

**Joint Declaration of
D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (D-8 CCI)
3 November 2018, Antalya**

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.