Joint Declaration of
D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (D-8 CCI)
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1. The D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industries (D-8 CCI) consists of the following national member chambers of D-8 countries:

- The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI)
- Federation of Egyptian Chambers of Commerce (FEDCOC)
- Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)
- Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA)
- National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM)
- Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA)
- The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI)
- The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)

2. During the Turkey’s term of D-8 Presidency, The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) has assumed the term of the presidency of D-8 CCI.

3. On 2 November 2018, D-8 CCI held its Plenary Assembly in Antalya. The Plenary Assembly adopted the statute of D-8 CCI.

4. Following the Plenary Assembly, with the participation of all D-8 member chambers, a Business Forum was held in Antalya. During the Business Forum, a comprehensive report titled “A global vision for the D-8: How to facilitate B2B interaction within the framework of D-8?” presented by the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV).

5. As part of our deliberations at the D-8 CCI Business Forum, we have prepared the following action based proposals for the D-8 Ministerial meetings.

   a) D-8 countries are geographically diverse, yet they are all economically important countries. This makes D-8 an ideal vehicle for participating in various international economic governance fora such as the G20 as an observer.

   b) We recommend D-8 to design an action-based agenda and pave the way for more efficient and effective private sector interaction among member countries to improve intra D-8 trade.

   c) We recommend D-8 to ease intra D-8 trade through fully implementing the preferential trade agreement (PTA) and strive for the future free trade agreement (FTA).

   d) We recommend D-8 to start trade fairs for selected companies producing selected products. We have scientifically identified some specific products, which overtime will be enlarged. We can start improving B2B collaboration within the D-8 on the basis of list that we have in hand.

   e) We recommend D-8 to establish D-8 Free Industrial Parks (Zones) including related clusters. These parks and clusters will be privately owned but supported by the related governments through provided incentives.
f) We recommend D-8 to improve connectivity in all D-8 countries as connectivity is the basis of economic integration by interaction. The latter requires both modernization of border crossings and streamlining the regulations and standards.

g) We recommend the governments of the D-8 countries to accept arbitration to facilitate trade and investment relations between D-8 countries. As an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, arbitration should be introduced and promoted among the business communities of the D-8 countries.

h) We recommend D-8 countries to support the increase of intra-FDI flows to benefit from the complementarity of preferential trade agreements of other D-8 countries.

i) We request D-8 to allow more direct interaction among D-8 businesses through a more long term accelerated business visa regimes upon recommendation of Member National Chamber.

j) We shall establish an internet-based SME market and support digitalization of D-8 companies to participate this e-commerce platform, D-8 SME market shall start as a B2B mechanism to be later turned into a B2C platform, where D-8 Governments support is required where needed.

k) We recommend the D-8 countries to support entrepreneurship in general and women and young entrepreneurship in particular, and maximize their inclusion in CCI activities.

l) We recommend D-8 to start a business competition to identify fast-growing D-8 companies that are either owned or operated by women entrepreneurs.

m) We recommend D-8 to establish a pilot incubation center for entrepreneurs and start-ups and to form an exchange program between incubation centers. Thematic business incubation could pave the way to improve intra-D-8 foreign direct investment flows (FDI).

n) We recommend D-8 to start a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) based competition for young scientists/students.

o) The General Secretariat of D-8 CCI will follow up our recommendations and make sure that in cooperation with D-8 General Secretariat and member chambers an action plan is to be prepared and executed.