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Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), I would like to welcome you all to the *1st High Council Meeting of D-8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN).*

It is a great honor for me to participate in this important Meeting. First, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government of Islamic Republic of Iran, especially to the Pardis Technology Park, for this well-prepared Meeting, providing us with this wonderful venue in the beautiful city of Tehran. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran for their valuable coordinating efforts and all delegates for their dedication and participation. We are looking forward to a good Meeting, fruitful discussions, and a solid outcome on the important subject of technology within D-8 framework.

Distinguished Delegates,

For many in the developing world, including D-8 as one of economic grouping, technology transfer is seen simply in terms of developing local manufacturing capacity. Activities that will lead to the increased and more effective use of technology transfer should be based on cooperation to bring about changes, from the bottom up as well as from the top down. This calls for partnerships at all stages of the technology development and transfer process, ensuring active and equitable participation of private and public stakeholders, including business, legal, financial, and other stakeholders within D-8 Countries.

To be successful, technology transfer requires more than just the transferring of high-tech

equipment between D-8 Countries. Other requirements are including enhanced knowledge, management skills and technical and maintenance capabilities of those receiving the technology, are equally important. Furthermore, integrating human skills, organisational development and information networks are also essential for effective technology transfer.

Thus, technology transfer is a broad and complex process if it is to avoid creating and maintaining the dependency of the recipient, and if it is to contribute to sustainable and equitable development. The result for the recipient must be the ability to use, replicate, improve and, possibly, re-sell the technology. A key element of this wider view of technology transfer is choice. There is no single strategy for successful transfer that is appropriate to all situations. The challenge for D-8 Countries is that if the transfer of inadequate, unsustainable, or unsafe technologies is to be avoided, technology recipients should be able to identify and select technologies that are appropriate to their actual needs, circumstances and capacities.

Distinguished Colleagues,

Let me now turn to the Meeting here today. As you all know, this meeting is the follow-up action from the decision taken from the 2nd D-8 Task Force Meeting on Technology Cooperation, which was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 9 October 2012. That initial gathering was meant to generate discussion on the importance of technology transfer and exchange network infrastructure and the need for a strategy for developing inter-linkages among D-8 Member Countries, particularly for information, technology and telecommunication. Needless to say that the foundations for this meeting had already been laid at the first meeting of this Task Force in Istanbul 2011.

I believe that all of you concur with me that the proper foundation of a technology transfer and exchange network (TTEN) is essential to make an appropriate ground and infrastructure to exchange and transfer of the products data, technologies and services among D-8 Countries. Subsequently, this framework will reinforce and expand the cooperation between the member countries in industrial and technology areas.

I am confident that with the establishment of technology transfer and exchange network infrastructure, some concrete objectives are not impossible matters to achieve. Within this line, I would like to draw your attention regarding on followings which could be the objectives of such a network:

1. To inter-connect or develop databases for technology products, technology services, technology demands, and commercialized technology of D-8 Member Countries in a form of an integrated internet- based system;

2. To improve technology research and technology transfer among D-8 Countries;

3. To attract investment, supports, and assistances from international organizations in order to develop and improve technology research in D-8 Countries;

4. To create the opportunity (i.e. technology fairs/meeting/festivals) for integration and synergy between technology-companies in D-8 Countries in order to entering into the global competitions.

I would also like to emphasize that the Meeting here in Tehran has provided us all with a precious opportunity to liaise with each other better. We can - and we should - expand and institutionalize our connections and communications. I really doubt that you need to be further encouraged on importance of sharing information, experiences and best practices to promote actual cooperation on technology transfer and exchange network.

Distinguished Colleagues,

The significance of technology transfer and exchange network (TTEN) for economic development in D-8 Countries cannot be overemphasized. TTEN has two crucial components - appropriate acquisition of technology and its widespread diffusion. For productivity growth in D-8 countries, both these components need to be adequately addressed.

The ongoing research, development, and commercialization of technology transfer and exchange network (TTEN) is expected to generate a significant number of direct, indirect and induced jobs over the next coming years. The success of this network could pave the way for better infrastructure of technology transfer and exchange network (TTEN) in D-8 Countries. By having a good action plan and project proposal, we would achieve good progress in technology cooperation as expected in the D-8 Roadmap.

Finally, let me to express, once again, my appreciation to the Islamic Republic of Iran, as the host country as well as one of the coordinator countries of D-8 Task Force on Technology Cooperation, for their efforts to invite D-8 countries to this important gathering in the field of D-8 technology cooperation.

I wish success of this meeting, and thank you for your kind attention.