REPORT OF
THE SECOND 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. List of participants is attached as Annex (1).

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 D8 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**

D8 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.