JOINT DECLARATION

by

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regarding institutional partnership

WHEREAS the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as a specialized agency of the United Nations, has the primary responsibility in promoting industrial development in the developing countries and in countries with economies in transition;

WHEREAS the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), an inter-governmental organization principally focused on economic cooperation consisting of eight developing countries namely, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey with its Secretariat in Istanbul, pursues the objectives of improving Member States' positions in the world economy, diversifying and creating new opportunities in trade relations and providing better standard of living;

WHEREAS all the Members of the D-8 are also Members of the UNIDO and both Organizations have common interest in promoting sustainable industrial development and promotion of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

WHEREAS the Director General of the UNIDO and the Secretary-General of the D-8, having held productive consultations on matters of mutual interest on 2 April 2015 in Vienna, wish to record their intentions and objectives for cooperation between the UNIDO and the D-8 regarding institutional partnership;

NOW THEREFORE, the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretary-General of the D-8 declare:

1. Their intention to facilitate close co-operation between the UNIDO and the D-8 with the objective of promoting and accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in developing countries and economies in transition, focusing its activities on poverty reduction and environmental sustainability in the States of Common Membership;

2. Their intention, subject to the programme of work of the UNIDO, to promote cooperation between the UNIDO and the D-8, *inter alia*, in the following areas:

- Trade capacity-building,

- Capacity-building for development of small and medium-sized enterprises and the promotion of entrepreneurship,

- Ceramic and Glass, Cement, Machinery, Automotive, Food Industry, Iron and Steel, Textile and Garment and Petrochemical,

- Rural renewable energy and industrial energy efficiency,

- Climate change and cleaner production,

- Investments and technology promotion,

- Any additional areas that may subsequently be approved by the Director General of the UNIDO and the Secretary-General of the D-8;

3. Their desire, depending on the availability of the necessary funds, to identify suitable projects relating to the above areas of cooperation on an annual basis for financing in accordance with the respective policies, procedures, rules and regulations;

4. Their intention to undertake mutual consultations with a view to concluding an appropriate relationship agreement to institutionalize the partnership, which would be subject to approval in accordance with their respective policies and procedures;

5. Their intention to review the progress achieved in the cooperation between UNIDO and the D-8 after a period of three years following the signing of this Joint Declaration or a Relationship Agreement, whichever is later, and to decide then on any further measures that may be desirable to enhance that cooperation.

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Secretary-General

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Place: Vienna

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