stocks be considered as a topic in the next machinery task force meeting.

PETROCHEMICALS

- I. It was decided to establish a network regarding REACH-

like regulation in order to engage in exchange of information, especially for chemicals applied in food industry. The next step should be promotion of REACH-like common regulation in D-8 countries.

- II. A network D-8 Petro chemistry should be established in order to prepare a new meeting in March or April 2012 to follow-up activities and implement decisions made previously.
- III. To establish a secretariat for each task force with adequate skilled experts.
- IV. There is a great demand for joint ventures among Nigeria, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Turkey for joint ventures in Fertilizer and Petrochemical Industry.

CEMENT

- I. To give links to each other's websites in order to ensure immediate access to Industrial information.
- II. To establish group of representatives of cement industry to discuss issues of vital importance.
- III. To organize cement industry representatives in order to arrive at an accurate picture and estimation of national capabilities, providing service to cement industry and cement plants, including on best practices.

ENERGY

- I. To establish collaboration among member countries in order to conduct joint R&D activities in the field of energy, renewable sources of energy;
- II. To provide a common budget for the joint R&D activities in the field of energy and renewable sources of energy/new alternative energy fuels;
- III. To create project market activities for supporting the R&D activities mentioned above;
- IV. To initiate a series of workshops/seminars/conferences/meetings regarding clean energy and environment issues with the participation of academics and industrialists from the member countries. The first such event to be organized in 2012;
- V. To establish a consortium of reputed companies/institutes from the member countries for the R&D activities mentioned above in order to create a commercial brand;
- VI. To establish a Working Group by the D-8 Secretar-

iat for the joint R&D activities mentioned above to be composed of the member countries' representatives;

- VII. To prepare the Terms of Reference, with clear and concrete provisions and time frame, for the Working Group mentioned above;
- VIII. To determine the best practices of the member countries in R&D activities mentioned above in order to share information and experience and to meet their respective needs;
- IX. To share experience and knowledge of the member countries on energy matters through training programmes, to be held by volunteer member countries. The first such programme to be organized by Turkey in 2012;
- X. To create a website or an email group for the working groups on energy and environmental conservation.

FOOD INDUSTRIES

- I. The information regarding import and export regulations as well as investment legislation relating to food industries should be compiled by the D-8 Member Countries before the next meeting on industry.
- II. Efforts should be made to ensure that more private sector representatives from the D-8 countries participate in meetings in order to engage in the discussion of problems, contribute to problem-solving, and increase business cooperation.
- III. To establish electronic media such as websites, blogs and databases in order to share information regarding food legislation and trade-related issues. Central Anatolian Exporter's Unions (OAIB) of Turkey expressed readiness to take the initiative in this respect.
- IV. Efforts should be made, with the support of the D-8 Secretariat, to encourage and facilitate the active participation of Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the D-8 meetings, including those representing food industries.
- V. Information exchange through the D-8 website should be made more effective.

STANDARDIZATION. CONFORMITY. ASSESSMENT. ACCREDITATION AND METROLOGY

- I. The rules of procedures for the committees (permanent and sub-committees) are in the process of drafting by

the Secretariat of the Permanent Committee and will be forwarded to the Member Countries for their consideration and comments. A two-month deadline is set for receiving comments. Non-response will be considered as consent.

- II. A Communication Network System will be established among the Member Countries. The Permanent Committee will be responsible for the task.
- III. The Permanent Committee should devise a mechanism for the exchange of information and expertise among the Member Countries.
- IV. To develop a system among the D-8 countries for mutual recognition of test results and conformity certificates to meet market requirements in the halal area.
- V. A training programme will be organized jointly by Turkey and Nigeria - as the Secretariat for the Metrology Subcommittee - for the D-8 Countries' related staff.
- VI. The establishment of a technical cooperative system for the exchange of accreditation assessors and technical experts from assessor and technical pools of each country which requires such exchange of information.

TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

- I. Each D-8 country will submit the names of three institutions covering the public and private sectors and academic or research institutions active in the field of science and technology. The institutions representing their respective countries will collaborate towards defining the format and content of the cooperation. Institutional or project-based mechanisms will be formed by determining technological and sectoral fields. The financing, manpower and technical requirements of these mechanisms will be established and the necessary structures to meet them will be created.
- II. During the meeting, Egypt, Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey submitted the names of the coordinating institutions, on an a.i. basis. The submitted names are as follows:
 - a) Egypt: Ministry of Industry & Foreign Trade, and the Technological Center as the coordinating institution.

- b) Republic of Turkey: Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology as the coordinating institution. Two other institutions from academia and the private sector will be determined soon.
- c) Islamic Republic of Iran: Ministry of Industry, Trade and Mines as the coordinating institution and Pardis Technology Park and Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines of Iran as the other two relevant institutions.
- d) Nigeria: Federal Ministry of Science and Technology - Department of Chemical Technology and Energy Research as the coordinating institution. Research Institutes, Small and Medium Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) as the co-partners.
- e) Indonesia: Technology and Intellectual Property Rights Research Center, Ministry of Industry as the coordinating institution.
- f) Malaysia: The delegation announced that the names of the institutions will be submitted in the near future.
- g) Pakistan: Ministry of Industry to act as coordinator. Technical wing of the Engineering Development Board to act as research coordinator. The Name of private sector coordinator will be communicated later.

The proposed text of a draft MoU on the development of technical cooperation among D-8 Member Countries and its supporting document; namely Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN), proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran, was considered by the participants. It was decided that the D-8 Member Countries will inform each other through the D-8 Secretariat about their technical points of view within one month.

SMEs.

The Delegates exchanged views about future D-8 studies. Turkey proposed "Green SMEs for A Green Globe" as a new agenda item for the next meeting. KOSGEB will inform the members about the issues to be discussed.

Considering the significance of SMEs in the economic de-

velopment of their countries, the meeting agreed to request the D-8 Ministers of Industry to endorse the final report of the first D-8 SMEs governmental bodies meeting of 2010 and to seek its implementation through the respective organizations of the Member Countries.

Agenda Item II: Consideration of the Draft Istanbul Declaration on Industry

The draft Istanbul Declaration was adopted by the Senior Officials for the consideration of the Ministerial Meeting. The Meeting also adopted its report - to be submitted to the Ministerial Meeting for consideration. The texts of the report and the Istanbul Declaration are contained in.

Agenda Item III: Date and Venue of the Third Senior Officials Meeting of Industrial cooperation

The question of date and venue of the Third Senior officials Meetings was not discussed at the Meeting - to be decided after subsequent Ministerial decision on the date and venue of the Third Ministerial Meeting on Industry.

Agenda Item IV: Closing

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and for the productive outcome of the D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Industry.

The Chairperson of the Meeting appreciated the contributions made by the delegations and wished them a pleasant stay in Istanbul, and safe journey back home.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Automotive

*4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The First Task Force Meeting on Automotive was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 4 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria and Malaysia.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Prof. Dr. Ercan TEZER, the General Secretariat of Turkish Automotive Industry Association, was elected as the chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of the Rapporteurs

Bilal KARAOĞLU and Sevi Gülnihal HOROZ, from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey, were assigned as rapporteurs by the chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Automotive Industry

During the meeting, Turkey, Nigeria, Indonesia and Iran presented their presentations.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

Unfortunately a progress was not achieved since the previous meeting. However, for the next term, relating to each meeting decision, a responsible country was assigned and a due time was defined to achieve a progress.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Automotive Industry

The proposed areas of cooperation as follows; B2B relations, Regional Market, R&D, Supply Chain, Harmonization of Technical Regulations.

And the below decisions were taken, as a result of meeting.

- To establish "D-8 AUTOMOTIVE ASSOCIATION" for the purpose of promoting the automotive industry in D-8 countries. Due date is May 2012 and responsible country is TURKEY (OSD).
- To promote close, concrete and effective relation between the companies in D-8 countries, more attention should be paid to B2B cooperation. Relevant automotive industry institutions should support and organize B2B meetings. The governments should take necessary actions to support and encourage such actions. Due dates is April 2012 and responsible country is TURKEY (TAYSAD).
- Exploiting business opportunities in any emerging auto markets, including D-8, through market survey, country's capability study, and etc. Gathering and processing of production and market data on monthly basis in D-8 countries. Due date is May 2012 and responsible country is IRAN.
- A "D-8 Automotive Website" should be established to include data, news, events and activities etc. Due date is May 2012 and responsible country is IRAN.
- Streamlining technical and administrative regulation to avoid non-tariff barriers and to establish mechanisms gradually to prepare regional D-8 market. Due date is June 2012 and responsible country is TURKEY.
- To promote R&D and technology development and corporation between the institutions and joint activities especially in the areas of nanotechnology, renewable energy, CNG, Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, and

also new materials etc. Due date is April 2012 and responsible country is TURKEY (OTAM).

- Development of integrated supply chain to promote outsourcing parts and components from D-8 potential by multilateral industrial cooperation, taking into account of more than 4 million vehicle production capacity per year already. Due date is June 2012 and responsible country is INDONESIA.
- Design and manufacture a common platform for regional and national brands in line with technical legislation named as project of "D-8 Joint Product Development" for the global market taking into accounts the potential and the capabilities of D-8 countries. Due date is September 2012 and responsible country is IRAN.
- The Regional D-8 Automotive Industry Associations should participate in UN/ECE activities. Due date is May 2012 and responsible country is EGYPT.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The meeting proposed that the next D-8 Task Force Meeting on Automotive was planned to be held back to back with the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Prof. Dr. Ercan TEZER appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Cement

*5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Cement was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5 October 2011.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Çağlan BECAN, Training and Evaluation Manager of Turkish Cement Manufacturers' Association was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Tuğba Albayrak and Neriman BOZCA from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned by chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Cement Industry

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey and Indonesia made a presentation on the current status of Cement industry and highlighted their areas of particular interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran, has been reviewed and confirmed by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Cement Industry

The Nigerian delegation requested D-8 members to invest in Nigeria to increase local cement production capacity.

Cement task force of D-8 countries agreed on : 1- To give links to each others' websites for the immediate access of Industrial information. 2- To establish group of representatives of ce-

ment industry to negotiate the issues of vital importance.3- To organize for cement industry representatives to get best view of national capabilities giving service to cement industry and cement plants for the best practises.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Giving reference to above issues the active role of focal point, is emphasized by the working group. Respectively, reconfirmation of Iran as coordinator country for cement industry is suggested.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Çağlan BECAN appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Electronics & ICT

*4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Electronics was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 4 October 2011. The meeting was attended by the participants from Turkey, Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia and Egypt.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Dr. Güven UÇKAN was elected as the chairman, by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Özkan ÖZKARA and Emrullah EMEN, from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned as rapporteurs by chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Electronic Industry

Ümit KOŞKAN presented a report on status of Turkish Electronic Industry. Also a report was presented by Indonesian delegation which introduces Indonesia's Electronics Industry.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran, has been confirmed by the participants and according to needs changes are done by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Electronic Industry

It is accepted that:

- Preferential Trade Agreement should be urgently implemented between D-8 Member countries. The period of implementation must be shortened.
- A project about the Student Exchange Program should be designed and implemented.
- The field of cooperation to be broadened as "Electrical-Electronics and ICT" covering the electrical devices, white goods, small household appliances, air-conditioning devices, medical devices, etc.
- D-8 Secretariat should be strengthened in terms of finance and labor force.
- The norms EN and ISO have to obey manufacture process.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Dr. Güven UÇKAN appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Energy and Environmental Conservation

*5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Energy and Environmental Conservation was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5 October 2011. The meeting was attended by 20 participants.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Erdal Çalıkoğlu, Deputy Directorate General of the DG of Electrical Power Resources Survey and Development Administration was elected as the chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, how to improve collaboration opportunities among member countries on energy matters was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Mete ÇANKAYA and Sevi Gülnihal HOROZ, from the Ministry of Science, Industry and technology, were assigned as rapporteurs by the chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Energy and Environmental Conservation

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey and Nigeria representatives made a presentation respectively on the overview of the Turkish energy sector and gas production and power generation in Nigeria. In addition, Iran representative provided an overview of the power industry in Iran.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran was confirmed by the participants and in the meeting the devel-

opment of a mechanism which would avail the implementation of the ToR was suggested.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Energy and Environmental Conservation

The working group members requested items below to be inserted:

- To establish collaboration among member countries in order to conduct joint R&D activities in the field of energy and renewables (new alternative energy fuels);
- To provide a common budget for the joint R&D activities in the field of energy and renewables (new alternative energy fuels);
- To create project markets activities for supporting the R&D activities mentioned above;
- To initiate a series of workshops/seminars/conferences/meetings regarding the issues on clean energy and environment in which academicians from the universities of member countries and the industrialists would participate, the first event to be conducted in 2012;
- To establish a consortium from member countries' reputable companies/institutes for the R&D activities mentioned above so as to create a commercial brand;
- To establish a Working Group by the D-8 Secretariat regarding the joint R&D activities mentioned above which would be composed of the member countries' representatives,

- To prepare a Terms of Reference concerning the working principles of the Working Group mentioned above, which would be concrete and in which a time frame would be inserted
- To determine the best practices of the member countries on the R&D activities mentioned above in order to share the information to meet the needs of the member countries
- To insert a statement into the Terms of Reference regarding energy trade (e.g. natural gas, petroleum)
- To share experience and knowledge of the member countries on energy matters through training programmes which would be held in every voluntary member country, the first of which would be organized by Turkey in 2012
- To create a website or an email group for the working groups on energy and environmental conservation.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Food Industries

*5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Food Industries was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5 October 2011.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Cüneyt Başbakkal who is Vice President of Foreign Trade in Yaşar Holding was elected as the Chair of the Meeting by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Under this Agenda Item, Ali ESER from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey was assigned as Rapporteur by the chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on the Status of Food Industries

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey and Indonesia made a presentation on the current status of food industries and highlighted their areas of particular interest. Moreover, Egyptian representative who could not participate to the meeting provided an information note about Egyptian Food and Beverages Industry which was distributed during the meeting.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

Terms of Reference document of the 5th D-8 Working Group Meeting and its 7 items were reviewed by the participants of the 6th D-8 Working Group.

1-To define the necessary organizational framework for the food industries covenants, conventions and protocols, and implementation supervision of the same, that facilitate the effective technology, capital and human resources, transfer, within the D-8 member countries, in order to further develop and opti-

mize each countries competitive advantage potentials based on their respective domestic food industries strengths, so to promote the market position of D-8 members in the Islamic World, individually and collectively.

It was stated by the participants that this item is not so clear. In order to optimize each countries competitive advantage potentials, more efforts and measures should be taken by D-8 countries.

2- Establish a harmonized food industries link quality assurance system and also the necessary legal framework to strengthen ties among D-8 member countries research centers, universities and private sector NGOs, in order to coordinate the use of up-to dated standards for the production of healthy and hygienic food within the D-8 countries and also to further facilitate food industries expert exchanges and the use of various periodic trade seminars and regional meetings as such.

TÜBİTAK-MAM (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey- Marmara Research Center) representatives suggested that D-8 countries may implement common projects, research, trainings regarding food safety and quality assurance systems, expert exchanges among D-8 countries that might be initiated by TÜBİTAK-MAM.

Moreover, it was suggested that Ministries of Agricultures and other related organisations of D-8 countries should be identified and should also participate to the projects related with quality assurance systems.

3- Establish effective communication and cooperation means and methods, among food industries' players from member countries, to exchange information and applied experiences in the green products production and consumption with particular view towards the environmental preservation/protection requirements of United Nations on climate change.

Turkish representatives stated that this issue is very important and D-8 countries should share with each other any information regarding sustainable production and consumption in the field of food industries.

4- Establish specialized food industries financial intermediary institution, with investment from private sectors of member countries, in order to provide for the financial needs and continued development of strategic relationship among member countries to enhance investments in the food and related industries, such as agriculture, with priority towards food deficient African countries as target markets.

Participants stated that each D-8 member country should have Eximbanks or similar organizations and D-8 secretariat in Istanbul should be the coordinator of information flow between D-8 member states in the field of financial intermediary institutions.

With regard to Trade relations and financial issues, Ministries of Economy and Trade should be included and in order to solve problems of trade restrictions and other similar problems (e.g. high customs tariffs) more measures should be taken.

In addition, participants suggested that in the D-8 Meeting it should be ensured that more private sector representatives from D-8 countries so as to discuss and solve problems that business sector encounter as well as increase business cooperation.

5- Establish export insurance coverage for the inter-D-8 transactions, with member countries investment, to provide for insurance for inter-countries investment, production and trade, to include same with other third countries target markets.

This issue has been discussed in the previous item.

6- To accept health certification issued by member countries' health supervisory authorities, in order to facilitate cross-D-8 trade activities in Food and non alcoholic beverage, cosmetic and toiletry products.

In this item, it was stated that mutual recognition of certificates is important and should be enhanced. The object of the certificates should be to facilitate the trade between D-8 countries and mechanisms of bilateral agreements among D-8 countries should be strengthened. The accreditation institutions of D-8 countries should work more closely with the support of D-8 secretariat in Istanbul.

Furthermore, trade restrictions of food industry products because of animal diseases should be solved with close cooperation of Agricultural Ministries in D-8 countries.

The issue of Halal Food has been discussed by the repre-

sentatives and D-8 countries reflected their points of view with regard to certification of Halal Food.

7- To make cooperations with UNIDO and IDB in food industries for D-8 countries.

TÜBİTAK-MAM representatives stated that they implement projects with UNIDO on food safety and quality assurance and other D-8 countries can also benefit from this kind projects.

Moreover, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) funds can be better utilised for trade and investment in D-8 countries.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Food Industries

1. The information regarding import, export regulation, investment legislation in relation to food industries should be prepared by D-8 Member countries before the next meeting on industry.
2. It should be ensured that more private sector representatives from D-8 countries so as to discuss and solve problems that business encounter as well as increase business cooperation.
3. To establish electronic media such as web sites, blogs and databases in order to share information regarding food legislation and trade related issues. Central Anatolian Exporter's Unions (OAİB) of Turkey stated that they can take the initiative in this respect.
4. Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) should participate more actively to the D-8 meetings and NGOs representing food industries in D-8 countries should interact more with each other with the support of D-8 secretariat.
5. Information exchange through the website of D-8 should be more effective.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The meeting proposed that the next _____ meeting to be held back to back with the ___ D-8 Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Cüneyt Başbakkal appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Iron-Steel

*4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Iron-Steel was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 4 October 2011.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair

Veysel YAYAN, President of Secretary General of Turkish Iron and Steel Producers' Association was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Şeyma BARLAS, Mete CANKAYA from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned by chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Iron-Steel Industry

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey and Iran made a presentation on the current status of Iron-Steel industry and highlighted their areas of particular interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran, has been confirmed by the participants and according to needs changes are done by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Iron-Steel Industry

The working group members requested from D-8 secretariat whether new mechanisms such as free trade agreements can be implemented among D-8 members.

Steel task force of D-8 countries agreed on considering the big potential of D-8 countries in terms of trade capacities, in order

to promote ferrous and non-ferrous metals trade, all kinds of non-tariff barriers should be eliminated and customs duties among the D-8 members should be reduced. To achieve this goal, the time period can be put on target and this decision can be take on a Ministerial level.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Dr. Veysel YAYAN appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Machinery

4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey

The first Task Force Meeting on Machinery was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 4 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria and Turkey.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Adnan DALGAKIRAN, head of the Turkish Machinery Association was elected as the chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

First meeting of the Machinery Group has been made. There were no previously prepared agenda for this topic.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Reportors

Alperen SAĞKAYA and Dinçer GONCA from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned as reportors .

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Machinery Industry

The meeting was started with the presentation of the Turkish delegation with regards to the outlook of the Turkish machinery sector and trade relations relating to machinery sector among D-8 countries. No other member countries have made any presentation.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

In case, this is the first meeting of Machinery Working Group, no review progress has been done.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Machinery Industry.

The decisions has been stated below;

- A committee should be formed to follow up the realization of decisions which were taken during the

meeting until the next D-8 meeting on industry. Yusuf ÖKSÜZÖMER was named as the Turkish representative of the committee and Faruk AKSOY as the secretariat of the committee to be formed. The establishment of working group under the committee was also proposed and confirmed.

- Furthermore, it was decided that every member country of D-8 will submit their two representatives (from NGOs working at machinery sector) to Secretariat of D-8 in a month and in three months working group will come together. The group is mandated to discuss the problems and to find the ways to make further cooperation. Until the realization of the committee and the election of the chairman, Yusuf ÖKSÜZÖMER will act as the chairman of the committee.
- It is also determined that the participants of the next meeting will be specified before hand and their names will be known in advance. Therefore, owner and responsible delegates will be known by others.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

D-8 General Secretariat will decide and inform the delegates of the member countries about the next meeting's date and venue.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Chairman Mr. Adnan DALGAKIRAN, head of the Turkish Machinery Association, appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology

5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey

The first Task Force Meeting on STANDARDIZATION, CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT, ACCREDITATION AND METROLOGY was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Indonesia, Nigeria, Iran, Egypt and Turkey.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Turkish delegations' representative was elected as the chair person.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting elected Iran and Egypt delegates beside Turkish team as Rapporteur.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Reports

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey Delegation made 3 different presentations on the current status of the system and general overview of Turkish System by:

- Presentation on Mission of DG for Standardization and Metrology
- Presentation on Brief overview of TSE Task and Responsibility
- Presentation on National Metrology System in Turkey by TUBİTAK/UME –National Metrology Institution

Indonesia, Egypt, and Iran delegates gave a speech on a brief overview on their countries' metrology and standardization

system.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

TSE delegate gave a brief information and short brief on progress since then for previous meetings TOR.

As mentioned at previous meeting Permanent subcommittees for Task Force and Permanent Committee were chosen as below:

Turkey is chosen as a secretariat of Permanent Committee and the other 4 countries which are represented here today will be the member of PC.

The secretariat of Subcommittees are as below:

Standardization: Egypt

Metrology: Nigeria

Accreditation: Iran

Conformity Assessment: Indonesia

For all those Committees' membership will be open to all D-8 countries.

Turkey as a permanent Committee Secretariat will send a call to the other D-8 countries which were not present in the meeting and invite them to participate in the mentioned subcommittee.

The Previous TOR has been amended.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation

- The rules of procedures for the committees (permanent and sub committees) are going to be drafted by the secretariat of permanent committee and will be forwarded to the member Countries for their consideration and comments. The time limit determined for receiving comments is 2 months. In case of no response it will be considered as consent.
- Communication Network System will be established among member states. Permanent Committee will be responsible for the task.
- Permanent Committee should set out a system in order to exchange information and expertise among the member states
- To develop a system among D-8 countries for mutual recognition of test results and conformity certificates to meet market requirements in the halal area
- A training is going to be arranged by UME and Nigeria as Metrology Subcommittees' secretariat for the D-8 Countries' related staff.
- The establishment of a technical cooperative system for exchange of accreditation assessors and technical experts from Assessor and technical pools of each country which requires exchange of information at the step.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The Permanent Committee's first meeting will be held in May 2012

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Petrochemicals & Fertilizers

*4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The first Task Force Meeting on Petrochemicals & Fertilizers was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 4 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Indonesia, Nigeria, Iran and Turkey.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Timur ERK was elected as the chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Yasemin DEMİRCİOĞLU and Güzin ŞAHİN from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned by the chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Petrochemicals & Fertilizers Industry

Under this Agenda Item, each member country made a presentation on the current status of Petrochemicals & Fertilizers Industry and highlighted their areas of particular interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran, has been confirmed by the participants and according to needs changes are done by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Petrochemicals & Fertilizers Industry

The proposed areas of cooperation as presented by the delegations/Member Countries is attached as:

1. It is decided to establish a network regarding REACH like

regulation in order to have exchange of information. Especially for Chemicals applied in Food Industry. The next step should be REACH like common regulation within D-8 countries.

2. A Network D-8 Petrochemistry should be established in order to prepare a new meeting in March or April 2012 for follow up of activities and taken pre- decision.
3. To make a proposal to D-8 governments to prepare Preferential Tariff Agreement within the D-8 countries in order to gradually lower custom and eventually eliminate tariffs.
4. To establish more effective and experts enriched secretariat of at least 12 experts for each task force.
5. There is a great demand for joint ventures between Nigeria, Indonesia and Turkey for Joint Venture within Fertilizer and Petrochemical Industry

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Timur ERK appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 1st D-8 Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation

5 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey

The first Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 5 October 2011. The meeting was attended by Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria and Malaysia. Bangladesh and Pakistan did not participate to the meeting.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Ziya KARABULUT, the general manager of General Directorate of Science and Technology, was elected as the chairman, by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of the Rapporteurs

Serdar İmamoğlu and Fadile Ezeroğlu from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned as rapporteurs by the chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Technology Cooperation

During the meeting, Turkey and Iran presented their presentations while Egypt, Nigeria, Malaysia and Indonesia gave a speech.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

Unfortunately a progress was not achieved since the previous meeting.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Technology Cooperation

The proposals of the meeting are as follows;

- Each D-8 country will give the names of three institutions covering private sector, public and university or

research institutions which deal with in the field of science and technology. The institutions representing their respective countries will work on the format and content of the cooperation. Institutional or project based mechanisms will be formed by determining technological and sectoral fields. Financing, labor power and technical requirements regarding the mechanisms will be determined and in order to meet those requirements, the necessary structures will be established.

- During the meeting, Iran, Malaysia, Indonesia and Turkey submitted the names of the coordinator institutions as a draft. The proposed names are as follows:

From Republic of Turkey: Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology as the coordinator institution. Two other institutions from university and private sector will be determined soon.

From Islamic Republic of Iran: Deputy of Science and Technology of I.R.Iran Presidency as the coordinator institution and Pardis Technology park as the co-partner.

From Nigeria: Federal Ministry of Science and Technology – Department of Chemical Technology and Energy Research as the coordinator institution. Research Institutes, Small and Medium Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN) as the co-partners

From Indonesia: Technology and Intellectual Property Rights Research Center, Ministry of Industry as the coordinator institution. Directorate of International Industrial Cooperation Zone, Ministry of Industry as the co-partner.

The delegation of **Malaysia** declared that they would inform the names of the institutions soon.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

D-8 General Secretariat will decide and inform the delegates of the member countries about the next meeting's date and venue.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Delegation of Iran came up with two new proposals. Firstly, the delegation submitted new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to the attention of participants. Then, they proposed that they would construct new website covering the data on technology of member countries. They informed the participants that they would bear the cost of the website they would develop. Regarding the realization of the projects, Iran delegation suggested that all the comments on the MoU would be collected in a month, website will be constructed by Iran in 6 months and head of contact points would come together every 6 months. Delegation of Egypt suggested that D-8 countries should cooperate within the areas of projects and R&D. He said that for each individual industry, separate groups would be formed. He also proposed that an interactive website may be formed to match projects of the countries.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Ziya KARABULUT appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 2nd D-8 SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting

*4 October 2011
Istanbul-Turkey*

The SMEs Governmental Bodies of Developing 8 Countries represented by;

- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Republic of Indonesia
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Malaysia
- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- Republic of Turkey

held its second meeting on October 4, 2011 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey under the chairmanship of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB) of Turkey. KOSGEB Vice President Mr. S. Tuna ŞAHİN was elected as Chairman of the Meeting by the Delegates. The Agenda which was proposed by KOSGEB was approved by Delegates. Under this Agenda, Mr. Ertuğrul NAZLI and Ms. Duygu YÜCESOY MANYASLI were elected as reporters.

By taking into account the First D-8 SMEs Governmental Meeting held in Tehran on December 7, 2010 agreed issues on Establishing D-8 Communication Network, Promoting International Trade Activities and Common Brand, Exchanging of Experiences, Cooperating on Industrial Parks of D-8 Countries, Training and Upgrading Technical and Executive Skills of SMEs, Working on SMEs' Access to Finance and Risks and also New Subject Proposals for Future Perspectives were discussed and the results of its deliberations are summarized as follows:

Agenda Item 1: D-8 Communication Network

The chairman briefed the Delegates on the decision of the establishment the Communication Network between D-8 SMEs Governmental bodies to provide necessary coordination and

follow up and then invited ISIPO for its explanations. Iran (ISIPO) informed the Delegates about developments of the Communication Network and declared that they could not finalize the D-8 communication network document, they need two more weeks to work on the document and will send the final document to the D-8 member countries.

Iran (ISIPO) suggested that the Presidents and governments of each country should approve the first D-8 SMEs Governmental Bodies Report for active participation. They confirmed that they seek implementation of the report. Chairman suggested circulating the new statement of Iran and receiving comments concerning the statement. Pakistan suggested examining the new statement. Delegates approved the suggestion and it is decided that item will be finalized in the afternoon session. In the afternoon session no objection has been raised except Egypt has concerns about above mentioned statement, it is decided that the statement will be offered in SME Task Force Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: International Trade Activities

By drawing attention of the Delegates to the necessity to develop international trade activities, Delegates shared their views about this topic. Turkey (KOSGEB) informed the Delegates about its implementation of Foreign Business Trip Support Program for Turkish SMEs. Iran (ISIPO) asserted that they plan to create a similar support mechanism for SMEs in their country and improve their current support model. Iran (ISIPO) offered Turkey (KOSGEB) to exchange their support model with them. Turkey (KOSGEB) informed the Delegates that they will share the details of their support model with all the member countries in electronic environment.

Agenda Item 3: Exchange of Experiences

Regarding the exchange successful experiences in member countries The Delegates briefed on the latest status of the Best Practice Workshops Schedule.

Iran informed the Delegates that they realized Industrial Cluster Development Workshop in February 2011. The report of this workshop will be sent to the Delegates. The workshop schedule updated as follows:

Member Country	Subject	Executor	Date
Indonesia	Consultancy Dev.	DGSMI	29 th Nov.2011 - 01 st Dec.2011
Iran	Industrial Park Construction Export consortium establishment	ISIPO	To be confirmed.
Malaysia	Training for SME agencies	SMECORP	12 th -23 rd Dec 2011
Turkey	Dev. clustering policies LED of Anatolia SPX Business & Tech. incubators	KOSGEB	2012 First half of
Nigeria	SPX/Cluster development	SMEDAN	Second half of 2012 (To be confirmed.)

Additionally Turkey (KOSGEB) informed the Delegates about the Proposal of "D-8 SME Expert Exchange Project". It is decided that the timing of the project will be arranged by the bilateral negotiations.

Agenda Item 4: Training and Upgrading Technical and Executive Skills of SMEs

Delegates underlined the importance of training and upgrading technical and executive skills of SMEs through holding the training workshops for SMEs and SMEs Governmental Institutions Staff.

Nigeria informed the Delegates about "building a D-8 SMEs Training Centre in Nigeria". Nigeria asserted that temporary training building has been identified and ready to share their facilities but the permanent building will be completed and Ni-

geria Ministry of Foreign Affairs will inform the D-8 Secretariat.

Agenda Item 5: Cooperation on Industrial Parks of D-8 Countries

The current situation about the establishment of Turkey-Iran Joint Free Industrial Zone expressed by Turkish Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology. Iran wanted to learn whether the location has been determined by Turkey. Turkey answered as that they were waiting for governmental approvals and political decision.

Agenda Item 6: SMEs' Access to Finance and Risks

Delegates exchanged views on common developments on the issues of establishing a Legal Entity to guarantee international investment, insurance, mitigating vulnerability of small and medium enterprises and financial risks resulting from joint ventures between industrial units of Member Countries is another agreement of us.

Turkey (KOSGEB) informed the Delegates about the details of KOSGEB Emerging Companies Market SME Support Model. Turkey (KOSGEB) informed that documents about Emerging Companies Market SME Support Model will be sent to all members.

Indonesia shared their experiences on a similar model but it was not successful due to the fact that the level of SMEs concerning this issue was not advanced. Turkey shared they

also encountered problems like lack of transparency, they asserted that they solved the problem by educating SMEs and increasing the support.

Malaysia complimented KOSGEB about the Programme and asked which institutions were involved in the process and whether the enterprises are still SMEs after quoting in Stock Exchange. Turkey (KOSGEB) shared the institutions that is involved in Programme and declared that SMEs are not SMEs after quoting in Stock Exchange.

Agenda Item 7: New Subject Proposals for Future Perspectives

The Delegates shared their opinions about future D-8 studies. Turkey (KOSGEB) has proposed “Green SMEs for Green Globe” as new agenda for the next meeting and Turkey’s proposal will stay on the agenda of the next meeting and Turkey (KOSGEB) will inform the members about the issues that will be realized.

Agenda Item 8: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

It is agreed that the next meeting will be hosted by the Government of Nigeria in Abuja in 24-25th April 2012.

3RD D-8

AGRICULTURAL

MINISTERIAL

MEETING ON

FOOD SECURITY

Report of the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

4 October 2012
West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

Introduction

1. The 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was held in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia on October 5, 2012. The Meeting was attended by Minister of Agriculture of Bangladesh (represented by Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Golam Mohammad), Minister of Agriculture of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Suswono, Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Prof. Dr. Sadegh Khalilian, Minister of Agriculture and Agrobased Industry of Malaysia (represented by Deputy Minister, Dato' Mohd. Johari Baharum), and Minister of State of Agriculture of Nigeria, H.E. Mr. Bukar Tijani. The D-8 Secretary-General, Prof. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, was also present at the meeting.

Agenda 1: Opening Ceremony

2. The Secretary-General of the Developing Eight (D-8), Prof. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, in his opening remarks welcomed the Ministers and the delegates and expressed his appreciation for the commitment of the D-8 members. He emphasized the importance of the D-8 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting's contribution within the global context and briefly informed about the progress of D-8 Agricultural sector.

3. The Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Suswono, reiterated the importance of the contributions of the meeting in ensuring global food security as well as the impact within the world social economic fora. The Minister also informed the Meeting of the Indonesian Government's strategy in achieving its Food Security programmes. He asserted the Indonesian Government's efforts in the coordination at regional and international level, and the need to engage Private Sector partnership in the activities of D-8.

Agenda 2: Call to Order

a. Election of Chairman and Appointment of Rapporteurs

b. Adoption of Agenda

4. The meeting elected the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Suswono, as the Chairman. The meeting also appointed Mrs. Chidi Okeke from Nigeria and Mr. Purnomo A. Chandra from Indonesia as Rapporteurs.

5. The meeting considered and adopted the agenda.

Agenda 3: Statements by the Ministers/Heads of Delegations

Ministers/Heads of Delegation presented their statements in the following sequence:

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran

The Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture of Iran, H.E. Prof. Dr. Sadegh Khalilian, expressed his appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for hosting the event, commended the Tehran Initiative of 2011, and recognized the spirit of cooperation and synergy that was prevalent during the Meeting. He applauded the Seed Bank project proposed by Iran and also Nigeria, and Turkey for the successful hosting of the 3rd D-8 Private Sector Workshop on Seed Bank/Fertilizer from 16-18 May, 2012, and the 3rd D-8 Meeting on Seed Bank in July 2012 in Izmir, Turkey respectively.

He also identified great potentials in the proposals of the D-8 Agriculture Meetings and some projects which have been submitted to the D-8 Secretariat. H.E. Prof. Khalilian raised concerns over a wide margin in the implementation of the D-8 initiative and acknowledged the constraints associated with

its process of implementation. Continuing, he emphasized on agriculture as pivotal to the rural development as well as in economy and policymaking.

The Minister affirmed Iranian government's continuous support for sufficiency in agricultural production and advocated the enhancement of generating Capacity Building among D-8 Member countries with a view to gaining a valuable experience.

2. The Federal Republic of Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Bukar Tijani, The Minister of State of Agriculture and Rural Development, expressed his profound gratitude to the Government and the people of Indonesia, and the D-8 Secretary-General, for the excellent coordination and organization of the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting and the dogged efforts in ensuring the comfort of the delegates. He commended the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, the current Chair of the D-8, for his excellent performance in steering the affairs of the D-8 since 2010.

The Minister affirmed that Agriculture is a strong focal point of President Goodluck Jonathan's Transformation Agenda Programme and informed about the significant role played by the two Ministers of Agriculture, H. E. Bukar Tijani and the Ministry of Agriculture in its implementation.

He further outlined the major successes of the Nigerian government in her drive to Food Security as follows: (1) Concerted efforts in the pursuits of the provision of food and nutrition for over 170 million people. (2) Reduction in the expenditure on food import flow, (3) Diversification of the economy from oil and gas to other sectors, (4) Generation of more foreign exchange from agriculture, and the provision of jobs for the steaming youths population.

His Excellency also emphasized the Nigerian governments concerted efforts in transforming agriculture from the concept of business to a rural development program. He also reiterated Governments zeal in adding value to local agriculture and increasing the financial access to farmers, and creating over 3,5 million jobs through agriculture. He Affirmed the injection of dollar to the Nigeria economy and the provision of over 30 billion bank grants to farmers to leverage the guarantee from Commercial Banks.

His Excellency noted the active role of Government in creating authentic database to aid farmers in their procurement process and the provisions of aid to small-scale farmers. The

Minister also advocated active participation of Private Sector within and outside Nigeria with a view to enhancing value change and fostering of Cooperation among D-8 Member Countries through increased technical partnership.

He Affirmed the acceptance of Nigeria in principle to host the 4th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting in 2013, pending approval by His Excellency President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan. He acknowledged the successful hosting by Nigeria of the 3rd D-8 Private Sector Workshop on Seed Bank/Fertilizer in May 2012 and emphasized the need to harness the gains of the Workshop.

In his closing remarks, The Minister stressed the need to vigorously pursue and follow up the Mataram Initiative and enjoined the Ministers to congratulate the outgoing Chair of the D-8, Excellency Dr. Goodluck Jonathan and the D-8 Secretary-General for prudently piloting the affairs of the D-8 since 2010.

3. The People's Republic of Bangladesh

H.E. Golam Mohammad, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Indonesia, expressed sincere appreciation to the government of Indonesia for hosting the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting.

The Ambassador noted that Food Security is an important phenomenon in development and this has informed the efforts of the Government of Bangladesh's in enhancing Food Security. This includes the provision of subsidy on fertilizer, distribution of fertilizer to needy farmers, ensuring of the irrigation process and the adequate supply of electricity as well as the provision of subsidy on electricity.

He affirmed the Government of Bangladesh's heavy investment on the agricultural sector, the efforts made for the enhancement of food production, and asserted the role played by the Government in ensuring less importation of food from the global market.

He also acknowledged the timely scheduling of the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting and commended the different Working Groups for their efforts and enjoined the members to intensify measures to expedite actions. He further appreciated the D-8 Secretary-General and wished him well at the expiration of his tenure. He concluded with a plea to Member Countries to ensure that their concentrative efforts is followed by implementation with a view to enhancing Food Security.

4. Malaysia

Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry of Malaysia, Dato' Mohd. Johan Baharum, commend-

ed and congratulated the organizers of the meeting for choosing the beautiful island of Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara as the venue for the Meeting.

He identified Food Security as a major problem in the world and noted that it is a greater challenge than Population Explosion and Climate Change. The Deputy Minister asserted the need for fostering deeper regional Cooperation on Food Security through development and the provision of proper mechanism to increase trade in D-8 countries.

His Excellency also highlighted his Government's efforts in increasing Food Security, agricultural production in rural areas and investment in education. He also made a clarion call for closer collaboration among D-8 countries and the need for mutual benefits through Capacity Building, Training, and Exchange of the D-8 Experts.

The Deputy Minister informed and invited the Meeting to the forthcoming MAHA 2012, the most comprehensive biannually event in Malaysia's history. According to him, this agricultural event will be a platform for Member Countries to showcase their latest innovation in agriculture and their related agricultural products.

5. Turkey

The Deputy Minister of Turkey, Mr. Kutbettin Arzu, expressed his appreciation to the Government of Indonesia and the D-8 Secretariat for organizing the Meeting. He reiterated the need for adequate steps to be taken to ensure availability of Food Security, access to food distribution, increasing food production and provision of quality food with a view to ensuring Food Security.

His Excellency also reminded the Meeting of the need to enhance the joint regional and international steps of all stakeholders in ensuring Food Security and to harmonize the standards policy.

He counseled on the need for the joined efforts of all stakeholders, regional and international organizations in ensuring Food Security. He further applauded the previous Agricultural Ministerial Meetings and the Mataram Initiative and harped on the needs for steps to be taken towards the implementation.

He proposed the harmonization of contributions for D-8 member countries to regulate a global effort for common targets and affirmed the willingness of the Turkish Government to share contribution with regional and international efforts towards Food Security. In concluding his remarks, he appreciated Nigeria for accepting to host the 4th D-8 Agricultural Min-

isterial Meeting in principle in 2013 and indicated the Turkish Government's readiness to host the 5th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting.

6. The Republic of Indonesia

The Head of Indonesian Delegation extended his gratitude to the Ministers, the delegates, and the D-8 Secretary-General for the successful outing for the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting and for the Mataram Initiative.

He identified the Food Security enhancement as the priority of the Indonesia Government with Agriculture and Fisheries gaining more relevance. He affirmed that agricultural growth, food sufficiency, and its sustainability are crucial elements of development.

The Indonesian Delegation encouraged the Cooperation among Member Countries and enhanced competitiveness in fish processing and marketing. He also advocated for the harmonization of standard policies and the enthronement of excellence among Member Countries.

Indonesia also emphasized the crucial role of the Private Sector in the D-8 countries and their need for them to play more active role. He also emphasized on the benefit of sharing data and experience by Member Countries, with a view to enhancing Capacity Building. Furthermore, he urged for an effective programme implementation and for a closer collaboration between the D-8, Food and Agricultural Organizations (FAO), and Member Countries in the Region.

Agenda 4: Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting

6. The meeting considered and adopted the report.

Agenda 5: Introduction of D-8 Programme for Food Security (D-8 PFS)

7. H. E. Prof. Dr. Sadegh Khalilian, the Minister of Jihad-e-Agriculture of the Iran explained the concept note on the D-8 Programme of Food Security (D-8 PFS). The meeting noted the adoption by D-8 Abuja Summit 2011, and of the Joint Investment Fund (JIF) to finance projects and programmes of D-8 could facilitate the implementation of the D-8 agriculture projects. To this end, the Meeting mandated the D-8 Secretariat to consult with member states in order to expedite the establishment of the JIF.

Agenda 6: Consideration and adoption of Joint Statement

8. The meeting considered and adopted the Mataram Initiatives with the amendment on the next host.

Agenda 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

9. The Meeting welcomed in principle the offer of Nigeria to host the 4th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. The meeting also took note of the proposal by Turkey to host the 5th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. The meeting asked the D-8 Secretariat to further explore this offer with the esteemed countries authority regarding the venue and date and informed member countries on further development.

Agenda 8: Other Matters

10. The Ministers appreciated D-8 Member Countries in providing data on Animal Feed for the content of Animal Feed Information Center (AFIC) website and urged other member countries to do as such. The Meeting endorsed the AFIC Website and this was followed by the launching of the Website by the Minister of Agriculture of Indonesia, the Deputy Minister of Malaysia, assisted by the D-8 Secretary-General, and the Heads of other delegations. Furthermore, the Minister appreciated the Government of Indonesia for developing the structure of the Website and the Government of Malaysia as the Prime Mover.

11. The Meeting adopted the report of the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

Agenda 9: Closing Ceremony

12. The 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was officially concluded. On the closing ceremony, The Ministers and Head of Delegates of D- 8 Member Countries officially launched the Animal Feed Information Center (AFIC) website. In closing the ceremony, the Chairman and D-8 Secretary- General, H.E. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto released some statements for the Press.

Mataram Initiatives

4 October 2012

West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

1. The Third D-8 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was convened on 5th October 2012 at Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. The Meeting was chaired by His Excellency Dr. Suswono, Minister of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia.
2. *Taking into account* one billion people living within D-8 countries and the continuing constraint on global food production and food price volatility, this Meeting reaffirmed the commitment to pursue common strategy to end hunger and malnourishment.
3. *Recalling* the commitments, decisions and goals set up in the 1st D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Kuala Lumpur in 2009, the Ministerial Meeting on Fisheries and Fertilizer in Cairo in 2010, and the 2nd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Tehran in 2011, the Meeting further underlined the need for greater coordination at all levels in order to ensure immediate implementation of such commitments, decisions, and goals.
4. *Reaffirming* prior commitment to give priorities in increasing food supplies, advancing sustainable agricultural-led growth, maintaining food availability and affordability, sharing food reserves in the larger producing countries and strengthening the income of small farmers, fishermen and rural communities.
5. *Acknowledging* the progress being made in five working groups under the agricultural sectors and urged prime movers as well as Member Countries to expedite the implementation.
6. *Recognizing* the results of Working Group on Seed Bank and the modalities needed to develop a D-8 Seed Bank within the coming years, the Meeting appreciates the working group initiative to establish the National Seed Bank Project. The Meeting urged that coordination and harmonizing regulation, evaluation, and exchange of seeds among member countries be enhanced.
7. *Recognizing* the progress being made in the Working Groups of Fertilizer, particularly in exchanging experience, production and harmonization of fertilizer standards, enhancing mutual technical cooperation in application of fertilizer as well as the possibility to establish intra-D8 trade, research, and technology cooperation on fertilizer through commercial consortium, the Meeting urged the need to establish database collection and information on standard of fertilizers among D-8 Member Countries.
8. *Underlining* the importance of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries in addressing issues related to food security, it is also recognized the great opportunity in intra-trade in fish and fisheries products as well as investment in marine and fisheries sector, the Meeting encouraged a greater market access and investment promotion. The Meeting further urged the Working Group to continue its works towards the implementation of technology transfer, training program, marine and fisheries promotion, exchange of investment, arrangement on fish quality and safety assurance, database information center establishment, developing the marine protection and conservation, and international event participation.
9. *Welcoming* the initial work of the Working Group of Standards and Trade Issues. This working group revised the name of the Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues into Working Group for Standards on Trade. The Meeting expected that a set of goals and targets would be generated to facilitate trade on agricultural products and inputs. The Meeting appreciated any effort to the acceptance of the Term of Reference in the next meeting.

10. *Acknowledging* the establishment of Animal Feed Information Center (D-8 AFIC) website initiated by Indonesia and Malaysia. Furthermore, the Meeting encouraged Member Countries to use and actively participate to provide data and information to D-8 AFIC website.
11. *The Meeting recognized* the need for budget, a joint initiative fund (JIF) within D8 Secretariat to maintain AFIC and to carry out research work.
12. *The Meeting acknowledged* the formation of Technical Working Group (TWG) to further the research on palm kernel cake, rice bran, and cassava (feed and its ingredients with TOR inclusive of listing the past research carried out by member countries).
13. *Further encouraged* all stakeholders to increase the level of effective coordination network within the working groups.
14. *Urging* active participation of related private companies at all levels and further encouraged the Working Groups to consider and invite the involvement of private companies in their respective groups.
15. Ministers and Head of Delegations conveyed their words of appreciation to His Excellency Dr. Suswono, Minister of Agriculture of Indonesia for his wisdom and ably chairmanship during the meeting, and expressed their high appreciation to the Government of Indonesia for an excellent arrangement for organizing the meeting. The Meeting also appreciated the Secretariat for its valuable support rendered to the event.
16. The Meeting welcomed the offer by H.E. Bukar Tijani, Hon. Minister of State, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Nigeria who stated that in principle, Nigeria willing to host the 4th D-8 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. The meeting tasked the Secretariat to follow up the matter. The Meeting also welcomed the offer of Turkey to host the 5th Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

Report of the Senior Official Meeting for the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

*4 October 2012
West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia*

Introduction

1. The 3rd Senior Officials Meeting of the D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security was held in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia on October 4, 2012. The Meeting was attended by delegations of six D-8 Member Countries namely, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Turkey. Prof. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, Secretary-General of the D-8 was also present.

Opening Welcome Address by Chairman

2. Dr. Achmad Suryana, Director General of Indonesia Food Security Agency, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, as the elected chairman of the meeting, extended the warmest welcome to all delegations on behalf of the Government of Indonesia as the host country and stated the challenge of the agenda of the SOM meeting, including D-8 Program for Food Security.

3. Secretary General of the D-8 expressed his gratitude to the Government of Indonesia to host the D-8 Senior Officials and Ministerial Meetings on Agricultural and expressed hope for successful deliberations.

Agenda 1: Call to Order

- a. Adoption of the Agenda
 - b. Election of the Drafting Committee
4. The Meeting adopted the agenda
5. The meeting elected Dr. Masturi Binti Mahmud from Malay-

sia and Mr. Purnomo A. Chandra from Indonesia as members of Drafting Committee with the assistance of the D-8 Secretariat.

Agenda 2 : Presentation by FAO Representative in Indonesia

6. Dr. Mustafa Imir, FAO Representative in Indonesia briefed the meeting on FAO perspective on global food security. Mr. Imir underlined the important contribution of agricultural development of D-8 Member Countries to the global food security. He focused his presentation on the role of FAO and the importance of agricultural sector in the post 2015 agenda.

Agenda 3: Presentation on Long Term Development Planning of the Integrated Agricultural System in Indonesia by Prof. Bomer Pasaribu

7. Professor Bomer Pasaribu, as team leader of Indonesian Agricultural Long Term Development Planning gave a presentation on the strategic vision and long-term plan in Agriculture sector of Indonesia until 2045. He presented a paradigm of agriculture development and alternative policy in developing sustainable agriculture bio-industry system as integrated macro economic and agriculture sector.

Agenda 4: Presentation on the Summary of the 2nd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security by Head of Iran Delegation

8. Representative of Iran briefed the meeting on the highlight of the 2nd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

that was held in Tehran in 2012. The Meeting was informed that scheme on food security, and projects implemented based on Tehran initiatives have all been implemented.

Agenda 5: Consideration and Adoption of Working Groups Report

- a. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Working Group on Seed Bank.
- b. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of Working Group on Animal Feed.
- c. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of Working Group on Fertilizer.
- d. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of Working Group on Marine & Fisheries.
- e. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of Working Group on Standards & Trade Issue.

9. The Senior Officials agreed on all proposals and adopted the report of the Working Group on Seed Bank.

10. The Senior Officials considered results of the previous decisions and initiatives that will be conducted in the future, including focal points, projects and meeting arrangement. The meeting agreed on all proposals and adopted the report of the Working Group on Animal Feed.

11. The Senior Officials considered the report of the Working Group on Fertilizer. Malaysian Delegation raised concern over the absence of the prime mover and request clarification of the status of the report. Taking into account that five out of eight member countries were present in the working group meeting, the Senior Officials were in agreement to adopt the report of the working group.

12. The Senior Officials agreed to endorse the report of the Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries. In regard to the draft of Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Working Group, Indonesia recalled that the discussion of the establishment of the Working Group ToR started in 2009 and has yet to be finalized. Indonesia as the prime mover of Working Group of Marine and Fisheries expressed its appreciation to all D-8 Member Countries for submitting proposals including the most recent proposal submitted by Iran and encourage the working group to contribute and expedite the formalization of the proposals. The meeting agreed in principle of the ToR with further enrichment by Member Countries to be submitted by 31st October 2012 and eventually to be finalized.

13. The Senior Officials agreed to the proposed change of the name of the Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues to Working Group for Standards on Trade. The meeting adopted the report of the Working Group.

Agenda 6: Consideration and Adoption of D-8 Programme for Food Security (D-8 PFS)

14. The meeting discussed the presentation from the Islamic Republic of Iran on the D-8 Programme for Food Security. The presentation proposed three major project outputs from strengthening capacity, strategy for agricultural development and food security, and D-8 Programme for Food Security. Member Countries expressed the need of further study on the proposed program, including matters related to budget. The Meeting also requested D-8 Secretariat to study the proposal. Related to the request, D-8 Secretary General expresses the need of Desk Officer on Agriculture and Food Security.

Agenda 7: Discussion on D-8 Agricultural Information Knowledge Management Network

15. The Senior Officials appreciated Iran in the establishment of D-8 Agricultural Information Knowledge Management Network. In spite of this, the said document will be circulated to the D-8 member countries through the D-8 Secretariat in due course.

Agenda 8: Consideration of the Draft of Joint Statement

16. The draft of Joint Statement was thoroughly discussed. On the discussion of the draft, which is called Mataram Initiatives, the comments and suggestions have been made and incorporated into the draft to further submit to the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda 9: Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda of the 3rd Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security

17. With regard to the proposed Agenda for the 3rd Ministerial Meeting, the meeting adopted the Provisional Agenda with amendment.

Agenda 10: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

18. The Meeting noted that no offer has been submitted by Member Countries to host the next Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. The Meeting decided to bring this matter to the Ministerial Meeting.

Agenda 11: Other Matters

19. The meeting has no other matters to discuss.

Agenda 12: Adoption of the Report

20. The report of the Senior Officials Meeting was adopted

Report of the 4th Working Group Meeting on D-8 Seed Bank

3 October 2012

Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

for consideration of the Ministerial Meeting.

The 4th Working Group Meeting on D-8 Seed Bank was convened on 3 October 2012, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, with the participation of delegates from Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Turkey.

Agenda 1: Call to Order

a. Welcome Address by Host Country

The welcome speech was delivered by Dr. Hasil Sembiring, Director of Indonesian Center for Food Crop Research and Development (ICFORD), IAARD, The Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Indonesia.

Dr. Hasil Sembiring stated his appreciation to host the participants of the meeting and briefly introduced the host country and wished successful meeting to delegates. As the host of the meeting, he welcomed all delegates and participants in his opening speech. He stressed the importance of the working group in the way of realization of the decision made by the Ministerial Council on Food Security of D-8 countries. He also indicated the commitment of Indonesia to contribute to the establishment of D-8 Seed Bank particularly in respect to seed security.

b. Election of the Chairman and Rapporteur

The meeting elected Dr. Mohammed Selamat bin Madom of Malaysia as the Chairman and Dr. Hasil Sembiring of Indonesia as the rapporteur.

Agenda 2: Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting adopted the agenda.

Agenda 3: Review of the Work Programme and Progress Report based on the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Seed Bank

All present member countries have reviewed the minutes of work program and progress report of the third meeting.

Turkey has presented the template of the seed bank proposal that focused on wheat, rice, and maize among the 8 commodities nominated. The structure of the proposed model national seed bank composed of budget, management, and administration. The total budget is approximately 15 million USD.

All present member countries adopted the proposal of Turkey. Each country should supply the data needed and submitted to D-8 Secretariate by the end of 2012. The meeting recommends that the D-8 Secretariate should finalize the seed bank proposal.

The D-8 secretariate should explore finance sources.

Agenda 4: New Projects & Area of Cooperation

All present member countries agreed to the following events to be implemented before the next ministerial meeting. The detail will be discussed in the next working group meeting.

A. Exchange of Expert:

(1) Workshop on harmonization for the D-8 seed certification system

(2) Workshop on harmonization of the D-8 variety registration

(3) Workshop on ISTA rules, sanitary and phytosanitary

B. Genetic material and seed exchange:

(1) Harmonization of the evaluation method for breeding

(2) Construct Standard Rules for D-8 material transfer agreement (D-8 MTA).

(3) According to the result of construction, germplasm exchange for research and would be according to D-8 MTA

(4) Seed exchange of released varieties for adaptation trial according to consultation among D-8 member countries.

C. Establishment of the D-8 Seed Council

Agenda 5: Other Matters

Malaysia distributed a book with title National Strategies and Action Plan on Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Utilization to member countries.

Agenda 6: Date & Venue of the Next Meeting

The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated through the D-8 Secretariat in due course. The meeting proposed the Secretariat to seek source of funding for the planned activities.

Agenda 7: Adoption of the Report

The report of the 4th Working Group Meeting on D-8 Seed Bank was adopted. Closure of the Meeting Chairman closed the meeting and emphasize his appreciation to all participants for their active and constructive engagements in the discussions.

Report of 3rd Working Group Meeting on Animal Feed

3 October 2012

West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

Introduction

1. The Third Meeting of D-8 Working Group on Animal Feed (WGAF) was held in Mataram, Indonesia, on 3rd October 2012, back to back with the Third Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. The Meeting was attended by delegations from 5 (five) D-8 member countries, namely, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey.

2. Dr. Mursyid Ma'sum, Director for Animal Feed, Ministry of Agriculture of Indonesia, representing the host country warmly welcomed all delegates to the Meeting and hoped that the Meeting would come up with fruitful agreement and activities which would give benefits to all member countries. He expressed his hope that the meeting would endorse the website of Animal Feed Information Center (AFIC) as source of data and information regarding feed and feedstuff aspects in D-8 member countries.

3. Mr. Arnold Sinurat from the Center for Animal Research and Development, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia, was elected as the Chairman of the Meeting. The elected rapporteurs were from Indonesia, Ms. Triastuti Andajani, Mr. Nahrowi, Ms. Titik Triary and from Malaysia, Ms. Masturi Binti Mahmud.

4. The Meeting was aimed to follow up animal feed activities as agreed at the Second Meeting on D-8 Working Group on Animal Feed held on 16-18 May 2011 in Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Agenda Item 1: Opening

5. Mr. Arnold Sinurat, as the Chairman of the Meeting extended his warmest welcome to all delegates. He underlined that the convening of this Working Group meeting was an essential process towards enhancing and increasing cooperation in resolving issues of common interest in technology sharing and

trade facilitation in response to the increasing world demand on Animal Feed and to support local agriculture activities in D-8 countries.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

6. With regard to the draft agenda prepared by the host country, the meeting agreed to revise agenda No. 4 with additional review from the 1st meeting of the working group on the animal feed as follows.

Agenda Item 3 : Presentation of Country Report on Status of Animal Feed

7. The delegations of Iran, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Nigeria made presentations and Turkey gave brief information at the meeting, which revealed the policy, the general outlook, the experiences and other relevant information on status of Animal Feed in their respective countries.

Agenda Item 4 : Review of The Work Programs and Progress Report

based on the 1st and 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Animal Feed

8. The focal points for Animal Feed for Working Group on Animal Feed are as follows :

- a. Indonesia (Mr. Mursyid Ma'sum; Ms. Triastuti Andajani; Mr. Maradoli Hutahut)
- b. Malaysia (Ms. Alifah Ismail; Ms. Masturi Mahmud)
- c. Bangladesh (Mr. Khan Shahidul Huque; Mr. Nathuram Sarker)
- d. Turkey (Mr. Gokalp Aydin)
- e. The Islamic Republic of Iran (Mr. Azizollah Shabani)
- f. Nigeria (Mr. Joseph Nyager and Ms. Chinenye Onyejike)

Concerning the name of Focal Points from Egypt and Pakistan will be sent to D-8 Secretariat after the Meeting for further follow up.

9. Concerning the 3 (three) proposed projects by Iran, as stated in paragraph 5 of the report of the 2nd D-8 Working Group Meeting on Animal Feed were considered and agreed the projects to be introduced through AFIC website for consideration of member countries in order to be decided in the next working group meeting. Regarding to the project of “Establishment a union (consortium) for trade and production of animal feed between D-8 private/ coop sectors”, the Meeting agreed to encourage private sector of each country to participate and advertise for trade and production of animal feed on website of AFIC.

10. The Term Of Reference (TOR) of Research Proposal “Improving the Quality of Palm Kernel Cake and Rice Bran for Poultry Feed” prepared by Indonesia and presented by Mr. Desianto Budi Utomo was been discussed. The Meeting agreed to make 3 (three) Technical Working Groups for joint research on Palm Kernel Cake, Rice Bran and Cassava. The member of the Technical Working Group from each country should consist of Technical and Research Institutions. The Meeting agreed that member countries for each Technical Working Groups are:

- a. Technical Working Group on Cassava Nigeria (leader), Iran and Indonesia
- b. Technical Working Group on Rice Bran Indonesia (leader), Bangladesh and Nigeria
- c. Technical Working Group on Palm Kernel Cake Malaysia (leader), Indonesia, and Nigeria

The Technical Working Groups are expected to make progress within 1 (one) year after the meeting and discuss the progress in the meeting once a year.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Adoption of Animal Feed Information Centre (AFIC) Website

11. The Meeting agreed to endorse the prepared website and through the SOM bring to the attention of Ministers in order to be launched at the 3rd D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security. However, member countries have to contribute and upload data/ information on feed to improve website content. Regarding funding mechanism to maintaining the website, the Meeting agreed to raise this issue to the SOM. Since the funding mechanism is still in process, the website of AFIC will be maintained by Indonesia through its national budget.

Agenda Item 6: New Projects and Area of Cooperation

12. The meeting discussed the new projects proposed by the Islamic Republic of Iran and agreed to adopt one of the new project namely Silage production in 35-50kg capacity portable sacks in villages to be conducted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nigeria.

13. The meeting agreed for execution of the projects a fund is required. Therefore, according to the Decision made in the Summit Meeting in Nigeria in the year 2010, D-8 Joint Investment Fund (JIF) is agreed to be established. Therefore, the representative of The Islamic Republic of Iran proposed that the solution is to follow up the D-8 JIF establishment and seek the support of their Senior Officials in this regard, by SOM and respective Agricultural Ministers.

Agenda Item 7 : Other Matters

14. The Meeting suggested to enrich the website content with feedstuff price.

15. The Meeting proposed to raise up issue of increasing price of animal feed to SOM and MM

16. The Meeting proposed the frequency of the WGAF meeting would be conducted once a year and Ministerial Meeting once in two years. The Meeting agreed to this proposal to be reported to the Senior Official Meeting (SOM).

Agenda Item 8: Date and Venue of the next Meeting

17. The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated through the D-8 Secretariat in due course

Agenda Item 9: Adoption of the Report

18. The Report was adopted by the participants

Agenda Item 10: Closing

19. Delegations expressed their appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the excellent arrangement made for the Meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay in Mataram.

20. The chairman officially closed the meeting and wished the delegations a safe journey back to their respective countries.

Report of the 3rd Working Group Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

3 October 2012

Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

The Third Working Group Meeting on Marine Affairs and Fisheries was held in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, on October 3rd, 2012. The meeting was attended by Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Turkey.

Agenda Item No.1: Welcome Address and Election of the Chair and Appointment of Rapporteur

Welcome Address by Host Country

The representative from host country delivered the welcoming address at the opening session

Election of the Chair and Appointment of Rapporteur

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting elected Ms. Rahmah Hayati from Indonesia as chairperson.

Elected chairperson opened the opportunity to the member states to voluntarily assist drafting the report as rapporteur, and collecting the documents. The Meeting elected two rapporteurs from Indonesia.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the chairman proposed to add photo session in the agenda. The new additional agenda has been agreed and adopted by all of the head of delegates.

Agenda Item No 3: Review of The Work Programme and Progress Report Based on: (i) The First Meeting of the Working Group on Marine and Fisheries in Cairo, Egypt and (ii) The Second Meeting of the Working Group on Marine and Fisheries in Tehran, Iran

Ms. Elvi Wijayanti, representing Secretariat of WGMAF from Indonesia, presented the highlights, views of the work programme, and progress report based on the first meeting, 2010 in Cairo, Egypt and the second meeting of WGMAF, 2011, in Tehran, Iran.

Agenda Item No 4: Consideration and Adoption of the Revised Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) of the D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries

- The meeting appreciated secretariat for the efforts made in cir-

culating the Draft ToR of the D-8 Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries and incorporated responses as well as feedbacks from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey regarding the Draft ToR.

- Delegates represent member countries were mostly not officially authorized in marine and fisheries issues. However, the meeting deliberated the Draft ToR of Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries that incorporated inputs from D-8 member countries. The result of Draft ToR deliberation is listed

- The meeting principally agreed on basic elements of Draft ToR. The meeting also agreed that the discussion result today will be reported to the SOM for consideration, guidance, or adoption. The meeting recommended the Draft ToR to be distributed to all member countries through D-8 secretariat, focal points, embassies, and all other means. The first draft input is received by secretariat WGMAF at the latest by October, 17th 2012 and final input by October, 31st 2012.

Agenda Item No 5: New Project And Areas of Cooperation on Marine Affairs and Fisheries.

The meeting acknowledged receiving proposal from Iran. However, the meeting proposed to suspend deliberation on the proposal and to focus on finalizing the ToR.

Agenda Item No 6: Other Matters

Under this agenda item, chairperson requested all D-8 member countries to nominate a focal point of respective countries for the working group.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of Working Group will be held as back-to-back with the fourth D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security.

Agenda Item No 8: Adoption of the Report

The meeting adopted the report of the 3rd Working Group on Marine Affairs and Fisheries to be endorsed by the Senior Official Meeting.

Report of the 3rd D-8 Working Group on Fertilizer

3 October 2012

West Nusa Tenggara-Indonesia

The **3rd D-8 Working Group on Fertilizer** was held on **3 October 2012, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia**, with the participation of delegates from Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, and Turkey.

Agenda 1: Call to Order

a. Welcome Remarks

The Director of Center for Technology of Industry Process, The Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology, Mrs. Nadirah as the Chairperson of the meeting welcomes the delegates to the Working Group on Fertilizer while underlined the important role of agriculture as one of major cooperation amongst D-8 member countries. Noting that the aim of the meeting are to have a better solution in facing the global challenge of food security, and also to explore cooperation and business collaboration amongst D-8 member countries in fertilizer sector.

b. The meeting agreed to revise the agenda.

Agenda 2: Review of the Work Programme and Progress Report based on the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Fertilizer

Malaysia informed the meeting on the status of proposals submitted by Malaysia, namely (1) harmonizing of standard & trade on fertilizer; (2) collecting database on fertilizer; and (3) exchanging experiences on inorganic, organic, and bio organic fertilizer. Malaysia highlighted the concerns on the insignificant progress of the proposals and the absent of Egypt as the prime mover of the working group on fertilizer. Malaysia also suggested the meeting to come up with action plan instead of proposing agenda.

Nigeria supported Malaysia's view and expected that an action plan should be developed.

Indonesia shared the same concern and suggested that the meeting should be made as effective as possible whilst considering the decisions from the last meeting.

Furthermore, in regard to database on fertilizer, Indonesia informed the meeting that a national standard on fertilizer has been established. Indonesia suggested the meeting that D-8 should be a member of IFA (International Fertilizer Association) and establish a linkage to benefit the data. Indonesia reiterated its willingness to seek and gather information needed from IFA.

Agenda 3: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Fertilizer

A. Indonesia briefed the meeting on updated status of Indonesia on fertilizer, as follows:

I. Raw Material Supply

The raw material for fertilizer industry, especially rock phosphate, potassium, sulfur, aluminium hydroxide are expected from D-8 member countries and procurement contract can be obtained for the long term.

II. Common Market

The production of fertilizer from D-8 countries is aimed to meet domestic demand of each country and intra trade of the D-8.

III. EPC Services

There are some possible activities that can be offered to D-8 Countries such as EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction), PCS (Pre Commissioning and Start-Up), Maintenance and overhaul for Urea Fertilizer Plant.

IV. Research and development

To support efficiency in fertilizer production and to supply of quality fertilizer.

V. Coal gasification technology

B. Iran

Iran offered the proposal on Fertilizers Trade Development to the Meeting in some activities Which are possible to be taken by among D-8 members:

- To build a joint venture in research, trading and manufacturing fertilizers by encouraging investors and investment banks in Member States to invest in this field.
- To promote, develop, exchange and formation of working groups, planning and implementation of joint scientific research and information to study on production technologies in the supply of chemical fertilizers among member states.
- To promote the trade of phosphate soil between Member States, as raw material for the production of phosphate fertilizers.
- To harmonize fertilizers production quality standards, exchange of information on standards and inspection of commercial shipments of fertilizers and preferably unifying them in Member States.
- To strengthen fertilizer production capacity in member countries to reach the maximum rate of member countries needs and using opportunities of exporting to international markets due to participation of member countries in the other regional economic alliances.
- To compose regulations, laws and customs preferences with regard to economical concerns, in order to facilitate trade of chemical fertilizers between member states.
- To encourage private sectors in D-8 intra trade of fertilizers in order to strengthen, to plan and to execute joint marketing with other companies in the D-8 member countries.
- To find other resources of fertilizer at affordable price in large scale to share between all member states.
- To optimal use of the experiences of member countries to keep existing and find new target market for new products such as UAN (Urea Ammonium Nitrate).

Iran also introduced ASSC (Agricultural Support Services Company) is an Iranian public company and under the supervision of the Ministry of Agricultural Jihad. The company, according to its legal obligations, is responsible for procurement, production and distribution of agricultural inputs in Iran. The

main tasks and objectives of the company are planning, policy making and taking necessary measures in order to supply, importation, distribution, transportation, of chemical and bio-organic fertilizers from Iranian and international manufacturers to Iranian agriculture.

Iran invited the meeting to discuss on detailed proposal and action plan on fertilizer in Tehran, Iran on February 2013.

Referring to Iranian invitation, Nigeria highlighted that D-8 government officials should encourage private sectors to be on the front line in the meeting to be held in Iran on February 2013.

In the view of that, Indonesia suggested that D-8 Secretariat should enlisted D-8 as a member in IFA. While Turkey underlined the importance of harmonizing standard in order to remove technical barriers on trade among D-8 member countries.

Agenda 4: New Projects & Area of Cooperation

The meeting decided to make a new area of cooperation on providing updated database of fertilizer in each D-8 member country.

Agenda 5: Discussion

Iran has proposed a consortium of governmental and private company institution, and or investment bank and or research institutions among member states that are in large scale production of chemical and bio organic fertilizer business. The members agreed to the proposal.

SRF (Slow Release Fertilizer). Indonesia has introduced a new innovation in inorganic fertilizer in order to enhance the efficiency of Urea and Compound fertilizers consumption by using zeolite as a matrix and to reduce negative impact on the environment.

Agenda 6: Any Other Agenda

The meeting has no proposal on other agenda.

Agenda 7: Closing Remarks

The Chairperson expressed sincere gratitude to the meeting for it successfully held and expected to be more effective on the future. In addition, Chairperson appreciated to the meeting for their active and constructive engagements in the discussions. The report of the 3rd D-8 Working Group on Fertilizer was adopted.

Acknowledgement:

1. The meeting agreed to share a bigger role for private sector to contribute in the Working Group on Fertilizer.
2. The meeting agreed to share contact number to ease communication in regard to database collection. Each member country should make available lists of private/public/government linked fertilizer companies in each country in order to improve business linkages among each other.
3. The meeting agreed to follow national standard on fertilizer in each D-8 member countries are to be able to enter the market. Each member country should forward the standard they have to the Secretariat of the Working Group on Fertilizer.
4. The meeting agreed to the proposal of Iran on having consortium according to Agenda item 5. The detailed mechanism will be discussed on February 2013.

Report of the 2nd Working Group Meeting on Standards and Trade Issues (WGST)

*3 October 2012
Mataram-Indonesia*

Introduction

1. The 2nd Meeting of Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues (WGST) was held on 3 October 2012 in Mataram, Indonesia.

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

2. The meeting was opened by Ir. Frida Adiati, M.Sc, Director of Standardisation Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Indonesia who welcomed the participants to Mataram, Indonesia. The meeting was attended by delegates from Indonesia, The I. R. Iran, Malaysia and Nigeria. The meeting further has elected representative of Indonesia to chair the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

3. The agenda was adopted with additional suggestion to have a photo session.

Agenda Item 3: Review of the Work Programme and Progress Report based on the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Standards and Trade Issues

4. The Chair person highlighted the result of the WGST 1st Meeting which was held in May 2011, in Tehran, the Islamic Republic of Iran. The result of the first meeting has been stated in three main issues i.e. Food Standard, Halal Food and the completion of the Terms of Reference.

5. The meeting reaffirmed to the decision of the first WGST meeting that Halal Food should be appropriately discussed in other forum, such as Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Agenda Item 4 : Consideration and Adoption of Draft ToR of the WG on Standards and Trade Issues

6. With regard to the Terms of Reference of WGST, the meeting discussed the general comments of the document. The meeting discussed the mandate of this working group, as proposed by Indonesian delegate, to focus on standards on trade.

7. The meeting proposed to change the name of Working Group on Standard and Trade Issues to Working Group on Standards on Trade, since the related trade issues were being mandated under the Supervisory Committee of D-8. The objective of the WG proposed to be directly aimed for enhancing food trade facilitation among D-8 member countries.

8. The working group recommended that the 2nd draft of ToR should be distributed by D-8 Secretariat to all member countries to get inputs. Comments of the draft are expected to be received by the end of November 2012, otherwise the ToR will be assumed final.

Agenda Item 5 : New Projects & Area of Cooperation

9. Under this agenda item no other issues were raised

Agenda Item 6 : Other Matters

10. The meeting underlined the importance of having a national focal point in each member country for effective communication within the Group. Member countries of this meeting agreed to submit contacts of their national focal points by 3rd December 2012.

Agenda Item 7 : DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11. The meeting was closed and agreed that the next host of WG will be decided after consultation with D-8 Secretariat and member countries.

Agenda Item 8: ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

12. The Meeting considered and adopted the Report of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group Meeting On Standards on Trade (WGST) held on 3 October 2012 in Mataram, Indonesia.

Acknowledgement

The present delegates expressed their appreciation to Indonesia for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements of the meeting and thanks to chair for her leadership of conducting deliberations of the meeting.

3RD MINISTERIAL MEETING ON INDUSTRY

Report of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Industry

10 October 2012

Dhaka-Bangladesh

The Third session of the Ministerial Meeting on Industry was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 10 October 2012. The meeting, was chaired by H. E. Mr. Dilip Barua, Minister of Industries of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and was attended by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

Agenda Item I: Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the Agenda for the Ministerial Meeting as circulated previously.

Agenda Item II: Statements by Ministers /Heads of Delegations

Under this agenda item, D-8 Ministers of Industry and Heads of Delegations made their statements.

Agenda Item III: Adoption of the Report of Senior Officials Meeting

The Report of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), the Reports of 12 Task Forces and the text of the Dhaka Declaration, as discussed and agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting on 9 October 2012, was presented to the Meeting by the Chairman of the SOM Meeting, Mr. A.B.M. Khorshed Alam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh.

a- Adoption of the Report of Task Forces

The Meeting adopted the report of the 12 Task Forces under the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC) – as agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting.

b- Adoption of the Dhaka Declaration

The text of the Dhaka Declaration, as agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting was adopted by the Meeting. However, before the Chairman's announcement of the decision, Minister Ghazanfari (Iran) took the floor and expressed reservation with

regards to Operative Paragraph 18 of the Declaration; stating that since all the Member Countries were not on equal footing with respect to the provisions of the Paragraph, he wished to register his reservation. On the same matter, Mr. Kavranoglu, Head of the Turkish Delegation, also took the floor and reiterated his proposal for the establishment of a Permanent Committee of the D-8 Organization to look into issues of difference of opinion on standards and norms and resolve them.

The Meeting, having listened to and taken note of the statements by Iran and Turkey, adopted the Dhaka Declaration as agreed by the SOM.

Agenda Item IV: Any Other Business

Under this Agenda Item, the following remarks were made:

Mr. Ghazanfari (Iran): Emphasis on the need for facilitating the active participation of the private sector and entrepreneurs in the D-8 activities, including the D-8 meetings (e.g., Dhaka Meeting).

D-8 Secretary-General: Drawing attention to the appointment of the new Secretary-General of the D-8 Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (D-8 FCCI), stated that he was personally committed to assisting D-8 FCCI become engaged in the D-8 activities and play a bigger role in the future, including through active participation at the upcoming Islamabad Summit (November 2012).

Mr. Kavranoglu (Turkey): Reiterating the point made in his statement under Agenda Item II, he proposed that all Member Countries assign a Permanent Representative, in the form of a Focal Point, to the D-8 Secretariat to assist with the monitoring and supervision of the implementation of the decisions made by various bodies/meetings of the Organization. Iran supported the proposal for the designation of a Focal Point by the Member Countries – even if not stationed in Istanbul.

Subsequently, Turkey proposed to the Meeting to decide on his proposal and make it a decision of the Ministerial Meeting. The proposal carried without any further deliberation and the Chairman announced its adoption.

Agenda Item V: Date and Venue of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting

The Head of Delegation of Egypt expressed the willingness of his Government to host the fourth Ministerial Meeting on Industry in 2013. He underlined that the official proposal would be submitted at a later stage. The exact date and venue of the meeting would be decided and communicated later through diplomatic channels.

Agenda Item VI: Closure of the Meeting

Under this Agenda Item, the Chairman asked the D-8 Secretary-General to make closing remarks. Dr. Pratikto expressed his gratitude and that of the Secretariat to the Government and People of Bangladesh, especially Minister Barua and all his colleagues in the Ministry of Industries for gracious hosting and successful, effective directing of the Meeting. Referring to decision of the Meeting under Agenda Item IV, Secretary-General emphasized that, while welcoming the content of the proposal, the matter needs to be brought to the attention of the Commission and the Council for further discussion and appropriate decision. The Chairman also made closing remarks and expressed gratitude to all delegations for their attendance and active participation at the Dhaka Meeting. The Head of Delegation of Pakistan, on behalf of the Meeting, stated the vote of thanks to the Chairman, Ministry of Industries, and the Government and People of Bangladesh.

Dhaka Declaration on the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation

10 October 2012

Dhaka-Bangladesh

We, the Ministers of Industries and Heads of the Delegation of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey having met in Dhaka on 10 October 2012 for the Third Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation of the D-8 Member Countries;

Reaffirming our commitment to continuing to pursue the goals and objectives set out in the Declarations of Summits held in Istanbul (1997), Dhaka (1999), Cairo (2001), Tehran (2004), Bali (2006), Kuala Lumpur (2008) and Abuja (2010) with emphasis on the 5 Priority Areas as established in the 2008-2018 Roadmap ;

Recalling the directives of the Tehran and Istanbul Declarations concerning industrial cooperation among the D-8 Member Countries;

Recognizing the diversified role of industrial sector in the socio-economic development through creating employment opportunities among the D-8 Member Countries;

Reiterating the collective aspirations and will of the Member Countries for the promotion of productive capacity, innovation of new technology and mutual cooperation in the field of industry;

Emphasizing the significance of efficient networking of public-private sector for sharing experiences, best practices, enhancing investment and skills, and promoting market access among entrepreneurs and industrialists;

Reaffirming the collective effort and determination to enhance cooperation between D-8 Countries in every respect;

including the initiation of long-term projects for institutional capacity building and transfer of technology; and

Seeking to address and execute the above propositions, have reached consensus on pursuing the following;

1. Organizing conferences, seminars, training courses, workshops, industrial and commercial fairs and specialized meetings with the participation of both public and private institutions of the Member Countries in order to build capacity through exchanging experiences, information and technical know-how among the institutions of the D-8 countries;
2. Enhancing mutual investment on industrial and technological development as well as transfer of technology among Member Countries;
3. Promoting creativity, innovation and R&D through joint activities focused on the advancement of enterprises, growth of productivity and economy, and promotion of sustainable, eco-friendly investment towards a green economy;
4. Ensuring national treatment of enterprises for fair competition and strengthening SMEs to create new employment opportunities and socio-economic development;
5. Supporting SMEs' access to finance, modern technology and market with emphasis on e-commerce with focus on increasing the use of renewable energy and establishing a network among the existing SMEs -supporting institutions of Member Countries;

6. Endorsing the report of the Third D-8 SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting held in Abuja on 18-19 June 2012 and seeking its implementation through the respective organizations of the Member Countries;
7. Exchanging information and best practices of the Member Countries, in an institutionalized manner, on the issues of industrial cooperation including market opportunities for SMEs and industrial zone activities;
8. Adopting best practices for industrial energy conservation;
9. Establishing linkages among universities, research organizations, training institutes and industries;
10. Carrying out joint projects in institutional capacity building and enhancing industrial competence;
11. Promoting sustainable bilateral and multilateral cooperation among Member Countries within the larger context of the evolving global economy;
12. Enhancing joint research and development activities in the energy sector, particularly developing energy efficient appliances with focus on increasing the share of renewable energy (RE) in the D-8 Member Countries;
13. Strengthening the efficient and optimal use of the existing communication systems to enhance cooperation among the Member Countries;
14. Exploring business opportunities in the international markets for the industrial sector of the Member Countries;
15. Reducing technical barriers on trade among D8 countries through actual implementation of existing bilateral and multilateral agreements towards enhancing the quantity and quality of trade among the Member Countries;
16. Expanding the position of the D-8 Member Countries in international markets through collective efforts to optimize each Member Countries' competitive position and relative advantage potentials;
17. Developing a process of MRA and harmonization in the fields of metrology, standardization, conformity assessment and accreditation among the D-8 Member Countries;
18. Promoting the establishment, in all D-8 Member Countries, of the requisite legal and institutional framework for Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection and enforcement consistent with international standards;
19. Supporting, through practical policies and measures, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of future industrial strategies and policies in each D-8 Member Country and within the D-8 Community;
20. Encouraging joint initiatives and active collaboration on matters of common concern to the Member Countries in the field of industrial cooperation in other regional and international forums;
21. Enhancing collaboration with other regional and international organizations in the field of industrial cooperation, particularly in the area of funding for joint research projects on renewable energy and cleaner production initiatives;
22. Undertaking annual strategic assessment, analysis and review of the state of D-8 industrial cooperation, with particular emphasis on the identification of problems and bottlenecks, including as regards to the work and performance of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation and its Task Forces, and the development of remedial approaches, policies and measures.

In light of the above, we strongly believe that the D-8 Secretariat needs to be strengthened in terms of both financial and human resources to be able to effectively pursue, follow up and coordinate implementation of our decisions in the field of industrial cooperation as well as in other areas.

Finally, we would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the government and the people of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for successful holding of this meeting and for their warm hospitality in Dhaka.

Dhaka 10 October 2012

Report of the Senior Officials Meeting of 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry

9 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

Introduction

The Senior Officials Meeting of the 3rd D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 9 October 2012. The Meeting, opened by Mr. Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah, Secretary, Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh (host country) and chaired by Mr. A. B. M. Khorshed Alam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries, was attended by the following seven delegations: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

The meeting adopted the outcome of the meetings of the Task Forces as agreed by the representatives of the D-8 Member Countries in each Task Force.

Agenda item I: Consideration of the Report of the Task Force Meetings

1. AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY:

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- Each D-8 member country should designate a Focal Point within a month, with the clear task of establishing communication with each other and with the Focal Point in Bangladesh – who will be responsible for coordinating the liaison.
- Progress in the follow-up and implementation of the decisions made at the 7th Meeting of the Working Group should be followed by the Focal Point on a quarterly basis.
- D-8 Secretariat is requested to follow up the issues and effective implementation of the decisions.

The Task Force also reviewed the state of follow-up and implementation of the decisions made at the previous meeting in Istanbul, and requested the concerned countries, as follows, to undertake the necessary follow-up action.

1. Establishment of “D-8 Automotive Association” (Turkey);
2. Promotion of bilateral (B2B) cooperation (Turkey);
3. Streamlining of technical and administrative regulations related to non-tariff barriers (Turkey);
4. Promotion of R&D and technology development and cooperation (Turkey);
5. Exploiting business opportunities through market survey in emerging auto markets, including in D-8 Countries (Iran);
6. Establishment of a D-8 automotive website (Iran);
7. Promotion of “D-8 joint product development” (Iran);
8. Development of integrated supply chain (Indonesia);
9. Compilation of Tariff Regimes of D-8 countries (Pakistan).

2. ELECTRONICS & ICT

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Proposal to establish an ICT Task Force (separate from the Electronics Task Force). The Ministry of ICT and A2I Programme, PMO of Bangladesh will jointly coordinate the activities of the proposed new ICT Task Force. Each member coun-

try is requested to designate a Country Focal Point to the ICT Task Force. Similarly, each member country is requested to designate a Country Focal Point to the Electronics Task Force.

2. Proposal for the setting up of an appropriate initiative for knowledge exchange on innovation on ICTs and Electronics, with the objective of supporting the member countries to exchange knowledge, experience and good practices in a wide range of areas.

3. IRON-STEEL

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- Strengthening of the Secretariat adequately in order to be able to collect and disseminate information and to prepare database.
- Preparation of a schedule for regular follow-up of the efforts of the Focal Point of Bangladesh.
- Preparation of a consolidated report on development in D-8 steel sector – to be presented at the next meeting of the Working Group.

The member countries were also encouraged to undertake the following measures:

- (a) Development of market opportunities by improving and facilitating steel trade among members;
- a. Establishment of joint ventures or consortia for engineering, construction, supply of equipments, technical services and trade of steel products;
 - b. Establishment of joint R&D activities among member countries.

The Task Force also proposed a number of further practical measures to achieve the above objectives.

4. MACHINERY

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Formation of an Association of Machinery with D-8 member countries.
2. Inclusion of detailed information on machinery field in the D-8 member countries on the D-8 Website.
3. Organizing an exhibition on machinery products in D-8 countries.

Coordination for the above proposals will be done by the Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh. Moreover, a focal point in each member country should be formed within 1 month and

announced to the Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh.

The Task Force also took note of lack of any progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the first meeting of the Task Force (Istanbul, October 2011).

In addition, the meeting also suggested the following proposals – to be pursued on bilateral (B2B) basis:

1. Facilitation for establishing tractor producing factory in cooperation with Turkey, Iran, Nigeria and Bangladesh.
2. Facilitation for establishing small engine manufacturing in cooperation with Turkey, Indonesia, Iran and Bangladesh.
3. Facilitation for establishing Mold industries in cooperation with Turkey, Indonesia, Iran and Bangladesh.

5. PETROCHEMICALS

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- 1) Formation of a joint expert committee, within the next three months, from the member countries, preferably at senior management level, to consider and propose practical ways of concrete collaboration among D-8 member countries, and to coordinate, monitor, and supervise the implementation of any decision taken.

Iran's Petrochemical Industry expressed willingness to take the initiative, in coordination with the D-8 Secretariat, in forming the expert group.

- 2) Formation of a petrochemical institute in Bangladesh – funding to be mobilized from D-8 sources, both public and private, and contingent upon the preparation of the necessary feasibility study.

The Task Force also expressed interest in the following issues:

- 1) Creation of a common fund for the development of the petrochemical sector – subject to the preparation of the necessary feasibility study and further subsequent discussion.
- 2) Promotion and development of joint projects in member countries.
- 3) Expansion of trade in petrochemical products among the D-8 countries.

6. CEMENT

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- Each member country may seek the assistance of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for the development of cement manufacturing industries.

- Each member country may offer incentives for promoting Clinker export.
- A D-8 Cement data bank will be established, for which Mr. Abdul Quayum Mia (Bangladesh) will serve as the Focal Point/Coordinator.
- Formation of a D-8 Cement Manufacturing Association, including governmental bodies, to facilitate establishment of liaison among the stakeholders.
- Cooperation on R & D, exchange of information on supply and demand at both local and international levels, and export/import possibilities for cement/clinker gypsum, fly ash, limestone, slag or other components of cement.
- Exchange of visits by the Task Force members of cement industries in other member countries.
- Provision of consultancy services on the design and construction of cement factories in member countries.
- Exploring the opportunities for the development of backward linkage industries, including industries for production of spare parts for cement production machinery.
- Cooperation towards minimization of environmental pollution caused by the cement industries.
- Organizing a cement fair with the participation of member countries.

7. ENERGY

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- Establishment of a D-8 forum desk to expedite solid work in the field of energy and environmental conservation, which will include a database on best practices in all D-8 member countries, as well as of a list of research institutes, universities, implementation agencies and a pool of individual experts.
- Establishment of a focal point in D-8 countries with the objective of promoting sharing expertise and best practices in various areas in the energy sector (e.g. technology, energy efficiency, renewables and energy management), and organizing technical workshops/seminars, and training courses.
- Creation of a fund under the forum desk (above) to help D-8 countries towards establishing salient projects and programmes in the energy field, including on promotion of a better understanding of technology and its applications in the member countries. Funding to be mobilized from D-8 sources or development partners.

- Promotion of cooperation between the research and development institutes of D-8 members with emphasis on the utilization of existing indigenous resources. Areas of particular interest would include geothermal, wind, solar and biomass.
- Extension of current arrangements between Turkey, Iran and Pakistan on trading electricity to Egypt and Bangladesh – contingent upon completion of necessary feasibility studies.

8. FOOD INDUSTRIES

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. D-8 member countries should collect the necessary information regarding import and export regulations and investment legislation relating to food industries and forward it to the Secretariat for compilation and consolidation.
2. Reiteration of the need to establish electronic media such as websites, blogs and databases in order to share information regarding food legislation and trade-related issues. Central Anatolian Exporter's Unions (OAIB) of Turkey had expressed readiness in Istanbul to take the initiative in this respect.
3. D-8 Secretariat is encouraged to incorporate all the relevant data on industrial issues/cooperation in its website.

The Task Force also agreed on the following recommendations:

- D-8 Secretariat is encouraged to establish a Central Food Technological Research and Development Institute to act as a Centre of Excellence among the D-8 countries.
- Promotion of exchange of data, experience, expertise, skills, and capacity-building programmes in the member countries through various joint events.
- Encouraging the business community of D-8 countries to organize, in coordination with the D-8 Secretariat, a meeting during the next working group meeting with the objective of promoting areas of cooperation.
- Harmonization of food standards among the D-8 member countries, including through the Promotion of *Halal* certification by the member countries.

9. STANDARDIZATION, CONFORMITY, ASSESSMENT, ACCREDITATION AND METROLOGY

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Establishment of a common database of the member countries' capacity in quality infrastructure.
2. Promotion of exchange programmes on training of technical experts.

3. Supporting D-8 member countries in participation in international standardization processes.
4. Establishment of MRA on export quality infrastructure among D-8 member countries.
5. Promotion of harmonization of standards and conformity assessment procedures among D-8 members.
6. Conducting feasibility studies to develop roadmap and recommendation for strengthening of Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology.
7. Emphasis on the need for National Standardization Bodies of D-8 member countries to support each other at international standardization platforms such as ISO and IEC Council, General Assembly and Technical Committees' Works.
8. D-8 member countries should be encouraged to participate in the activities of Standardization and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC).
9. Development of electronic communication among National Standardization Bodies of D-8 member countries.

10. TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Member countries will designate a contact person for the Task Force and communicate the relevant information to the D-8 Secretariat within one month.
2. Development of a web portal for Technology Transfer & Exchange Network (TTEN) – to serve as the technology database for D-8 Member countries (previously proposed by Iran). It was recommended that the web portal to be hyperlinked to D-8 website*. The project will be financed by Iran and will be made operational within a six-month period.
3. Creation of a Platform for Exchange of R&D personnel among member countries.
4. Formation of a Directory of Technology Packages in different disciplines.
5. Organizing Annual Technology Festival in every member country.
6. Encouraging D-8 member countries to endeavor – collectively as a group – towards the implementation by WTO of the provisions of Article 66.2 of trade-related aspects of TRIPS requiring developed countries to transfer technology to developing countries.

11. SMEs

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

1. Development of a Joint MoU, with an action plan (inclusive also of 'Green SMEs'), by KOSGEB (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of Turkey), to be distributed among the respective organization of member countries for discussion and subsequent signing – in case of concurrence.
2. ISIPO (Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization) agreed to chair the meeting for the next two years.
3. Formation of a Communication Network by member countries according to Article-1 of the final reports of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting. Iran has undertaken to distribute the Directives of the Communication Network among member countries and the D-8 Secretariat.
4. Chairing organization "ISIPO" will distribute the draft action plan of CND within 3 months after the finalization of Communication Network Directives (CND).

12. TEXTILE AND GARMENTS

The Task Force agreed on the following recommendations:

- Making the D-8 secretariat functional
- Creating a Garments & Textile unit in the Secretariat
- Regular follow up through selecting a focal point
- Initial Focal Point has been selected as Ms. Saleha Afroz, Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Industries, Government of Bangladesh
- Formation of T&G business forum
- Formation of T&G academic & research forum

The Task Force also discussed the following proposals:

- 1) To form a common textile market for the D-8 community with an almost 1 billion population.
- 2) Promotion of exchange education and training programs, exchange of experts, collaborative R&D projects, and formation of a textile accreditation body.
- 3) Promotion of programs/projects on exchange and transfer of appropriate technology and human resources (HR).
- 4) Creation of common fund with the objective of providing assistance to weaker economies in such areas as manufacturing, R&D, and research.
- 5) Creation of a common D-8 garments brand for global market.

- 6) Promotion of “green” production initiatives.
- 7) Setting up a D-8 R&D focal point.
- 8) Harmonization of textile testing standards among D-8 member countries, including on pre-shipment inspection standards.
- 9) Formation of a joint body to facilitate investment, including in particular on manufacturing of spare parts and accessories for textile machinery.
- 10) Designation of a focal point in each country as a matter of priority.
- 11) Transfer of new technologies to LDCs on mutually beneficial terms.

Agenda Item II: Consideration of the Draft Dhaka Declaration on Industry

The draft Dhaka Declaration was adopted by the Senior Officials for the consideration of the Ministerial Meeting. The Meeting also adopted its report – to be submitted to the Ministerial Meeting for consideration. The texts of the report and the Dhaka Declaration are contained.

Agenda Item III: Date and Venue of the Fourth Senior Officials Meeting of Industrial cooperation

The question of date and venue of the fourth Senior Officials Meeting was not discussed at the Meeting – to be decided after subsequent Ministerial decision on the date and venue of the fourth Ministerial Meeting on Industry.

Agenda Item IV

Under this Agenda Item, the delegation of Bangladesh proposed the establishment of a new Task Force on Pharmaceuticals, which was deliberated extensively. The meeting felt that it was not in a position to decide on the proposal. The Representative of Pakistan proposed that the matter be further pursued by Bangladesh through the preparation of a concept paper on the merits of the proposal, and to be distributed by the Secretariat among the member countries for further discussion. In the course of the deliberation on the matter, Mr. Bagher Asadi (Director, D-8 Secretariat) drew attention of the meeting to the provisions of the statement by the D-8 Secretary-General on Monday, 8 October 2012, at the opening ceremony of the Industry Meeting in which he had referred to the need for the review and assessment of the work and performance of the existing Task Forces under the WGIC, and had also suggested the desirability of possible merger of the current 12 Task Forces into 8 Task Forces with each member country assuming the

responsibility for the coordination of one specific Task Force.

Under this agenda item, also Mr. Farzad Mehrani, Secretary-General of D-8 FCCI, took the floor and made a brief statement on the necessity of facilitation of a more proactive engagement of the private sector in the activities of D-8.

The Representative of Turkey also emphasized the importance of the strengthening of the D-8 Secretariat and informed the meeting the Turkish delegation might raise the issue at the Ministerial Segment of the Meeting.

Agenda Item IV: Closing

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and for the productive outcome of the D-8 Senior Officials Meeting on Industry.

The Chairperson of the Meeting appreciated the contributions made by the delegations and wished them a pleasant stay in Dhaka, and safe journey back home.

* Appendix on the proposed web portal under Technology Task Force.

Report of the 2nd Task Force Meeting on Textile & Garments

8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

The Task Force Meeting on Textile & Garments under 7th Working Group on Industrial Cooperation of 3rd Ministerial Meeting was held at 12:30 PM on 08 October 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shafiu Islam Mohiuddin, President, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA), Bangladesh and attended by the delegations from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey. The meeting was moderated by Prof. Dr. Syed Masud Hossain, VC, BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT). A key note paper was presented by Prof. Md. Monirul Islam, Dean, Bangladesh University of Textiles. During the session a vast number of participants from D-8 countries including private & public sector representatives, academics, businessmen, industrialists, media personalities were present.

1. Election of Chair

Mr. Shafiu Islam Mohiuddin, President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers & Exporters Association (BGMEA) of Bangladesh was selected unanimously as Chair of the Meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the agenda as distributed previously.

3. Election of the Rapporteurs

The Meeting consented on the previous selection of the rapporteurs. Mr. Md. Masum, Lecturer of Textile Management & Business Studies of Bangladesh University of Textiles and Mr. Delwar Hossain, Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Industries played the role of rapporteurs as previously selected.

4. Country Report on Status of Textile & Garments Task Force

Delegations from Turkey, Egypt, Nigeria, Iran, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan presented national reports on the status and performance of their textile and garment industries.

5. Review of The Work Program And Progress Report Based on the Previous Meeting

The session reviewed the implementation of the last meeting resolutions. The participants exchanged views on the priorities and expectations for the future activities of the Task Force, especially in light of the Terms of Reference adopted at the last Meeting. Matter of regretting is that no decisions yet implemented

6. Outline of Future Cooperation in Textile & Garments Task Force

6.a Bangladesh

To form Common Textile Market for the nearly 1 billion population amongst the D-8 countries as textile & garments is the basic need for the all the population which is not less than USD 20.00 billion textile & garments market with the provision of:

Removing tariff and non tariff barrier

- On arrival Visa service for businessmen & experts
- D-8 Intra market trading of textile & garments items
- Common Website for all D-8 textile & garments information
- Forming D-8 Chamber of Textile Business
- Revival of Traditional Textile & Clothing
- Regular Meeting of the Textile Business Delegates

- ✓ **To exchange education program**, Expert exchanges, Training programs for the respective employees, officers and workers, Collaborative R&D and Formation of Textile Accreditation body for this sector may bring new dimension of textile business.
 - ✓ **To transfer appropriate technology & HR** with the provision of:
 - Industry Relocation as per factor endowment
 - Human Resource exchanges within D-8 countries
 - Joint Venture Initiatives
 - ✓ **To form Common Fund** with the provision of:
 - Helping the weaker economies for developing infrastructural and logistic supports
 - The common fund facilities should have provision for manufacturing capital machinery for Primary & Secondary sector
 - Research & Development to remain in competition
 - Research scholarship programs for the members
 - ✓ **To create Common D-8 Garments Brand** for global market. Made in Bangladesh products are popular globally but this is veiled reputation because we are producing the products of other companies like Puma, Arrow, Nike, PVH, etc. We should have to think collaboratively to survive for long with the provision of:
 - D-8 Garments Brand Creation for global market
 - Real development of the sector through branding
 - Taking Cutting & making benefit
 - Taking Profits of selling the product
 - Reducing dependency for receiving orders
 - Ensuring Economies of scale
 - Lowering marketing costs
 - Charging premium prices
 - ✓ **To Revive the Traditional Textile & Clothing** including Moslin & Jamdani.
 - ✓ **To cooperate in building “greener” production** within the Cleaner Production Initiative, as envisaged by the global demand with the provision of:
 - Cooperate in “greener & Cleaner” production
 - Cooperation in Energy efficiency practices
 - Cooperation in ETP set up
 - Uniform social accountability and compliances
 - Cooperation for utilization of ETP Residual
- 6.b Turkey**
- ✓ In addition to their previous proposal for Preparation of a guide line on academic/research capabilities of the Member Countries, with special focus on R&D and innovation cooperation
 - ✓ They are also **willing to increase joint ventures and trade volumes in all industrial fields, and ready to share all our knowledge and experiences.**
 - ✓ They also proposed to set up a focal point regarding R&D among the D-8 member countries
- 6.c Indonesia**
- ✓ Harmonization on Textile Testing Standards Among D-8 Countries
 - ✓ Investment on Manufacturing of Spareparts and Accessories for Textile Machineries
 - ✓ Harmonization on Pre-Shipment Inspection Standards for Textile Products Among D-8 Countries
 - ✓ Eliminate the NTBs among D-8 Countries
- 6.d Egypt**
- ✓ Formation of a common body among D-8 countries to facilitate investment by allowing free flow of information and regulations in each county with follow up on a monthly basis
 - ✓ Nominating a focal point in each country as soon as possible
 - ✓ Transfer new technologies to less developed countries in D-8 group on a basis of mutual benefits.
- 7. Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**
- The date and venue of the next meeting of the Task Force on Textile and Garment will be decided in the Ministerial meeting and communicated to the Member Countries’ as soon as decided.
- 8. Concensus & Prioritized Areas**
- ✓ Making the D-8 secretariat functional
 - ✓ Creating a Garments & Textile unit in the secretariat

- ✓ Regular follow up through selecting a focal point
- ✓ Initial Focal Point has been selected as Ms. Saleha Afroz, Deputy Secretary of Ministry of Industries, Government of Bangladesh
- ✓ Formation of T&G business forum
- ✓ Formation of T&G academic & research forum

9. **Adoption of the Report**

The session adopted the previous report as basis for further cooperation.

10. **Closing Session**

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality for the Meeting. The Chairperson also expressed appreciation for the active participation of delegations in the course of deliberations and wished them a pleasant stay in Dhaka, Bangladesh and safe return journey.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Automotive Industrial Cooperation

9 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

The Task Force Meeting on 7th Meeting of the Working Group on Automotive Industrial Cooperation was held at 09:30 AM on 09 October 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Majibor Rahman, CEO, Bangladesh Foreign Training Institute (BFTI) and attended by the delegations from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey. The meeting was moderated by Tapan Kumar Nath, Deputy Secretary, Focal Point (Automotive), Ministry of Industries. A key note paper was presented by Prof. Dr. M. Kamal Uddin, Director (Head), Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). During the session a vast number of participants from D-8 countries including private & public sector representatives, academics, businessmen, industrialists, media personalities were present.

Election of Chair

Dr. Md. Mozibur Rahman, CEO, Bangladesh Foreign Training Institute (BFTI) was selected unanimously as Chair of the Meeting.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the agenda as distributed previously.

2. Election of the Rapporteurs

The Meeting consented on the selection of the rapporteurs. Mr. Waled Mahmud, Executive Director, Knowledge Discovery, Dhaka, Bangladesh and Mr. Chandan Kumar Dey, Deputy Secretary, Roads Division, Ministry of Communication played the role of rapporteurs as selected.

3. Country Report on Status of Automotive

Delegations from Bangladesh, Turkey, Indonesia, and Pakistan presented national reports on the status and performance of automotive sector.

4. Review of the Work Program And Progress Report Based on the Previous Meeting

The session reviewed the implementation of the last meeting resolutions. The participants exchanged views on the priorities and expectations for the future activities of the Task Force, especially in light of the Terms of Reference adopted at the last Meeting.

5. Decisions of Automotive Task Force

6.a Decisions are taken based on detail discussion by the delegates. The Decisions taken on the automotive task force are mentioned below:

- There should be one Focal Point by designation from each of the D-8 countries; they will maintain communication with each other. Bangladesh will be responsible for communicating with all Country Focal Points within a month.
- The quarterly progress of the decisions have been taken on 7th Meeting of the working group should be followed by the Focal Point.
- Automotive Working Group proposes D-8 Secretariat should be established to follow up the issues and effective implementation of the decisions.

1. To establish "D-8 Automotive Association – responsible country, "Turkey"
2. More attention should be paid to B2B cooperation – responsible country, "Turkey"
3. Streamlining technical and administrative regulation to avoid non-tariff barriers - responsible country, "Turkey"
4. To promote R&D and technology development and cooperation - responsible country, "Turkey"
 - Focal point network (group email) should be established to develop a communication mechanism by Turkey within two months. All the issues should carry forward.
1. Exploiting business opportunities through market survey in emerging auto markets including D-8 Countries - responsible country, "Iran"
 - Designed template of market survey is developed and delivered to the delegates and it will be uploaded on the website after collecting remarks and suggestions and information from the D-8 country members within next two months.
2. D-8 automotive website should be established – responsible country, IRAN
 - Website is designed; it will be launched after one month after getting feedback from the D-8 member countries.
3. Design and manufacture a common platform for regional and national brands as project of "D-8 joint product development." - responsible country, "Iran"
 - After conducting the market survey and forming B2B cooperation, the issue will be addressed.
1. Development of integrated supply chain – responsible country, "Indonesia."
 - No information about the progress. The Focal Point of Bangladesh will communicate with the Focal Point of Indonesia and will inform others.
2. The regional D-8 automotive Industries Associations should participate in UN/ECE activities – responsible country – Egypt
 - Egypt will prepare a format for collecting relevant information from member countries; every country will

send their existing information regarding environmental, safety and other standards relating to automotive sector.

3. Compilation of Tariff Regime of D-8 countries – responsible country by Pakistan

Every member country will send relevant information to the Focal Point of Bangladesh; after compilation of collected data for harmonization from all D-8 countries, it will send to the Focal Point of Turkey to upload this information on the official website within three months.

6. **Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

The date and venue of the next meeting of the Task Force on Textile and Garment will be decided in the Ministerial meeting and communicated to the Member Countries' as soon as decided.

7. **Adoption of the Report**

The session adopted the report as basis for further cooperation.

8. **Closing Session**

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality for the Meeting. The Chairperson also expressed appreciation for the active participation of the members of delegations in the course of deliberations and wished them a pleasant stay in Dhaka, Bangladesh and safe return journey.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Cement

8 October 2012

Dhaka- Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Cement was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 8 October 2012.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Dr. A.M.M. Taufiqul Anwar, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET), Dhaka was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteurs

Dr. Md. Easir Arafat Khan, Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering, BUET and Mr. Engr. Ali Akkash, Managing Director, Bangladesh Chatok factory Ltd. have been nominated as Rapporteurs by the house.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Cement Industry

Under this Agenda Item, Mr. Abdul Quayum Miah, Senior Executive Director, Madina Group, Dhaka delivered the Key-Note speech from the host country Bangladesh, where status of cement industries in Bangladesh was highlighted. In his conclusion, he generously welcomed all D-8 countries to support each other technically, financially in expansion of market for import & export of both raw materials and Cement, so that every country is benefited and can bring prosperity for others. After his presentation, representatives from Iran and Turkey presented their country papers. Mr. Kerem Ersen, The head of Turkey Cement Manufacturing Association (TCMA), delivered a pleasant presentation and provided a clear picture about their Cement industries. They have environmental friendly Cement Manufacturing Technology and they are interested to share their experience with other D-8 countries.

In a presentation from Iranian representatives, they informed that they have plenty of raw materials (clinker, Slag). Their export capacity is 10 million tons per year. They are highly interested to export their raw materials and willing to share their technological know-how with others D-8 countries.

Delegates from Malaysia, Nigeria and Indonesia, present in the meeting; exchanged their views and shared their experience with other country representatives about their field of interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Turkey, has been reviewed and confirmed by the participants.

Agenda Item No 6: Outline of future cooperation in Cement Industry

The Task Force of the D-8 countries agreed on:

- Each of the member country may propose Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for the development of Cement Manufacturing industries of their respective countries.
- Each of the country may offer some incentives to boost up Clinker export
- There will be a data bank in D-8. Mr. Abdul Quayum Mia of Bangladesh has been selected as the Focal Point and coordinator of the D-8 Cement data bank
- There will be exclusive working groups from the Cement Manufacturing Association including governmental bodies to ensure better contact with each other of the brotherly D-8 Muslim Countries.
- Cooperation on research, formation of R&D, exchange of information on production, local and international demand, export and import possibilities for cement/

clinker gypsum, fly ash, limestone, slag or other components of cement by the member states.

- To exchange visits by the task force members in each members cement industries to better work out the areas of cooperation.
- To open opportunities of providing consultancy services for design and construction of cement factories within member state countries
- To explore the opportunities of developing backward linkage industries including industries for production of spare parts for cement production machineries.
- To work together for environmental protection to minimize pollution by the cement industries.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Date and venue of the next meeting is to be fixed in consistency with the decision to be taken by the inter-ministerial meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Regular contact, exchange of information and views, exchange of visits among the member countries are emphasized. Organization of cement fair by the member states with participation by all the member states would be useful.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by the Task Force members unanimously.

Agenda Item No 10

Task Force Chairman Dr. A.M.M. Taufiqul Anwar thanked the Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Electronics & ICT

9 October 2012

Dhaka-Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Electronics and ICT was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 October 2012. The meeting was attended by the participants from Bangladesh, Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Nigeria, Malaysia, Pakistan and Egypt.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan, Secretary, Ministry of ICT, was elected as the Chairman, by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Mr. Md. Rafiqul Islam and Mr. Zobayar Alam, from Access to Information Programme, Prime Ministers Office were assigned as rapporteurs.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Electronics and ICT

The meeting was started with the welcome address by Md. Dabirul Islam, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Industries and focal point for Electronics and ICT Task Force. The Chair at the outset of the meeting warmly welcomed the delegates and participants from home and abroad and briefed the objectives and importance of the meeting.

During the meeting, country papers on Electronics and ICT from Bangladesh, Turkey and Egypt were presented. Mr. Anir Chowdhury, Policy Advisor, A2I Programme, Prime Minister's Office and Professor K Siddique-e Rabbani, Department of Biomedical Physics and Technology of Dhaka University, presented country paper for Bangladesh. While Mohamed Abdulla Metwaly, Ministry of Industry and Foreign Trade, Egypt and Umit Koskan, representative from Turkish Exporters Assembly and Emrullah Amen from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology, Turkey also jointly presented country paper.

Professor Rabbani emphasized on utilization of local knowledge and expertise in electronics and ICT development of the country. He showcased some locally developed technology like Muscle and Nerve Stimulator for Physiotherapy, Iontophoresis Equipment to treat excessive sweating of palms and soles, equipments of routine nerve investigation in Bangladesh, Digital Microscope, ECG equipments which are built by the experts of Dhaka University. He emphasized on sharing each-other's strength and limitation among D-8 countries.

Mr. Anir Chowdhury highlighted the ongoing remarkable progress in service delivery through ICT in Bangladesh. He talked about e-Purjee, one-stop shops in districts and Union Councils, National Portal Framework for 24,000 government offices, Multimedia Classroom where teachers are leading multimedia content development. He also mentioned the 3rd position of Bangladesh after India and USA in freelancing. Mohammad Abdulla from Egypt represents different progress in ICT Company in Egypt. He mentioned about 47 IT houses running at Egypt with great potentialities. Umit Koskan and Dr. Guven Uckan, representatives from Turkish Exporters Assembly described their transformation from assembling sectors to substantial number of manufacturing industries. Some of Turkey's companies have now become global leaders in producing electrical and electronics products.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

Decisions of the previous meeting held in Istanbul, Turkey were discussed and the session noticed that no significant initiatives to implement the decision had been taken yet. The meeting stressed on effective implementation of the Task Force Decisions.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Electronic Industry

It is accepted that:

- All decisions of the first Task Force Meeting on Electronics and ICT held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2011 will be followed up by the D-8 Secretariat, responsible parties will be assigned and timelines for completion will be specified. A web platform for task tracking will be set up.
- An ICT Task Force separate from the Electronics Task Force will be established. The Ministry of ICT and A2I Programme, PMO of Bangladesh will jointly coordinate the activities of the newly established ICT Task Force. Each member country will nominate a Country Focal Point to the ICT Task Force. Similarly, each member country will nominate a Country Focal Point to the Electronics Task Force.
- An appropriate initiative for knowledge exchange on innovation on ICTs and Electronics will be set up. This initiative will support the member countries to exchange knowledge, experience and good practices on industry and tax policy, and to implement Preferential Trade Agreement, university and industry exchange programmes, among other areas.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

To be decided by Senior Officials Meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

Topics, out of this agenda, were not discussed.

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10: Thanks from the Chair

Task Force Chairman Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam Khan, Secretary, Ministry of ICT appreciated the Government of Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting, and participants from all D-8 member countries.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Energy and Environmental Conservation

8 October 2012

Dhaka-Bangladesh

A total of 31 participants attended the Task Force Meeting. From Bangladesh 23 participants attended. The representations were from Ministry of Industries, Power Division, Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Environment and Forests, PID, Bangladesh Accreditation Board, BSTI, BCIC, Dhaka University, BUET, IDCOL, BEPZA, BPDB, 'Energy and Power' Journal participated the Task Force Meeting. Representatives from Iran, Turkey, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Nigeria also participated the Meeting.

The Session started at 12.00 pm and continued up to 1:30 pm till lunch break. After lunch, the session continued again up to 16:30 pm.

Dr. Ijaz in his key-note presentation illustrated the present status of greenhouse gas emission in terms of amount and sectoral distribution, future trend. He also highlighted energy demand and energy supply situation, energy efficiency and renewable energy development status and prospect, carbon financing opportunities as well as identification of potential sectors for cooperation among D-8 member countries. Key-note speech also covered environment friendly technologies like Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT), Demand side management (DSM) measures, SHS, Solar Lantern, Solar Mini grid, Solar Irrigations, Biogas technologies and improved cook stove, rice parboiling technology, cogeneration and improved brick kiln technologies.

Apart from the key-note speech, country papers from Turkey and Iran have also been presented. The paper from Turkey is on the Turkish Energy Market, Energy policy and legislative framework and Renewable Energy Sector and was presented by Mr. Emrullah Emen. Representative from Iran, Dr. Vahid

Gohari made two presentations; one on Iranian Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution Sector and the other on Renewable Energy.

The participants of the Meeting also made their remarks and put forward queries to the Presenters. The queries were mainly on country specific information. The Resource persons responded to the queries accordingly. In general, the audience sees significant potential in cooperation among D-8 member countries. However, it is also urged to identify the most practical and effective approaches as to how aspiration for cooperation can be made to reality. The recommendations of 2011 D-8 Bali Summit have also been discussed at some length. The audience expressed frustration for not having effective follow-up on the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the Bali Summit.

After threadbare discussion, the participants finally come up unanimously with the following recommendations:

- The D-8 member countries should ideally make a dedicated forum desk under its umbrella to expedite solid work in the field of energy and environmental conservation. This will include a database on good practices in all D-8 member countries, as well as preparing a list of research institutes, universities, implementation agencies and a pool of individual experts.
- D-8 countries having experience and well developed infrastructure in certain areas of energy technologies such as energy efficiency, renewables and energy management may offer to be a focal point and share their expertise with other D-8 members. Technical workshops/

seminars, training courses may be offered by the focal countries.

- A fund may be created under that forum to help D-8 countries to establish salient projects and programmes in the energy field in the member countries. Funding can be from any possible sources (D-8 countries or the development partners).
- Cooperation between the research and development institutes of D-8 members should be fostered based on available indigenous resources. Areas that could be explored are: geothermal, wind, solar and biomass.
- Three member countries (Turkey, Iran and Pakistan) are trading electricity among each other. This trading can be expanded to include Egypt and Bangladesh. Feasibility of such a proposition need to be studied.
- As given in the point 3 above, the fund may be utilized in establishing various projects in the D-8 member countries so as to establish a better understanding of energy technologies and its applications in all of the member countries.

The meeting ended with a vote of Thanks from the Chair.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Food Industries

8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

The 3rd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Food Industries was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 8th October 2012.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair

Professor Dr.Md. Shams-Ud-Din of Department of Food Technology & Rural Industries, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh was elected as the Chair of the meeting by consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Under this Agenda Item, Dr.Md.Saleh Ahmed, Post Harvest Handling and Quality Assurance Expert of National Technology Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Mr.Md. Shafiur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Engineering and Technology were assigned as Rapporteur by the Chairman.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Papers

Under this Agenda Item, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran and Indonesia made country paper presentation on food sector of their respective countries.

Paper-1: Title: Food Industries in Bangladesh: Growth Status and Opportunities

Presenter: Dr. Sreekanta Sheel, Logistic Expert, National Agricultural Technology Project

(NATP), Hortex Foundation

Paper-2: Title: "Food Industries in Egypt"

Presenter: Mr. Mohammad Abdullah, Commercial Attache, Ministry of Food Industries,

Egypt

Paper-3: Title: Profile of Food Industry, Marine and Fish-

eries

Presenter: Sri Hadiati and Ericha Fatma, Ministry of Industries, Mine, Indonesia

Paper-4: Title: Situation of the food and beverage industry

Presenter: Roya Rafie, I.R. Iran

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the Report of the last Task Force Meeting on New Projects and Areas of Cooperation in Food Industries

Decisions of last Task Force Meeting were reviewed by the participants of the D-8 Task Force Meeting on Food Sector.

1. *The information regarding import and export regulations as well as investment legislation relating to food industries should be compiled by the D-8 Member Countries before the next meeting on industry.*

It was stated by the participants that information in this respect should be prepared by the respective member countries that would be compiled by the Secretariat.

2. *Efforts should be made to ensure that more private sector representatives from the D-8 countries participate in meetings in order to engage in the discussion of problems, contribute to problem solving, and increase business cooperation.*

It was stated by the participants that a good number of participants are drawn from private sector in the meetings, so that all may be engaged in discussions of problems, and can contribute for solutions.

3. *To establish electronic media such as websites, blogs and databases in order to share information regarding food legislation and trade-relat-*

ed issues. Central Anatolian Exporter's Unions (OAI B) of Turkey expressed readiness to take the initiative in this respect.

It was stated by the participants that in the D-8 website, the data base on industrial issues, legislation on investment, and trade regulations etc should be included in the D-8 website.

4. *Efforts should be made, with the support of the D-8 Secretariat, to encourage and facilitate the active participation of Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) in the D-8 meetings, including those representing food industries.*

It was stated by the participants that in this 2nd meeting a good number of NGOs are invited to participate.

5. *Information exchange through the D-8 website should be made more effective.*

It was suggested by the participants to incorporate all the relevant data on industrial issues along with export and import data, tariff rules in the D-8 website by the D-8 Secretariat within six months.

Agenda No.6: New projects and areas of cooperation in food industries

- The D-8 website should be dedicated with information on export-import regulations and investment legislations to be provided by the member countries in a regular manner to the Secretariat.
- Establish a Central Food Technological Research and Development Institute by D-8 Secretariat to act as Centre of Excellence among the D-8 countries to conduct integrated research and development activities for overall improvement of the food industrial sector.
- Arrange capacity building programme in the member countries through various joint events and exchange of data, experience sharing, experts, skills, training in the areas of food processing.
- Inviting food industries business community of all D-8 countries to organize a meeting during the next working group meeting to determine the areas of cooperation, discuss on export and import opportunities and FDI in each member country under the umbrella of the D-8 Secretariat.
- Harmonization of food standards among the D-8 member countries and acceptance of *Halal* certification by the member countries.

Agenda No.7: Date and Venue of the next minute

The date and venue will be decided by the Inter Ministerial Meeting later on and it will be duly notified to the participants later on.

Agenda No.8: Any other business

Participants of the member countries agreed in consensus to exchange ideas, to have better communication to improve food industries in future

Agenda No.9: Adoption of the report

The report was adopted by the Task Force members

Agenda No.10:

Task Force Chairman Prof Dr. Md. Shams Ud-Din thanks the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh to host this fruitful meeting.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Steel

8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

Meeting Decisions:

1. D-8 meeting on steel sector has identified the raw materials, technology and investment capabilities as potential to develop as self sustained steel industries and enhanced cooperation among member countries.
2. (a) The secretariat may be strengthened adequately to collect and disseminate information and to prepare database.
(b) A schedule shall be prepared to follow-up stepwise progress by the focal point of Bangladesh
(c) A consolidated report on development in D-8 steel sector shall be prepared and presented in the next meeting of the working group.
3. The following specific measures may be taken by the D-8 members:
 - (a) Develop market opportunities by improving and facilitating steel trade among members, particularly exchange of parts, equipments, steel products and raw materials.
 - (b) Motivate establishment of the joint ventures or consortium for engineering, construction, supply of equipments, technical services and trade of steel products
 - (c) Establish joint R&D activities among member countries
- III. Those members who have capability to export steel products and its related engineering and technical services try to enhance their market share by supplying steel products, technical services, equipments and spare parts to other members.
- IV. Facilitate trade of steel products between D-8 countries to privilege more market opportunities to the other members

To achieve these objectives and for better utilization of members' advantages and abilities, the countries should

- I. Take part in conferences and meetings on steel sector which may be held by any of the member countries.
- II. Deliver the list of existing engineering, construction, patent, and licensed companies of the member

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Machinery

8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Machinery is scheduled to be held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 8 October 2012. The meeting is attended by Indonesia, Iran, Turkey and Nigeria.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.

Professor Dr.Md. Abdur Razzaq Akhanda, Head of the Mechanical and Chemical Engineering Department of Islamic University of Technology, OIC was elected as the chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Second meeting of the Machinery Group has been made. There were no previously prepared agenda for this topic.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteurs

Ms. Shahbina Nahid Labib and Md. Khaleduzzaman Talukder from SME Foundation under Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh were assigned as rapporteurs.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Machinery Industry

The meeting started with the presentation of the Bangladesh delegation with regards to the outlook of the Bangladesh Agriculture machinery sector and trade relations relating to agricultural manufacturing machinery sector among D-8 countries. Two member countries namely Indonesia and Turkey have made their country presentations.

The key note speaker of Bangladesh emphasized on the agro machinery because agriculture sector contributes about 20.24% in Bangladesh GDP. Speaker discussed about the manufacturing of agricultural machinery: opportunities and constraints, talked about its import, manufacturing, spare parts manufacturing with present and past market size. Finally the participants were emphasized on the cooperation from the D-8 countries in establishing Common Facility Centre (CFC), duty free access to D-8 countries, development of local foundries, adopting policies for importing raw materials.

Participants from other countries like Iran and Nigeria enquired about the tariff imposed on tractor and spare parts by Bangladesh. Representative from Iran offered a joint venture investment to produce tractors in Bangladesh.

Representative from Turkey recommended for the machinery products standardization. Representative from Bangladesh Foundry Association ask for the collaboration from D-8 countries in agricultural machines sector to improve standards.

Presidents of Bangladesh Engineering Industry Owners Association and Moderator of the meeting recommended for specific recommendations, type of executions and introduction of standardized policy to the key note speaker.

Representative of Indonesia Engr. Daseb Ahmedi, focused on the Machine Tool Industry of Indonesia; give a nice brief on manual and CNC based lathe, washing, milling and other machines production, export, International standardization with annual turnover also. Representative from other countries like Iran, Bangladesh, Nigeria enquired about the collaboration of knowledge sharing about the production and others about machine tools.

Turkey key note paper described present status of their machinery market, annual production, export-import, standard of products were highlighted in this paper. Turkey was emphasis on need for common investment in the machinery sector of Turkey by D-8 member countries. Turkey exports 12% of global total machinery trade. He also mentioned that, competitiveness of all industries depends upon efficiency of machineries.

Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting

In case, this is the first meeting of Machinery Working Group, no review progress has been done.

Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Machinery Industry.

Proposals:

1. An Association of Machinery with D-8 countries will be formed.
2. Detail website of D-8 Countries on machinery information.
3. Organizing exhibition among D-8 countries - machinery products.

Coordination for the above proposals will be done by Ministry of Industry of Bangladesh and focal point for each country should be informed within 1 month to the Ministry of Industry, Peoples Republic of Bangladesh.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

D-8 General Secretariat will decide and inform the delegates of the member countries about the next meeting's date and venue.

Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business

1. Facilitation for establishing tractor producing factory in cooperation with Turkey, Iran, Nigeria and Bangladesh.
2. Facilitation for establishing small engine manufacturing in cooperation with Turkey, Indonesia, Iran and Bangladesh.
3. Facilitation for establishing Mold industries in cooperation with Turkey, Indonesia, Iran and Bangladesh.

During the Exhibition among D-8 machineries B2B meeting may be organized to implement the above agenda 8(1) to 8(3).

Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report

The Report of the Task Force was adopted by unanimity.

Agenda Item No 10

Chairman Professor Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaq Akhanda, Head of the Mechanical and Chemical Engineering Department of Islamic University of Technology, OIC appreciated the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology

*8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh*

A meeting of Working Group of Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology was held at Hotel Rupshi Banbla, Bangladesh On 09 October 2012. The meeting was attended by Turkey, Iran, Indonesia, Nigeria and Bangladesh. Total number of participants was 38 of which 12 was foreign delegates. The focal point of this committee Mr. Abu Abdulla, DG, BAB address the delegates and selected the president of this Working Group(WG) mentioning the last president of the same WG. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Altaf Hossein, Professor, Department of Chemistry, Dhaka University. From Bangladesh Engr. G. Fakhruddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Director, Bangladesh Accreditation Board was presented the country key note paper. From Turkey two papers were presented by Kursat YILMAZ, Director international Relations, TURKISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION and by Gonca Ozturk, Engineer on Legal Metrology. Another presentation was delivered by Mr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, Director (Chemical), on the present status of BSTI. The course moderator was Dr. Syed Humaun Kabir, Director (Standards), Bangladesh Standard and testing Institute.

From the Bangladesh part presenter emphasis on:

National Quality & Conformity Assessment Infrastructure comprising Standardization, Metrology, Testing, Calibration, Certification, Inspection and Accreditation.

For running the standardization function Standards Wing of BSTI has 5 (five) Divisions : Food & Agriculture, Electrical & Electronics, Jute & Textile, Physical, Chemical along with their 73 Standards Technical Committees (TC). has been BSTI assigned to develop standards through preparation, adoption, and harmonization and its promotion for trade development.

Activity of NML, BSTI is to calibrate mostly for the physical parameters: mass, length, temperature, volume & density, force & pressure, time & frequency and also DRICM is to provide traceability services in chemical measurements through acquiring, production, qualification, storing and disseminating certified reference materials (CRMs).

More than 10,000 laboratories providing testing services of which 90% are providing services for medical diagnostics purposes.

In product certification system, BSTI is mainly dealing with controlling 155 products under mandatory technical regulations. FIQC, DAE, BCSIR, BAEC etc is responsible for specific field and around 15 organization conduct system certification.

BAB is responsible for providing accreditation service which is established under Bangladesh Accreditation Act 2006 and already developed 62 assessors on different field.

TURKEY:

Two different presenters from Turkey delivered on Standardization and Legal Metrology on the current issue and general overview of Turkish System.

One of Key note presenter Mr. Kursat YILMAZ, Director international Relations, TURKISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION said the following activities:

TSE is 1500 full time personnel

Standards development,

Laboratories: Testing laboratories, Calibration laboratories

Certification: Product certification, service places certification, System certification, Personnel certification, Conformity to Automotive Legislation, CE Marking

Training, Surveillance and inspection.

TSE has 82 mirror committees, valid Turkish standards is 31.643, annually issue an average of 30.000 test reports,

TSE Calibration Center undertakes the following calibration activities: Electrical Calibration, Mechanical Calibration, Heat Calibration, Materials Testing Equipment Calibration, Low and High Frequency Calibration, Pressure Calibration, Biomedical Calibration, Dimension Calibration

TSE regularly organizes technical training programs on: **Standardization** (preparation, development, implementation, etc.), **Certification** (product, services, management systems, personnel), Informative training programs on the **CE Marking, Calibration** (pressure, electrical, biomedical, material test, length, temperature)

- TSE became a full member of ISO in 1956, 41 ISO/TC, 46 ISO/SC as a P member, and 276 O-Membership in ISO TC/SC's, member of DEVCO, CASCO and COPOLCO, 67 CEN TC, 10 CENELEC TC.
- SMIC which has 17 nations is an OIC-affiliated Institution under TSE and will be financed by TSE for the initial three years.
- SMIC adopted Guidelines for Halal Food, Bodies Providing Halal Certification, Halal Accreditation Body

Another Turkey presentation was made by Goncs Ozerk, Engineer on Legal Metrology.

TSE maintains a wide range of cooperation with many of its counterparts via bilateral technical cooperation agreements with 96 organizations from 70 countries.

These agreements are primarily in the form of supply of training, exchange of information, exchange of experts, joint certification activities.

From She emphasis on:

There are 4 bodies in Metrology Field in Turkey

The MSGM (Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology) – in Legal Metrology

TÜBİTAK ÜME (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey-National Metrology Institution) – in Scientific Metrology

TÜRKAK (Turkish Accreditation Agency) –in Accreditation

TSE (Turkish Standards Institution) –in Standardization.

Activities are performed under the provisions of; Law No. 3516 "Measurements and Calibration" and

Law No. 4703 "Preparation and Implementation of the Technical Legislation Regarding Products".

The instruments that are in the scope of the law: Length, Volume, Area, Weight measures, Aerometers, Grain inspection devices, Electric power meters, Water meters, Gas volumeters, Taximeters, Transformers for current and voltage, Tank wagons used on railways

From BSTI, Bangladesh presenter said:

About the accreditation status of testing laboratories, system certification and product certification.

Recommendations:

To promote more trade among the D-8 member countries through Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology

1. Establish a common database of each country's capacity in quality infrastructure.
2. Promote exchange programme on training, technical experts to accelerate development of quality infrastructure since the level of economic and infrastructure available on each member states are different.
3. Support to D-8 members for participation in international standardization
4. Establish MRA on export quality infrastructure among D-8 member states. Indeed, D-8 should define common industrial sector to be taken as milestone for intensive and practical cooperation.

5. Promote harmonization of standards and conformity assessment procedures among D-8 members to have more market access.
6. Conduct Feasibility Study to develop roadmap and recommendation for strengthening of Standardization, Conformity Assessment, Accreditation and Metrology with the main objective to facilitate movement of goods among the D-8 Countries.
7. The National Standardization Bodies of D-8 member states shall support each other at international standardization platforms such as ISO and IEC Council, General Assembly and Technical Committees' Works.
8. D-8 Secretariat shall encourage D-8 member states to participate in the activities of Standardization and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC). The D-8 member states may benefit from the SMIIC experiences in the field of "Halal Food".
9. Developing electronic communication among the National Standardization Bodies of D-8 member states.
10. Organizing a training programme in the field of "Metrology" in December 2012 in Turkey by the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology (Legal Metrology, Scientific Metrology and Industrial Metrology) if it is requested by D-8 member states. The request of member states should be sent to the D-8 Secretariat in one month. Later requests will be evaluated.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Petrochemical and Fertilizer

8 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

The second Task Force Meeting on Petrochemical and Fertilizer was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 8 October 2012.

Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair

Dr. M. Tamim, Professor, Department of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur

Dr. Md. Iqbal Hossain, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka has been nominated as Rapporteur by the house.

Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Papers on the Status of Petrochemical and Fertilizer Sector

Under this Agenda Item, **Dr. Dil Afroza Begum**, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka delivered the Key-Note speech from the host country Bangladesh, where the current status of petrochemical and fertilizer industries in Bangladesh was highlighted. Specifically she talked about the needs (i.e., the scope of collaboration with D-8 countries) in the fertilizer, plastic, and refinery industries of Bangladesh. She proposed the development of a petrochemical complex in Bangladesh

with specific models. She also proposed to develop a common advanced petrochemical institute in Bangladesh, funded by D-8 Secretariat to study, research and co-ordinate scholarly activities required in the sector. In her conclusion, she generously welcomed all D-8 countries to support each other technically, financially in expansion of petrochemical and fertilizer sector, so that every country is benefited and can bring prosperity for others. After her presentation, representatives from Turkey and Iran presented their country papers.

Mr. Ali Barutcuoglu, Office Director, GUBRETAS, Turkey, delivered a pleasant presentation and provided a clear picture about Turkish fertilizer industries. He gave proposal for the joint-venture projects on phosphate- and N₂-based productions.

Ms. Neslihan ERGUN, Technical Specialist, Turkey's Plastic Manufactures Research Development and Educational Foundation, delivered a nice presentation on the plastic industries in Turkey. She showed interest to increase the trade volume of plastic raw-material between Turkey and Bangladesh.

Mrs. Farnaz Alavi, Head of Polymers Market Research, National Petrochemical Company, Iran, presented various ways or facilities to develop business and other relationships between Iran and other D-8 member countries. She proposed to develop a common expert committee for D-8 member countries in the sector of petrochemical and fertilizer.

Delegates from other countries, present in the meeting; exchanged their views and shared their experience with other country representatives about their field of interest.

Agenda Item No 5: Open Discussion on the Presented Country Papers

All delegates present in the meeting attended the open discussion on the presented country papers. They exchanged their views and shared their experience with other country representatives about their field of interest.

Some issues discussed in the open discussion are:

- (1) Formation of a common expert committee for D-8 member countries.
- (2) Formation of a petrochemical institute in Bangladesh funded by D-8 member countries.
- (3) Raising a common fund for the development of petrochemical sector.
- (4) Developing common projects in member countries for mutual benefits.
- (5) Increasing trade volume of petrochemical products among the D-8 countries.

Agenda Item No 6: Making Key Recommendations

The house agreed to make the following key recommendations:

(1) Formation of a common expert committee for D-8 member countries (hereafter called D-8 Petrochemical Expert Group). The committee will decide or propose the possible ways for the collaboration among D-8 member countries for mutual interest. Specifically the committee will coordinate, communicate, monitor, administer and supervise the implementation of any decision taken. To form the committee, all members will introduce their representatives preferably from senior management to the D-8 secretariat.

The recommended expert committee should be formed within the next three months.

It is to be noted that Iran's petrochemical industry expressed its willingness in forming D-8 petrochemical expert group in coordination with D-8 secretariat.

(2) Formation of a petrochemical institute in Bangladesh funded by D-8 member countries.

Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

Date and venue of the next meeting is to be fixed in consistency with the decision to be taken by the inter-ministerial meeting.

Agenda Item No 8: Adoption of the Report

The Report was adopted by the Task Force members unanimously.

Agenda Item No 9

Task Force Chairman Dr. M. Tamim thanked the Government of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh for hosting the meeting.

Report of the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation

9 October 2012

Dhaka-Bangladesh

The Second D-8 Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 October 2012.

The meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Member States

Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria and Turkey.

Agenda Item No. 1: Election of the Chair.

Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific was elected as the chairman as well as Moderator by the consensus.

Agenda Item No. 2: Adoption of the Agenda.

The Members of the Taskforce approved the draft Agenda of the Meeting. The approved Agenda of the Meeting

Agenda Item No. 3: Election of the Rapporteurs.

Mr. Md. Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy Director and Mr. Mohammed Abbas Alam Assistant Director of Bangladesh Accreditation Board, Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh were elected as Rapporteurs.

Agenda Item No. 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Technology Cooperation Task Force.

Bangladesh as a Host Country:

During the meeting Prof. Dr. Golam Mohammed Bhuiyan, Department of Theoretical Physics, University of Dhaka presented the country paper on Bangladesh. He was discussed in the meeting that the technology is the combination of science and Engineering and technological development also depends on efficient Management system implementation. He was focused on Technological cooperation in the

following areas

- I. Automotive
- II. Technology Related to Energy
 - Renewable Energy Technology
 - Nuclear Power Technology
- III. Food Processing
- IV. Macro electronics
- V. Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- VI. Construction Technology
- VII. Leather and Textile
- VIII. Nanotechnology
- IX. Spintronics
- X. Biotechnology-practical application in the field of Agriculture, Food and Medicine production.

In conclusion, he emphasized that any effective technological development requires the interaction of Academics, R&D Personnel, Government and private sectors in order to achieve the goal, cooperation among D-8 countries, which is very necessary for future Technological development.

Other Member Countries:

Iran: Representative from Iran Mr. MAJID NAJAFIAN presented his Project Paper title "Technology Transfer and Exchange Network for D-8 Countries". He expressed that though D-8 was formed 15 years back but there was no remarkable cooperation seen among the member states in the Techno-

logical cooperation in the previous years. He was focused on database system for the Technology information and uploading the information so that the member states can easily share their information for Research and Development. In his country paper presentation was given some overview of their Technological development The innovation of Drug such as IMOD for Treatment of HIV virus completely herbal products, ANGI Pars Drug for removal of Chronic Ulcers, Cinnovex for the treatment of relapsing multiple serelosis and BIOFLASH. for treating malaria. He also proposed arranging Annual Technology Festival among the D-8 countries.

Turkey: Representative from Turkey **Mr. ONDER BELGIN** for Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology made the country presentation. He accords priority in the following sector

1. Information and Communication Technologies
2. Biotechnology and Gene Technologies
3. Nanotechnology
4. Mechatronics
5. Production Processes and Technologies
6. Material Technologies
7. Energy and Environmental Technologies
8. Design Technologies

He focused on Research and Development (R&D) sector for the technological development and for this he emphasized to established cooperation between Universities, Research Institute and Private sector with the Institutional support such as Technology Development Zones (TDZ) and R&D and Project Support like Industrial Thesis Supporting Program (SAN-TEZ), Techno-Initiative Capital Support Program, Pre-Competition Cooperation Projects, Direct grants for R&D projects proposed by private sector, public sector, academic sector.

Indonesia:

Four delegates from Indonesia participated in this meeting. They did not make any presentation but orally Ms. Sri Hadiati expressed her views on future development on Bio-technology and Nano technology.

Open discussion:

The Chair informed the meeting that GoB provided the land for setting up of a High-tech park for technological development like Nanotechnology, Biotechnology and High Tech

Technology like ICT and focused on the Public Private Partnership (PPP). He also informed the meeting that the GoB provided the Tax exemption for all waivers for a High-tech park.

The delegates from Iran informed the meeting they work on Biotechnology, Nano Technology, ICT and Macrotronics and he also informed the meeting that they established Technology Park for the cooperation of D-8 Countries.

Dr. Mubarak Khan of BAEC informed the meeting that they have invented some technology like dyes, cytotoxins and also they developed Bio Fertilizer and Bandage through Opsonin Pharmaceuticals Limited.

Decisions:

01. All countries nominate contact person for this particular Task Force and provide the names and contact details to D-8 Secretariat within one month.

02. The proposal of the representative from Iran, which was presented earlier in the meeting of the Task Force held in Istanbul, Turkey, for developing a Web portal for Technology Transfer & Exchange Network (TTEN) which will be technology database for D-8 Member countries, was adopted. It is recommended that the web portal is hyperlinked to D-8 website. It will be financed by Iran and will be made operational within next six months.

3. Creation of Platform for Exchange of R&D personnel among member states

4. Directory of Technology Packages in different disciplines

5. Arrange budget for R&D and Human Resource Development (HRD)

6. Organizing Annual Technology Festival in every country

7. The D-8 countries as a group would try to ensure that article 66.2 of trade related aspects TRIPS requiring to developed countries to transfer technology to developing countries is fully implemented by WTO

Agenda Item No. 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting:

Unfortunately no progress has been made.

Agenda Item No. 6: Outline of Future Cooperation in Technology Cooperation Task Force.

1. Reciprocity between governments on the one hand and, between institutions of higher education and the

- research centers on the other,
2. Creation of framework conditions by the government,
 3. Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)
 4. To Established R&D
 5. Introduction of D-8 Scholarship
 6. Cooperation in Agricultural field

Agenda Item No. 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

D-8 General Secretariat will decide and inform the delegates of member countries about the next meeting's date and venue.

Agenda Item No. 8: Any Other Business

No discussion took place

Agenda Item No. 9: Preparation and Adoption of the Report

The meeting has unanimously adopted the report of the meeting which was prepared and submitted by the Rapporteurs and has thanked them for their contribution.

Agenda Item No. 10:

The Task Force Chairman appreciated the Ministry of Industries for hosting the meeting.

Vote of thanks and Closing of the Meeting.

Participants have expressed their thanks to the hosting country and his team for making excellent arrangements of the meeting and outstanding hospitality that was offered during the meeting.

The 4th SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting

9 October 2012
Dhaka-Bangladesh

Present Member Countries at the SME Taskforce Meeting

The People's Republic of Bangladesh

Arab Republic of Egypt

Republic of Indonesia

Islamic Republic of Iran

Malaysia

Federal Republic of Nigeria

Republic of Turkey

A meeting of D-8 working group on "SME Taskforce" was held on October 09, 2012 at "Palash" hall of Hotel Ruposhi Bangla, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was chaired by Mrs Parveen Mahmud FCA, Former President, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh, Former Director, SME Foundation. The meeting was moderated by Mr. Md. Mujibur Rahman, Deputy General Manager, SME Foundation. Key note papers were presented by Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam (Bangladesh), Mr. Ahmad Javanmardi (Iran), Bayu Fajar Nugroho (Indonesia), Mohd Izham Abdullah (Malaysia), Aynur Odaman (Turkey). Engr. Abu Ozigi (Nigeria), Mr. Amr A. Radwan (Egypt). The delegations were composed of high government officials, entrepreneurs, professionals, academicians, and researchers from respective countries.

During the deliberations participants highlighted problems and prospects of SMEs in their respective countries. They discussed on different "Governmental Bodies" working on SME development in their respective countries. They also mentioned the area of cooperation among the member countries of D-8 in the field of SME development.

They came to a consensus that, Communication Network has to be established to coordinate activities of SME Taskforce of

D-8 and implement previous decisions.

In Bangladesh presentation the keynote presenter highlighted that, too many processing documentation is one of the major barriers to get SME loan by the entrepreneurs. He recommended need for establishing industrial park for SMEs. Subcontracting facilities shall be developed for increasing efficiency. Need for SME refinancing scheme also discussed with priority in the meeting.

Mr. A.K.M Rafiqul Islam, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Industries presented a paper on SME Governmental Bodies in Bangladesh. In his paper Mr. Islam showed that, government has formulated National Taskforce on SME development, established SME Cell, SME Foundation etc. institutions for SME promotion in Bangladesh.

The Indonesian presenter mentioned that, Indonesia is working on 4 pillars of SME development. There are Cluster development, Entrepreneurship development, one village one products, and Initiative for SME development.

Nigerian representative outlined the Countries various SME development programmes/initiatives and effective participation in D-8 activities. He further re-affirmed Nigeria's commitment to establish D-8 SME training center in Nigeria. Iranian presenter emphasized on implementation and monitoring of previous decisions. He mentioned that, we are seating for the fifth time in D-8 meeting, discussing issues but some of these decisions were implemented. So this is the time for recommending a mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation status.

Malaysian presenter informed that, Malaysia has adopted "SME Master Plan (2012-2020)". Malaysia is working upon 4 new approaches namely, public private partnership, innovation and productivity, outcome base, and 'live' plan. Under the SME

Master plan, six high impact programs (HIPs) are the key driver to spur the development of Malaysian SMEs.

Egypt paper discussed about their major SME sectors namely textile, food, chemical, and leathers. He also informed the house that, Egypt is providing social fund for SME development to the entrepreneurs.

Turkey presenter emphasized the importance of 'Green SMEs' to encourage each member in adopting Green Technology and renewable energy in their development programmes.

Recommendation

1. The meeting agreed on a Joint MoU to be signed and discussed in respective organization of each member country and in case of concurrence it will be presented for signature by member countries within two months. The required action plan of the MoU will be proposed, disseminated among member countries and D-8 secretariat by KOSGEB (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization of Turkey). This will also include the activities on 'Green SMEs'.
2. ISIPO (Iran Small Industries and Industrial Parks Organization) agreed to chair the meeting for the next two years.
3. All member countries agreed to form a Communication Network according to article-1 of the final reports of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting. Therefore the Directives of the Communication Network is distributed among member countries and D-8 Secretariat. Iran will initiate the task.

Chairing organization "ISIPO" within 3 months after finalization of Communication Network Directives (CND) will provide and disseminate the action plan of CN



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