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## ➤ FOREWORD

Every two years, Member Countries of D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, come together at the highest possible level, to renew their political will and commitment to the lofty goal enshrined in D-8 Charter, voice their common position and concern on the most pressing issues at the international level, review their practices, assess the outcomes of activities and achievements and draw new policy directives for promotion of the lofty objectives of the Organization.

In 2012, it was Pakistan's turn to host our meetings with their warm hospitality and professionalism.

In the present compilation before you, D-8 Secretariat ventured to collect all documents, statements and reports of the meetings held at 8<sup>th</sup> D-8 Summit, in order to provide a reference for future follow-up of our commitments.

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# SUMMIT

## Eighth D-8 Summit

22 November 2012  
Islamabad-Pakistan

### Agenda

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- Retreat

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 of the People's Republic of  
 Bangladesh



## Statements of Member Countries

At the Eighth Summit of the Developing Eight (D-8)  
 22 November 2012  
 Islamabad-Pakistan

Mr. Chairman

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu

Your Excellency, please allow me to offer my warmest congratulations on your assumption of the Chair of D-8. I wish you success in materializing our shared wish that D-8 will truly engender more fruitful and meaningful cooperation in the coming two years and transform it into a more effective organization on the national and international plane. I also wish to convey my sincere thanks to the Government of Pakistan for the excellent arrangements made for the Summit, and for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to me and to our delegation. I also wish to record our appreciation to the Government of Nigeria for its dynamic leadership of our Organization over the last two years, which has seen consolidation of its institutional base. I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the outgoing Secretary General for his diligent efforts in organizing this Summit and for his valuable service to the Organization in its development as a viable

international organization.

Mr. Chairman,

As we celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our organization, I recall when the leaders of eight populous Muslim countries in including Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh adopted the Istanbul Declaration in 1997 and launched the D-8 Organization. We recall with gratitude the contribution of the Prime Minister of Turkey Prof. Necmettin Erbakan to the conceptualization and initiation of D-8.

This anniversary summit offers us a unique occasion for reflection on the performance of D-8 since its inception and on the future shape that we would like it to take. It is heartening to note that, over a span of fifteen years, D-8 has gradually transformed into a valuable platform for effective economic cooperation. The establishment of the D-8 Secretariat in 2006 was a milestone in the organizational development of our group. The ratification of the Headquarters Agreement last year has formally institutionalized the seat of the Secretariat in Istanbul. We have also made impressive progress in the development of legal instruments. The conclusion and entry into force of all four instruments, viz. The Visa Agree-



ment, the Customs Agreement, the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and Civil Aviation MOU will be extremely useful for enabling and facilitating cooperation in the areas and fields of our interest. The adoption of the road map for Economic Cooperation in the Second Decade of Cooperation (2008 – 2018) in 2008 and the prioritization of activities of the road map in the areas of trade, agriculture and food security, industrial cooperation and Small & Medium Enterprises, transportation, energy and minerals have given us the vision and instrument to guide our activities in the coming years. We now have institutionalized sectoral Ministerial Meetings on Industry and on Agriculture, various working level meetings on subjects under all five priority areas as well as finance, tourism and health. At a more concrete level, intra-D-8 trade has increased from 3.4% in 1997 to 7.5% in 2011, an indication of a modest but positive trend towards economic integration.

Mr. Chairman,

In the span of 15 years—span D-8 has had to face recessions time and again. It encountered the Asian financial crisis soon after its inception in 1997. The global economy has just begun recovering from the recession of 2008, although, it still remains fragile. The effects of the second round of the financial meltdown is still being felt by the developing countries especially in terms of decline in export earning, investment, remittance and development assistance.

However, we are confident that building on our own synergies and complementarities would allow us to withstand such external economic upheavals as well as other emerging challenges in future. We need to adopt appropriate strategies for cooperation, despite the diversity in our geography. Our strength lies in our steady growth, a burgeoning middle class that is increasingly confident about its future, a large internal market working as both a manu-

facturing hub and a consumer base. D-8 can prove to be a stabilising factor in the volatile global economy. We need to craft a mechanism for regular interaction with the G-20 in an appropriate manner so that we can present our perspectives on issues of concern to us; and also contribute to the efforts of putting global economy on a steady track for recovery.

While we acknowledge the need for focusing on economic cooperation for securing immediate and tangible results, we must keep in view the overarching shared values that inspire us for cooperate and pursue of shared vision and aspirations. We thank the government of Pakistan for choosing the me 'Democratic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity'. I would to recall that democracy as well as peace, dialogue, co-operation, justice and equality were the core principles of D-8 as espoused in the Istanbul Declaration. The link between democracy, peace and prosperity is very intimate and well recognized. We, the D-8 member states, cherish and uphold democracy. When we speak of democracy we do not just mean a structure of democratic system; but the institution of a set of democratic values, principles and practices that reflects the will and sovereignty of the people, a system of government that puts people at the core of its activities, that aspires to create equality of opportunity and enables every one in the society to realizing their fullest potentials and creativity. Free and fair election is essential precondition but a sufficient factor. For a democratic society to flower fully tolerance and social justice must be guaranteed, the voice of the majority will be tempered with the concerns of the minority, it must respect diversity and plurality, provide inclusive development and gender justice. Democracy must reflective of a people-centric philosophy of governance.

The member states of D-8 are endowed with substantial resources. However, the most valuable asset of the D-8 is perhaps

its population numbering almost a billion. D-8 has the potential to develop itself into a pre-eminent position in the global economy and secure enhanced participation in the global decision-making process. However the realization of this potentiality can never be possible unless people are placed at the centre stage of our development pursuit. I take this opportunity to highlight the 'People's Empowerment and Development Model' expounded by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the 66<sup>th</sup> UNGA—a model that has already found its place at the UN General Assembly under G-77 ownership with overwhelming support in adoption of the resolution in the United Nations [UNGA 66/224]. The development model is essentially a multi-dimensional democratic approach with six mutually reinforcing multipliers: eradication of poverty and hunger; reduction of inequality; mitigation of deprivation; inclusion of excluded people; acceleration of human development; and elimination of terrorism. We believe that, whatever be the means for attaining development, people's interest should always remain our core focus. Empowerment of people should be a crosscutting theme in our quest for development. We need to articulate our perspective of development in the dialogue and in consultations on the post-MDG development discourse.

As we are poised to adopt the Charter and the Global Vision for our Organization, we would like to express our aspiration that the D-8 will not remain just a mechanism for economic cooperation, but will become a vehicle for enhancing cooperation to a higher level of development that will be socially and environmentally responsible to the people. We thank our senior officials for their hard work in elaborating these two very important documents. Adoption of these two documents will indeed add much substantive significance to our celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We also believe that these documents will give a sense of direction and a uniform approach in tack-

ling issues in various domains of practical cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

Trade is considered to be an engine of economic activities and growth that can contribute immensely to the development and betterment of the living standard of our peoples. It is encouraging to note that the intra-D-8 trade is increasing steadily, although its share in global trade is still modest. In order to foster trade through increased mobility among our member states, Bangladesh has become a party to the Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for the Businessmen and the MoU on Civil Aviation. In May this year, we ratified the Multilateral Agreement on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters. However, despite our strong support for the Preferential Trade Agreement, we are not as yet in a position to ratify it. The volume of Bangladesh's import from other D-8 countries is about three times as much as the volume of our export to these countries. The present 40% value addition criterion in the Preferential Trade Agreement will not be helpful for Bangladesh in correcting the lopsided terms of trade with other D-8 member states. I make an earnest appeal to other member states for considering a special dispensation for Bangladesh as an LDC, by lowering the value addition criteria to 30% in keeping with similar provisions in other PTAs, such as the one under OIC. This will contribute to the enhanced trade feature of Bangladesh and other D-8 members in a balanced manner.

Food security is an important element of the MDG and an integral part of any people-oriented development approach. Food security and agricultural development are closely inter-related. The economy of the D-8 countries also heavily depends on agriculture. In Bangladesh, agriculture contributes 23.5% to the GDP, while 62% of the workforce is directly engaged in this sector. We are happy to note that three Ministe-

rial Meetings on Agriculture & Food Security have taken place so far and they have been providing invaluable directions to the working groups on seed bank, animal feed, fertilizers, standards and trade issues, and marine and fisheries. We believe that the proposed D-8 Program for Food Security deserves serious consideration. We also feel that ensuring food security requires a holistic and collective approach. While matching food production to the increase of population is essential, an equitable availability of food is also an extremely important factor for ensuring food security. Import of food grain needs to be made easy for net food importing countries.

Industry is the prime mover of any economy in the present-day world. It has a direct or indirect role in all productive endeavors. It separates the developed and the developing world. There is no doubt that industrial and technological cooperation is the key to transcending the threshold of development and achieving the D-8 goal of attaining a distinctive position in the global economy. ICT can be an overarching area of interest, as any present-day industrial venture has to depend on ICT. Transfer of technology, use of migrant labor in gainful way and mutual investment would be extremely important for industrial development as well as generating employment for the population of the member states. D-8 offers the potential of exchange of appropriate technology among member states at affordable cost. We need to have a dialogue on how best to utilize the migrant workers' services in the receiving countries and their remittances in the sending countries.

The share of D-8 in the world foreign direct investment inflow has remained largely stagnant, increasing nominally from 3.22% in 1997 to 4% in 2011. We need to step up efforts for increasing investment in innovative sectors, including infrastructure and agriculture. Given our shared heritage and cultural affinity, investment from one D-8

countries to another would be easier than a venture to or from less familiar societies. Bangladesh was privileged to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation in October this year. We stress the need for implementing the recommendations of this meeting of vital importance. We are of the view that the task force structure for D-8 cooperation could be reviewed and rationalized in keeping with the actual need on the ground. Involvement of private sector in this exercise would be immensely useful.

It is perhaps relevant to mention that, although we have cultural commonality, we are not all in close proximity to one another. Connectivity is an extremely important factor in promoting cooperation among our countries. We do not see any alternative to development of transport connectivity. We are happy that the Working Group on Civil Aviation has been actively engaged in cooperation in this field. We feel that, apart from cooperating in technical aspects, each member state needs to give serious consideration to establishing direct air connection with all the D-8 member states.

Shipping is extremely important for enhancing intra-D-8 trade. It is important that we cooperate for further development of the shipping services in the member states. Bangladesh has made impressive progress in shipbuilding and is now exporting ocean-going vessels to a number of European countries. We are ready to share technology and experience with other member states. We hope that the working group on shipping will continue its work in the areas of investment, technological exchanges and commercial collaborations. In order to facilitate direct sea connectivity among the member states, we need to establish a free and non-discriminatory regime by which national flag carriers and qualified sailors of one member state can have easy access to the markets of the others.

Supplying power and energy to the people at an affordable price is one of the greatest development challenges of our time. The D-8 countries may consider cooperation in the field of energy with the increasing price of fossil fuel and increased concentration of green house gases in the atmosphere. The working group on energy has been engaged in sharing information and good practices on a wide range of energy related issues. It is important that it promotes closer cooperation in joint research, exploration and production of alternative energy resources, capacity building programs, and technology-transfer among the member countries. It is also necessary to increase the share of renewable energy in power generation and to adapt to these new technologies to complement the conventional grid connected electricity. Bangladesh has made commendable progress in Solar Home System (SHS) program in the rural electrification system and this offers an opportunity for replication in the other member countries.

Mr. Chairman,

In today's world, a vibrant and dynamic private sector is the driving force for industrial growth. Our economic development heavily depends on the close synergy of interests between the government and the private sector. In order to create conducive environment for the private sector to flourish, the governments create effective partnership and foster trust amongst the stakeholders. The government of Bangladesh has therefore adopted an investment policy that pursues an enabling and regulatory role to develop and sustain an efficient and dynamic private sector. In addition, we have introduced schemes for public-private partnership in the infrastructure sector where investors can get assured returns on their capital. We are hopeful that public-private partnership would emerge prominently in the domain of the D-8. Role of private sector is important in some of the priority sectors of D-8. We need to encourage the

private sector to contribute appropriately in substantive terms to the policy formulation and to invest adequately in the identified priority areas.

Mr. Chairman,

We are bound by a shared cultural affinity and vision; and we have a common aspiration and goal of economic and social development for our people in our respective countries. The D-8 is a platform that offers immense opportunity to work together for realizing our shared end of improving the quality of the life of our peoples. Our goals will be better realized collectively. And we can maximize cooperation given the commonality of cultures and complementarities of resources. Our goals are achievable. Bangladesh looks forward to working with you.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.



H.E. DR.  
**SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO**  
 Honorable President of the  
 Republic of Indonesia

Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

Assalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wa-barakatuh,

Your Excellency, Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

Excellencies President and Prime Ministers of D-8 Countries,

Excellency Prime Minister of Pakistan, Raja Pervaiz Ashraf,

Excellency Secretary-General of D-8,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentleman,

Let me begin by extending my heartfelt appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for convening the eighth Summit of the Developing Eight (D-8).

I attach particular importance to the theme for this Summit: "Development partnership for peace and prosperity." This is a timely theme, considering the critical importance of development in achieving peaceful and prosperous world.

Since the end of World War II, countries throughout the world have been aiming for development and economic progress. They have done so through different paths and

approaches. Many have succeeded in their development efforts. This success has been made possible by the presence of political and economic stability. In the case of Indonesia, regional peace and stability serves as a prerequisite condition to achieve our development goals. I believe that the ultimate objective of our development efforts is to end poverty and reach better quality of life. I am encouraged by the fact that today, especially through the implementation of the MDGs, the world poverty has been decreased.

According to the 2012 UN Report on the MDGs, extreme poverty is falling in every region. The proportion of people living on less than 1.25 dollar a day fell to 24 percent, from 47 percent in 1990. Yet at the same time, the international community continue to face challenges that could push many nations back into underdevelopment and poverty. The Euro Zone crisis is still far from ending. Its impact is still felt in many parts of the globe. And the global economic growth and trades continue to slowdown. The situation becomes more challenging as food and energy prices remain volatile. And not less important are natural disasters and the effects of the climate change. I believe the D-8 can play a vital role in responding

to those challenges, by taking measures at national, regional, and global levels.

First, D-8 countries must sustain their economic growth and stability—and if possible to increase it. We do have the potential. In fact, D-8 countries register average growth around six percent.

To sustain our growth, we need to keep trade and investment open as well as to intensify the m. D-8 intra-trade now reaches 130 US billion dollars—or 7.5 percent of the total D-8 trade volume with the rest of the world. In the area of investment, our intra-investment increased 4 percent in 2011. I believe there remain rooms and potentials for stronger cooperation in this area. In view of achieving greater trade among D-8 countries, we need to make more progress in the three pillars agreed in Bali in 2006. We welcome progress since 2006, including in the implementation of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and Multilateral Agreement among D-8 Member Countries on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters.

These trade and investment will generate economic activities at local level, and thus provide more job opportunities. I believe, this will in turn ensure the purchasing power of our people, and thus promote their prosperity.

Second, D-8 needs to explore collaboration in building greater connectivity. Each of us must invest more in national and D-8 connectivity through infrastructure development, tourism, air transportation, sea transportation, including port services, people-to-people contact, policy harmonization. I believe this initiative, with the support of the D-8 working groups, could enhance even more trade and investment among D-8 countries.

Third, in view of the continuing global economic shock, D-8 countries should strengthen cooperation in social protection.

This is important to prevent people from falling into a new cycle of poverty.

Fourth, D-8 must strengthen cooperation in building the capacity of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). This is critical because SMEs are the backbone of our economy. Also important in supporting the SMEs is financial inclusion, through micro-finance. This is the area where we can collaborate more.

Fifth, D-8 must develop cooperation in food and energy security. With total combined population of one billion, the need for food and energy will continue to grow. Therefore, cooperation in these fields is crucial. We can achieve this objective by combining our potentials in agriculture and energy sectors.

And Sixth, D-8 needs to collaborate more intensively in achieving the MDGs. As the deadline of their realization target 2015 is approaching, I believe that the governments, private sector, and civil society groups of D-8 member countries must work together to ensure for the highest attainment of those goals.

It is also important that the international community has a clear idea regarding the global development agenda after 2015. Therefore, Indonesia attaches particular importance to the UN-driven process in defining a bold yet achievable vision on the post-2015 development agenda. Central in this process is the UN High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 Development Agenda. Through this agenda, we will make every effort to attain a "zero global poverty rate" by the middle of 21st century. Therefore, together with other co-chairs of the Panel, I have a strong commitment to making the Panel a success. I am glad that some members of the Panel come from D-8 countries. And to make our development partnership lead to the creation of durable peace and prosperity, we must take into account the equality and equity dimension of the development. Equity is critical



because it is about justice and fairness. And it is also about equal access to resources.

At the global level, the Doha Development Round of the WTO is pivotal to achieve greater progress in development. Indonesia will host the Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali in December next year. I strongly hope that this conference will create a new momentum for the continuation of the Doha Development Round.

Excellencies,

To facilitate coordination and communication, in light of realizing those goals, D-8 needs to strengthen its institutional framework. This includes the role of the D-8 Secretariat and its Secretary-General. As a final thought, I believe that human-centered development is a crucial foundation for durable peace and sustained prosperity. And central to this human-centered development is political stability and economic progress. This is, I think, the imperative for our development partnership. It is a partnership that aspires for peaceful, stable, and thriving world. I thank you.

Wassalamu'alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

## H.E. DR. MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD Honorable President of the Islamic Republic of Iran



Mr. Chairman

Honorable Heads of State and Government  
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamo Aleikom Va Rahmatullah Va Barakatoh

I thank the Almighty Allah for granting me the chance and the opportunity to participate in this important meeting.

I have the pleasure to express my sincere thanks to His Excellency Goodluck Jonathon, Honorable President of the Republic of Nigeria for his tremendous efforts and success during his chairmanship of D-8. I am also pleased to sincerely congratulate my dear brother President Asef Ali Zardari for assuming the Chairmanship over the coming period. The warm hospitality and the excellent arrangements and programs provided by the government and great nation of Pakistan deserve our utmost appreciations

Dear Friends

Under the present sensitive juncture, this meeting provides us with an ample opportunity to exchange views and make decisions concerning the most pressing issues in front of us.

Over the past decades we have been witnessing the emergence of a more-complicated

form of colonialism and hegemony which has been tightening its grip on the world resources, imposing its toll on all of us one way or another. In spite of all struggles towards independence and freedom, our world still continues to experience a time of pain and agony.

Former colonial power and slave masters in a new guise and with new slogans are using different methods and tactics to dominate and plunder resources of nations on the basis of the same hegemonic doctrines.

Militarism, occupations and violation of countries' national sovereignty have been rising as in countries like Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan.

Prejudices and conflicts among nations are instigated in the name of religion such as the situation affecting large parts of Asia and Africa.

Discrimination in the international relations by using the Security Council and the prevailing economic mechanisms has caused a widening gap between the rich and the poor and widespread poverty in many countries.

Terrorism and drug-trafficking are systematically used worldwide against all nations and governments.

Large-scale destruction of the environment

has triggered climate change leading to huge losses on our planet.

Policies continue to be pursued aggressively to inalienate cultures, and annihilate the very foundation of women's dignity and the institution of family.

Because of their predominance over the world monetary system, worthless paper assets were printed to loot and deplete systematically the wealth and resources of nations.

Independent nations are threatened and coerced through organized campaigns intended to hinder their progress.

They are part of the actions undertaken by these powers, and the major factors responsible for today's problems. However, a full manifestation of the hegemonic behaviors can be obviously seen in the land of Palestine.

They have been occupying Palestine for decades under false pretexts. The main owners of Palestinian Land have either been expelled out of their homeland living as refugees in other countries, or are put in jail and the target of constant barbaric attacks of the uncivilized Zionists. Today, the oppressed people of Gaza have become the victims of the ses expansionist policies.

Dear colleagues.

There is no doubt that the world needs a new order on the basis of the fundamental principles of justice and humanity.

I don't think that anybody may have any hope that the creators of the current unjust order can play a role in its reformation.

A fundamental change and establishment of a new humane order require a firm resolve and joint efforts of all. Each and every one of us must have the will and determination to participate in this process towards achieving a sustainable peace, and finally security and welfare for all.

By the grace of God and with the awakening of nations this process has started.

By the grace of God the era of capitalists has come to an end with the tiding of a new age for humankind.

However, the former colonial powers and slave masters must not be allowed to disguise for reasserting themselves in the management of the world.

This is the same clear message voiced during the Non-Aligned Summit Meeting in Tehran.

Our countries and our nations because of their historical past, rich cultures and unique resources can and must play a prominent role in defining and building the future world order.

We all share the following principles:

-Happiness, dignity and humanitarian values must be enjoyed by all

-Justice, love and freedom constitute the foundations of the new order, and recognized as a right for all human beings.

-All human beings are entitled to enjoy sustainable peace, security, welfare and progress as their inalienable rights.

-We are all against all types of discriminations and humiliation against human beings as well as the use of force and coercion in the international relations.

-We all seek to put an end to hegemony, unilateralism, occupation, arms race and violation of countries sovereignties.

-We are all suffering from the present unjust U.N. structures and international systems, and we have a common aspiration to reform them.

Dear Colleagues

In addition to cultural bonds and principles, our nations and countries are endowed with great economic, political and geographical potentials.

A population of over a billion, vast lands, water and energy resources and geostrategic importance along with scientific and research centers, scientists and talented human resources

constitute the unending assets and capabilities of our nations.

We can and we must cooperate to exploit appropriately these resources and potentials towards the prosperity of our nations and for reforming the present world order.

Fortunately, concrete measures were taken in recent years. Our Bilateral and multilateral relations are developing and cooperation among member countries at the international level is on the rise in supporting members' collective rights.

For example, since the meeting in Bali, the volume of economic exchanges between Iran and member countries has increased four times, and other members have also followed the same direction.

Dear Colleagues

Our economies, science, technology, industry and agriculture can be complementary and support each other.

We can enhance our relations more than ever in the interest of our nations beyond the domain of the hegemonic powers.

On this basis, I wish to highlight the following proposals:

Formation of a permanent economic working group with the presence of senior experts of member countries for a fair development of economic relationship.

Formation of a political working group with the presence of senior experts of member countries in order to boost coordination and joint Efforts towards the restructuring of the United Nations, the Security councils and all its affiliated organs as well as for bolstering fairness and fraternity among members.

Establishment of Joint investment Fund among members.

Like member states of BRICS we can put in place a barter trans- action system in order to save our economies from the negative implications of the dominant world currency.

A currency which is created with no limit and without backing will transfer inflation, rising prices, and budget deficits from some countries to independent nations sending their wealth into the pockets of the world capitalists.

Supporting the activities of the private sectors in the member countries and promoting interactions and partnerships among them as a main strategy to boost trade and economic ties.

Entry into force of the preferential trade agreement of the members as early as possible.

We must believe in our capabilities and power ever than before. Together, we can build a better world.

Surely our collective efforts for the establishment of purity and justice shall accomplish.

This is the Divine Promise that a lovely and beautiful spring shall come very soon following a long winter.

He has sent His Prophets and the perfect human being to help nations.

He has pledged that a man who has the quality of divine messengers, manifests the truth and purity who is alive will emerge, and in his company comes Jesus Christ. He, with the help of all people of good faith and by using all positive capacities of peoples and nations, shall assist mankind to fulfill their aspirations for justice, love and happiness. He is the personification of absolute justice, compassion and love to human kind.

Every step for expanding justice, love, and fraternal ties is a move forward to embrace that beautiful eternal spring.

We must take faster and higher steps for its fulfillment.

Once more, I wish to thank my dear brother president Asef Zardari as well as the government and the great nation of Pakistan. I wish you all ever-increasing success and I pray the Almighty God for the happiness and prosperity of all nations.



**H.E. Y. A. B. TAN SRI DATO'  
HAJI MUHYIDDIN BIN MOHD.  
YASSIN**  
Honorable Deputy Prime  
Minister of Malaysia

Your Excellency Asif Ali Zardari  
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Heads of State / Government of D-8 Member Countries

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1. May I at the outset, express my sincere gratitude to the Government of Pakistan for the warm and generous hospitality accorded to my delegation and I since our arrival in this beautiful city of Islamabad. Please allow me also to commend Your Excellency for the excellent arrangements that have been made for this Summit.

2. I am confident that under Your Excellency's very able stewardship, Pakistan would be able to steer our Organization to an even greater height. I would like to join leaders of D-8 member countries before me to pledge our continuous support to ensure the success of Pakistan's chairmanship and to enhance our commitment towards the Organization.

3. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate His Excellency President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of Nigeria for the excellent work Nigeria has rendered since

taking over the D-8 Chairmanship from Malaysia in 2010. The accomplishments during Your Excellency's tenure have been outstanding and exemplary in achieving the goals and objectives of this august Organization.

Excellencies

4. At the same time, may I also express our appreciation for the commendable and excellent work that Bapak Prof. Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto has done during his tenure as the Secretary-General of the D-8 Secretariat. His dedication and distinction in discharging his responsibility has enabled the Secretariat to successfully fulfil its duties and steer the Organization towards meeting its goals and objectives. We wish him greater success for his future endeavour. At the same time, we also congratulate his successor, Dr. Mousavi when he assumes his office.

Excellencies

5. Our Organisation was founded on the idea to develop and strengthen economic cooperation amongst our member states. This is even more relevant today as the world continues to face unprecedented political and economic challenges. In the light

of these challenges, developing countries like us must have the economic resolve to respond to these challenges. There is no denying that economic prosperity and a moderate approach towards the resolution of these challenges will elevate the economic well being of our peoples.

6. Fifteen years after its inception, we are on the horizon of a new beginning as we move forward to respond to these challenges with the adoption of two important documents that will chart our future, the D-8 Charter and the Global Vision. Briefly, the D-8 Charter provides the framework instrument that will govern and define all of our activities and institutionalize the state of our cooperation. The D-8 Global Vision provides a futuristic outlook and a very good foundation in pursuit of economic prosperity among our member states with its twin objectives of achieving long-term sustainable development and as contribution to the global economic system. These are among the important objectives of this document. A cohesive network of D-8 member states, further strengthened by a dynamic economic environment, would be able to cushion our economies against externally induced economic shocks. These two documents should now be the beacon to guide us through global economic maze that threatens our path towards economic prosperity.

7. I am pleased to note that trade among our member states is on the rise. The time has come for us to take bold steps to spur this growth further. We had set to achieve annual intra-trade of 15-20% of projected D-8 global trade by 2018. Currently, it stands at 7.5%.

8. We have less than six years to go and how do we jump from a single digit growth to meet our target of 15-20%? The Preferential Trade Agreement is a key agreement and the solution and upon ratification and full implementation by member countries,

it would serve to remove barriers of trade and facilitated further by the Multilateral Agreement on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, we could anticipate for exponential growth. The catalyst for this growth is in the legal instruments that we have been working and agreed to adopt for the last fifteen years.

9. We need to take our efforts a step further by engaging the private sector closely. It is timely for concrete actions among our business community by organizing regular consultations amongst themselves and devising concrete strategies how they can contribute towards increasing D-8 intra trade from their perspectives. In addition, we can also hold regular consultations with them in order to assist wherever possible. There should be symbiotic relations between the public sector, and the private sector.

10. One effort that we can take to boost the role of private sector is to provide a platform during our D-8 meetings for the business councils to come together to share their achievements and challenges. Malaysia would like to propose that for future summits, a segment be allotted for our CEOs to interact with leaders so as to create ownership of the need to boost trade. The gathering of business councils in meetings such as ours will definitely encourage the networking and cooperation of our business communities, and consequently boost D-8 intra-trade.

Excellencies

11. One area of cooperation that I would like to suggest is to explore the full potential of the Islamic Banking and Finance. As we are all Muslim countries, we can provide the best examples to the rest of the world that there is an alternative system to the already-proven flawed and vulnerable conventional financial system. While I cannot guarantee that the system is crisis-proof, I am of the view that we should not be de-



prived of options when there are available. Islamic finance is that alternative and that additional option.

12. Our Central Bank in Malaysia has developed the expertise in Islamic finance including its implementation and regulatory framework. We have shared this with other countries to assist them by putting regulatory framework in their national legislation. Malaysia is willing to continue to share this with members of D-8. Indeed we have held various seminars on this cooperation but I am of the view that it is timely for us to revive and give a new life to this initiative under the ambit of D-8.

13. Our Organization is unique in the sense that it is not a regional organization but a global one. Let this be the hallmark of our strength and not be the divisive lines among our member states. Malaysia believes in the role of non-traditional organizations such as D-8 and I am looking forward for D-8 to becoming an organization with a competitive edge at the international level in the near future.

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen

14. In focussing on the priority areas of cooperation, we must realize there is a common thread that runs through these areas of cooperation without which the implementation would be difficult. This common thread or "the missing link" is education. As we are prepared to invest in the promotion of the priority areas of cooperation, at the same time we must be prepared to invest in the development of human capital. We need people who are adequately and efficiently trained to promote trade, agriculture and food security, industrial cooperation and SMEs, transportation and energy and minerals. Education is the key ingredient that is required for the successful promotion of any sectors. I would therefore urge all D-8 member countries to pay sufficient

attention to the development of human capital in order to ensure that our organization remains a dynamic economic grouping with a competitive edge.

15. Our member countries have enjoyed the benefits that development has brought upon us that sometimes we forget what it means and its impact on our daily life. We forget that there is no prosperity without peace and there is no peace without prosperity. The theme that Your Excellency has chosen, "Democratic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity" aptly describes the desire of our member states to strengthen our cooperation based on mutual respects and consideration towards the needs of others. Malaysia is a firm believer in democracy and our economic performance in the past speaks for itself as a result of the process of democracy that has been practiced since our independence more than fifty years ago.

16. I have shared with you briefly some of Malaysia's concerns, priorities and commitments on issues affecting us as an organization in meeting the numerous challenges around us. I am confident in the ability of the Government of Pakistan as the new Chairman of D-8 to further advance and enhance our objectives, and to address concerns that we have raised here today.

Thank you.

## H.E. MR. GOODLUCK JONATHAN Honorable President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria



Your Excellency, President Asif Zardari of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Esteemed Presidents, Prime Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Egypt, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Turkey and Iran  
Honourable Ministers  
Honourable Commissioner.  
The Secretary-General of D-8 Organisation  
Distinguished Members of Delegation  
Distinguished Guests  
Members of the Press  
Ladies and Gentlemen

As this is my very last assignment as Chair of the D-8, I must say how pleased I am for the opportunity to serve this young and dynamic Organization for the past two years. Let me also seize this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to the Government and People of Pakistan for their warm hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for our meeting.

Shortly, I will be asking His Excellency, President Asif Zardari of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to step in and take over the stewardship of the D-8 for the next two years. Before I perform this important duty, I will briefly comment on some of the activities and programmes we were able to accomplish over the course of the past two years.

Throughout Nigeria's stewardship, we were

guided by the vision to nurture our Organization in a way that will empower the private sector in our countries to be the driving force propelling our various programmes and activities. I believe this is the right road to take, because it reflects our shared vision to limit the role of governments in the day-to-day activities of the D-8 to merely that of catalysts and enablers of economic and trade cooperation among our various countries.

Some of our notable achievements in the past two years include the entry into force of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement in August 2011; the Multi-lateral Agreement among D-8 Countries on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, which came into force in October 2011. The Agreement of Simplification of Visa Procedures for Businessmen of the D-8 Member States, which had been ratified much earlier, completes the three main Agreements pivotal to trade promotion and cooperation among D-8 countries.

The ratification of these Agreements by almost all Member States attests to the faith we all have in the D-8 as a viable platform for fostering economic and trade relations among our various countries. Fully implemented, these agreements have the potential of boosting D-8 intra-trade volume to much higher levels.



It is worth recalling that the Abuja Declaration of 2010 directed the Commission to finalize work on the draft D-8 Charter, the Statutory Documents and the Global Vision. The conclusion of work on these core documents remains one of the major accomplishments of our Organization in the last two years. Undoubtedly, the adoption of these documents here in Islamabad will be a fitting tribute to the vision and aspirations of the founders of our Organization.

I am happy to report that in the past two years, D-8 Member Countries gave strong support to the Nigerian Chair. Indeed, without exception, Members of our Organization were always ready to help remove obstacles and carry forward the D-8's strategic vision. I thank you all for your faith in the D-8 and for the enthusiasm and solidarity in the past two years of Nigeria's stewardship of this Organization.

Excellencies, from what I have seen and observed, from the commitment of Member Countries, I can say with confidence that the future of the D-8 is bright and solid. Of course, this is not to say that the road ahead is all smooth and without bends, bumps and twists. Far from it. The advantage the D-8 has is that it is a voluntary Organization of like-minded countries with a shared vision to work together for the benefit of all.

I must say that the modest progress our Organization was able to achieve these past two years under Nigeria's stewardship could not have been possible without the commitment and strong support of all D-8 Member Countries. I will therefore like to seize the opportunity to, once again, convey my gratitude to all Member Countries for their support which greatly benefited the work of our Organization.

I also must acknowledge the commendable work done by the outgoing Secretary-General of our Organization, Dr Widi Agoes Pratikto, whose tenure coincided with Nigeria's stewardship of the D-8. Dr Pratikto worked

closely with Nigeria during the past two years, and always displayed great passion and professionalism in his work. I wish him well and success in his future endeavours.

Excellencies, as Pakistan assumes the chair of the D-8 at this Summit, I would like to urge D-8 Member Countries to continue to forge closer cooperation so as to make the D-8 the engine of growth and prosperity in our various countries. I believe working together to promote our shared vision and common objectives; we could build the D-8 into a model of successful south-south cooperation.

When I took over the leadership of our Organization I had the intention of visiting all our Member Countries.

However, because of the demands of governance, I was only able to visit Turkey. It is still my fervent desire to pay a visit to other member countries of our Organization in that spirit. Let me seize this opportunity to appeal to Your Excellencies, especially our incoming Chairman, to try and encourage exchange of visits among Heads of State and Government. This, I believe, will bring our countries, peoples and their Governments closer, because such visits will open other vistas of cooperation among the D-8 countries.

In conclusion, my last words must be to pledge Nigeria's support to President Zardari, and to assure Your Excellencies that my country values our partnership and will remain an active collaborator with other D-8 family members.

It is now my honour and privilege to hand over the baton of Chair of the D-8 to the safe and steady hands of the President of the Islamic Republic Pakistan, H.E. Asif Zardari.

I thank you for the attention.

## H.E. MR. ASIF ALI ZARDARI Honorable President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



BISMILLAH-IR-RAHMAN-IR-RAHIM  
 As we pass through difficult times,  
 As the winds of change knock at our door,  
 As we swim through uncharted waters,  
 It is good to be among friends.  
 Honorable Heads of State and Government,  
 Honorable Delegates,  
 Excellencies,  
 Secretary General,  
 Ladies & Gentlemen  
 ASSALAM-O-ALAIKUM

At the outset, I would like to thank the outgoing Chairman of D-8, his Excellency the President of Nigeria for his leadership of the Organization during the last 2 years.

I also wish to commend the Secretary General of D-8 and his able team.

I welcome you all to Pakistan. And I welcome you at a unique moment in history. A moment of pride for us, for you, for all of us. Today, D-8 is not just eight developing countries. Today, with the grace of Allah Almighty, we are eight democracies. We always shared common bonds of religion and culture.

But, today we are also bound, by the will and spirit of our people. As leaders of the D-8 democracies, we are answerable to one billion people. We owe them a journey towards a better future.

This is not going to be easy. I am humbled,

when I realize the enormity of challenge.

But, I also feel a sense of pride.

And I must share with you. Five years ago, my country began a dream. A new democratic journey. Our mission was to achieve a better future for our people. A future of better lives, with dignity, with freedom, with rule of law.

Our history has been a difficult one. The challenges we face on this journey are huge. But by the grace of God, the resolve and resilience of our people is bigger.

Excellencies

Your presence here today is a measure of your solidarity with us. It gives us strength and hardens our resolve. I hope that the D-8 Summit in Islamabad will open new chapters of cooperation and understanding. Let me say how closely interconnected we are.

Pakistan's deep commitment to and friendship with our brothers and sisters in Turkey is no secret. For decades, our people have been like two hearts that beat as one. Turkish leadership, on economic issues in particular, has been exceptional.

We owe Turkey our thanks and continue to bank on our brothers and sisters for their support.

With Iran Pakistan's destiny is inter-linked.

We are neighbors and are located in the same region.

When one suffers, the other suffers too. We have worked closely with our brothers and sisters in Iran. We will continue to support peaceful ways to help resolve disagreements between Iran and other parties.

Indonesia has a long and glowing record of standing by Pakistan in its hours of need across many decades. Today, Indonesia helps light our path by demonstrating how to negotiate the challenges of growing an economy, while maintaining peace in a diverse society.

Democracy and the struggle against oppression is something we also share with our brothers and sisters in Egypt. We were amazed as, last year, Egyptians took to Tahrir Square to build an Egypt of their choice. We salute the heroism of the Egyptian youth, and say to you, we are with you.

We have also been on the same road. It is a long journey, and we will stand by you. I wish to congratulate President Morsi of Egypt.

We wanted him to be here today. We are proud of the leadership he has shown. We understand the reason for his absence. Our brothers and sisters in Nigeria face a mortal threat at the hands of the Boko Haram extremist group.

In this, we are in solidarity. Al-Qaeda affiliates in Pakistan, like the TTP, pose serious threats to our aspirations for the future. Indeed, to our very identity. I commend President Goodluck's leadership in a time of great complexity. We hope our countries grow closer as a result of this visit.

Malaysia is a model of how diversity and discipline can drive a nation's economy. Pakistanis have a great admiration for our Malaysian brothers and sisters. With our brothers and sisters in Bangladesh, we share deep cultural and historical links and a common region. We join the world in admiring the strides it has taken on road to progress in recent years. Together, the D-8 countries represent eight very

important nations.

Individually, they represent countries with whom our relationship goes far beyond the ordinary. For us, the D-8 represents a partnership that can help cement these bonds.

Excellencies,

The challenges we face today are daunting. The people of Palestine continue to suffer the Israeli aggression. We condemn the recent attacks in Gaza which have led to the loss of innocent lives.

The people of Kashmir continue to suffer unjust occupation. For decades they have been awaiting the promised self-determination. We must address these issues. Rather than blaming others, we need to take charge of our destinies.

We must grow our economies, and provide our people with jobs and security. D-8 has the potential to advance this agenda. The initiatives we will declare at this Summit will make a difference:

The D-8 Charter, that we would sign today, will cement our joint undertakings. The D-8 Global Vision will be a giant step forward towards achieving our long term objectives. And Islamabad Declaration will build upon the road map.

Today let us endorse once again the core values of D-8; Values of -Peace, Dialogue and Cooperation,

-Justice, Equality and Moderation,

-Democracy, Rule of Law and Harmony, and  
-Peaceful co-existence and inclusion.

I commend the Council of Ministers and D-8 Commissioners for their hard work in finalizing the Islamabad Declaration. I wish to commend you all for making it possible.

Excellencies,

Let me say few words about D-8 agenda. Just like our people, the D-8 agenda is diverse and is growing. But it is also crucial for our collective economic success and a shared future.

D-8 Business Forum, meetings of heads of central banks, trade promotion organizations and trade exhibitions are very important initiatives. The se will help in economic growth. But, to carry this forward, we also need Trade & Development Banks. We need to encourage the private sector.

We need to facilitate contacts between our chambers of commerce and investment houses. We also need to encourage interactions between our Parliaments, scholars, students, judges, artists, media and civil society organizations.

All this requires simplified visa and customs procedures. Most of us have already ratified the PTA. We need to work together to operationalize it. It is also time to think of barter trade where ever possible. If I sum it up: We need to encourage the free flow of goods, free flow of peoples and free flow of finances.

Excellencies,

The theme of this Summit a Democratic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity - is rooted in our faith in democracy. Democracy is at the very heart of our identity. Pakistan was founded through a democratic struggle. A struggle that was led by the eloquence and grace of our founder Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

The same democratic means we seek to use today, to resolve our problems. Democracy is in our veins.

When my leader, and wife, Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto was assassinated by terrorists in December 2007, this country came together to mourn, and to rebuild. And that commitment continues to this day.

Excellencies,

The D-8 countries represent a huge untapped reservoir. This reservoir can serve as a catalyst for peace and prosperity around the world. The best way to harness our collective potential is to put trust in our people. Our people want peace within the country and peace with our neighbors.

Our government is making unprecedented

efforts to normalize relations with India. We support Afghanistan's own road map for peace and reconciliation. This is the vision of a democratic people that seek peace and prosperity. For ourselves, for our region, and for our brothers and sisters in the D-8 countries. One of the most serious threats facing Pakistan is international terrorism. Terrorists, both from within Pakistan, and from abroad, seek to impose their agenda.

We cannot and will not allow Islam to be hijacked. We will fight for our values. We will fight for the spirit of our great religion that our Holy Prophet (Peace be upon him) gave to us.

We are fighting the terrorists' dark and destructive vision every day. Our soldiers, policemen and political workers serve on the frontlines of this fight. I want to make a special note of their sacrifices here today. And I want to thank you for hearing our voice, and supporting us. Your support strengthens the resolve of our people, especially of the fighters on the front lines against terrorism. Our soldiers are not alone in this fight. You all have heard of our daughter, the young and heroic Malala Yusufzai. She defied terrorists. She stood for every girl child's right to education.

Excellencies,

As we build the Pakistan of our Shaheed Leader, Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto - a democratic, prosperous, peaceful Pakistan - we are proud to host this historic summit. From food security to climate change to demographic pressures, we face many challenges. The D-8 platform enables us to find development solutions for our one billion people.

The presence of the Heads of State and Government of all D-8 countries today reflects our collective determination to use this platform for finding solutions. The people of Pakistan stand with their brothers and sisters across the D-8 world in pursuit of democracy, peace and prosperity.

It is only together that we can achieve our common goals. And together, we will.

Thank you.



**H.E. MR.  
RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN**  
Honorable Prime Minister of  
the Republic of Turkey

Mr. President,  
Distinguished Heads of State and Govern-  
ment,  
Mr. Secretary General,  
Honorable Ministers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
I greet you all warmly and with respect.

I would like to express my happiness in being in the friendly and fraternal country of Pakistan on the occasion of the Eighth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Developing 8 (D-8) Countries.

At the outset, I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the President of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, for the hospitality shown and for the efforts exerted for the organization of this important meeting.

On this occasion, I also cherish with grace the memory of H.E. Mr. Necmettin Erbakan, a former Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, for contributing his intellectual and material efforts for the establishment of the D-8 in 1997.

Turkey attaches utmost importance to developing her cooperation with D-8 member countries.

Turkey confirms its commitment at every opportunity to the basic principles and

goals which have been agreed in Istanbul Declaration, constituting the basis of our cooperation.

Our cooperation process accomplishing its 15th year has made significant contributions in familiarizing our peoples with each other, despite the geographical distance between member states.

As a matter of fact, launching direct flights from Istanbul, where the D-8 Secretariat is located, to all of the member states is the most obvious indicator of this approach.

However, increasing the efficiency and visibility of D-8 further is the collective responsibility of each of us.

In this very day, we need formations such as D-8 and we need these formations to be more active in regional and global issues more than ever.

In this respect, I would like to draw your attention the following in particular:

The D-8 is neither an alternative nor an opponent or an antithesis to any formation or international organization.

The only purpose of this initiative is to contribute to global and regional development, and global and regional peace, prosperity

and stability.

The D-8 has emerged as a result of an outcome of the efforts of the countries, which in a vast geography have strong economies with strong state traditions and are seeking peace, harmony and stability in their region for a more livable world.

As you are all experiencing it closely, the D-8 countries as well have been affected by the global economic crisis in one way or another.

This crisis which came up beyond our control takes hold in our countries, countries in our region and the entire geography of the world, be it far or nearer.

I wholeheartedly believe that the D-8 can play an extremely effective role in solving this global crisis which we have no effect on its formation and spread.

Strengthening cooperation and solidarity among us, as D-8 countries, will be helpful for us to feel the effects of this global crisis to the minimum.

However, I know that D-8 will have significant recommendations to the whole world for the purpose of both overcoming this crisis and being cautious against new crisis.

It is clear that this global crisis through which the world is passing through has emerged as a result of greed for boundless consumption.

It is inevitable to experience such crisis in such a system and such a period in which the concept of CONTENTMENT is replaced by the concept of GREED.

Every country on the world, particularly developed states, should review their economic understandings based on consumption, greed and selfishness in order not to experience deeper and more devastating crisis.

As the D-8 I believe that we can pioneer

in shaping and adopting this new understanding.

My dear brothers,

We all know very well that economic development, prosperity, peace and stability in our region is dependent on regional peace.

In an environment where regional wars, conflicts, terror and disagreements exist, no country can fully establish prosperity, stability and economic development within its own boundaries.

Even if our countries are safe in every aspect, problems faced in neighbouring countries, countries in the region also influence us and will continue to influence us. For this reason primarily, we should more substantially and intimately deal with issues related to Palestine and Syria, which are significant obstacles in the development of our countries and our reaching fully peace and stability.

The issue of Palestine causes the entire region to remain within a circle of fire constantly as well as punishing a nation, a people altogether in the Middle East.

The persecution experienced by the innocent, oppressed people of Palestine, who are all our brothers, each and every day and at any time deeply affects us, our nations.

As long as peace and freedom is not brought to Palestine, everyone has to see that all this geography, even all the world cannot be dominated by peace and freedom.

As Israel knows the importance of Palestine for the region very well, it constantly covers the region with fire and conducts attempts of ethnic cleansing against Palestine systematically.

In the interest of winning elections in Israel, making the Palestinian people a target, flagrantly murdering everyone regardless of children, elderly people and civilians in Gaza by Israel cannot be a burden that could be



carried by this region anymore.

Unfortunately, Israel has got spoiled with the support taken from both international organizations and strong states up to the present and has always disregarded international law, human rights and the justified reaction of the countries in the region.

My dear brothers,

Now, as the countries of the region, it is time for us to say stop to the unlawfulness of Israel in a stronger and more resolute way.

We should not just content with this, we should also call Israel to account for the acts of terrorism it has perpetrated until today.

When Israel sees that there are states which are raising their voices against its cruelties and which reflect the feelings of their people to the policies they carry out, it will have to take its steps according to this fact.

As D-8, we also have to take a resolute stand against Israel's unlawfulness and spoiled and violent attacks.

I believe that this is our responsibility not only for our own people and Palestine, but also for the entire humanity.

My dear brothers,

Another important issue that has been threatening our region recently is the events in Syria.

The Syrian issue is escalated by Bashar A I Assad, who is shedding the blood of his own people, purposely in a way that will ignite the fuse of a sectarian clash in the region.

The illegitimate regime of Syria clearly demonstrates that it will not avoid of turning the region into bloodshed in order to sustain its power and continue its prosperity.

What we would never want to see and ex-

perience through in the Islamic World is a sectarian clash.

On the anniversary of the murder of Al-Hussein ibn- Ali, grandson of the Prophet Mohammad, and Ahl al-Bayt, on the month of Muharram, we can never allow new Kerbala events and new sectarian clashes in the region.

We are Muslims...

First of all, we all are the brothers and sisters of each other beyond our personal expectations, offices and diplomacy, and we are primarily responsible for each other.

No one and no country have and will have the right to sit back and watch the bloodshed in the region and support the bloodshed of more innocent people just for their self interests.

Each drop of blood shed in Syria today belongs to innocents. It should not be forgotten that the responsibility of this is incumbent upon the dictatorial regime of Syria, as well as upon those who support this regime and back up and protect this regime.

We have to resolve the Syrian issue together with a new administration, which meets the demands of its people, before the problem grows bigger and more blood and tears are shed; thus we have to support the resolution of the problem.

I call upon D-8 and the region to develop a more effective attitude towards the Syrian issue which threatens the prosperity and serenity of all the countries in the region.

My dear brothers,

As it has done up until now, Turkey will resolutely continue to do its share for the purpose of developing trade within the D-8.

Turkey's trade with D-8 countries has gradually increased.

Our total trade volume with D-8 member states has reached 25.5 billion Dollars in the first eight months of 2012.

In this regard, it is necessary to achieve progress concerning matters such as facilitating customs procedures, facilitating visas, developing small and medium sized enterprises, cooperation in the fields of maritime shipping and civil aviation within the D-8.

Therefore, we should enable the effective implementation of Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding, signed so far within the D-8.

The increase of trade volume will also provide opportunity for cooperation and capacity to generate common projects in rural development, human resources, industry, communication, banking, energy, agriculture, and health. Having raised its dynamism in this way, the D-8 will also be more of an authority in its interaction with other international organizations to have voice also in the fields of poverty, famine and food security.

We should further develop the existent cooperation between the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) and D-8 as well.

The D-8 should also maintain its contacts with organizations such as relevant agencies of the UN, ASEAN, BSEC (Black Sea Economic Cooperation), Pacific Islands Forum, OPEC and AU (African Unity) in line with its Global Vision.

We propose the organization of a workshop in order to discuss the opportunities in this direction.

Mr. President,

Distinguished Heads of State and Government,

I believe that the D-8 will transform into a platform which brings rising economies together and whose voice will be heard more

strongly in economic and human matters in the upcoming period. We can enable D-8 to become a glimmer of hope for the solution of problems in our region. More importantly, we can transform D-8 into an effective power on the global level through strong cooperation and solidarity.

I wish the meeting to be blessed for significant and beneficent developments in this direction.

Before I conclude my speech with these feelings, I would like to reiterate my sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of Pakistan, to the Government of Pakistan and to the friendly people of Pakistan for their warm hospitality.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and appreciation to the Federal Republic of Nigeria for its excellent and sincere efforts in the last two years to strengthen our cooperation in its capacity as D-8 Chair in Office. I would also like to wish Pakistan success, which will fulfill this duty for the next two years. Moreover, I extend my gratitude in your presence to Prof. Widi Pratikko, who has made self-sacrificing contributions to the work of D-8 during his term of office.

I also would like to congratulate Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi, who has taken over the Office of Secretary General.

I would like to thank the honored leaders of the member States, our Foreign Ministers, to all my brothers who have displayed a constructive stance and made contributions and participated in the works of the Commission.

I wish the outcomes of the Summit to be blessed for the family of D-8. for our region and for our world. I warmly greet you all with respect.





H. E. DR.  
WIDI AGOES PRATIJKO  
D-8 Secretary-General

Honorable Chairman, President Asif Ali Zardari,  
Honorable Presidents and Prime Ministers,  
Distinguished Heads of Delegations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is indeed a distinct honor and privilege for me to have the opportunity to address the 8th D-8 Summit in this beautiful city of Islamabad. At the very outset, allow me to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Government and People of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting this Summit, and offer, on behalf of the D-8 Secretariat, our sincere felicitations to President Zardari for chairing our Organization for the next two years - to which all of us look with great hopes and anticipation.

I should also seize the moment to register our appreciation to Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, the Honorable President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for wise and active stewardship of the Organization since the 7th Summit and to his colleagues, in and out of the Foreign Ministry, for all the valuable support for and dynamic engagement in D-8 activities.

In this brief report, I would like to apprise the 8th Summit of the steady progress we have made in various areas of our work since the 7th Summit in Abuja - which coincided with my joining the Organization. Before proceeding with the report, I deem it necessary to

express my personal sincere gratitude to the Honorable President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, for having entrusted to me the tremendous responsibility at the helm of the D-8 Secretariat, as well as to my predecessor, His Excellency Cabinet Secretary Minister of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Dipo Alam, for his continuous support during my tenure at the office.

Turning to the report, I begin with the work of the Secretariat. The agenda items before the Summit indicate, in very clear terms, the progress we have made since the Summit in Abuja. The Charter, as the overarching legal instrument governing all aspects of the work of our Organization and solidifying the foundations for its further institutional development, has been finalized and presented to this august body for adoption. The Honorable Heads of State and Government, I am sure, fully concur with the importance of our collective achievement and the long-term significance of this instrument for the Organization. Equally important, is the agreement on the Global Vision - also at your disposal for adoption - which should help the Organization chart a better way forward in the years ahead.

Another important but related aspect concerns our steady efforts since the 7th Summit to improve the quality of work of the Secretariat - as the central coordinating body

and the necessary vehicle for all the activities of the Organization. The Summit can rest assured that we have steadily improved our working procedures at the Secretariat, at the Headquarters as well as in the course of our participation in principal organs or technical meetings of the Organization. Our secretarial work, whether in the area of official communications and preparation of reports, has improved substantially. This is not an area for big, pompous words, but where nuance and subtlety matters - a hard-won and worthy professional tradition that needs to be maintained, further institutionalized and reinforced.

Another aspect of our work concerns the general pattern of increase and expansion of the D-8 activities in various areas - more in some of the Five Priority Areas and less in some others. While the pattern of holding annual ministerial meetings in the fields of Food Security and Industry points to a positive trend, however, the existing modalities of work and mechanisms need to be reviewed and assessed in order to find practical ways and means to overcome the challenges we face in these two areas and more so in other areas with lower level of activity and participation. Trade, as the most favorite area, definitely needs the active support of the Summit to witness the actual implementation of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) - already with six Contracting Parties, and two more to join.

What I have tried to portray, in wide brush, in these few lines, has been captured, in relative detail, in the Anniversary Booklet - at your disposal in the dossier - which we prepared on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of the Organization. It speaks for itself; it is a modest contribution to the existing literature on the Organization and on our collective endeavors - including in reaching out to other institutions and organizations.

Mr. President,

Since this will be my last opportunity to address the D-8 Summit, I seek your indulgence and of this august body to share some overall reflections. Drawing on my personal experience since the 7th Summit in Abuja, I tend to have an overall positive outlook and assessment of the D-8 work and activities. Neverthe-

less, I also believe that we need to be realistic and objective, especially with regard to the challenges lying ahead and what we as a group need to do in the future. We definitely need to be fully cognizant of the critical fact of the heterogeneity of the 8 member countries in various respects. To stay the course and to make a difference, more than in the past, I believe we are in urgent need of real, hard work in a number of areas, including in the area of helping the Organization project itself effectively, at the national level within the Organization, and also at the international level - which is not just a matter of public relations.

Looking to the future, of course with hopeful eyes, we need to keep our feet on the ground. This would call, to be as frank and forthright as I can be, for a higher degree and level of actual commitment within the Organization, individually as well as collectively, to the implementation of our past decisions. We have made a whole lot of decisions - good decisions - at various levels, of which the bulk remain to be executed. We need to narrow the wide gap between the breadth and quality of our collective aspirations, ideals and objectives - as articulated in our decisions and declarations - and the reality of the level and content of the actual state of cooperation in various fields. In my humble view, it is incumbent upon all of us, individually and collectively, to help remove the barriers and focus on the implementation of what has already been adopted.

And to conclude, I might just underline a rather familiar line - which you might recall from the previous Secretary-General and most probably from the incoming Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi - and that concerns the need for the further strengthening of the Secretariat - in terms of both manpower and finances. To continue moving forward and to achieve success -- that is, to be able to endeavor to reach the targets set collectively, e.g., the quantitative targets of the 2008-2018 Roadmap, let alone other targets to be articulated and adopted later -- the Organization needs a much more strengthened Secretariat -- much bigger than its current compact size and strength.

And I thank you all very much for the indulgence.

## Islamabad Declaration 2012 on Democratic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity



We, the Heads of State and Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Republic of Turkey met in Islamabad on 22nd day of November 2012, for the Eighth Summit of the Developing Eight Countries (D-8). We reaffirm our commitment to the goals and objectives of the D-8, including previous Summit Declarations.

2. We further reaffirm our commitment to peace, democracy, progress, dialogue, solidarity, tolerance, and moderation as the core values and foundation for achieving economic prosperity and well-being of our peoples.

3. We reiterate the importance of consultation, coordination and joint efforts in economic and trade relations among our members and commit ourselves to the realization of a just and equitable international economic system based on the principle of sustainable and inclusive development that take into account the profound impact of climate change.

4. We underscore the adoption of D-8 Charter in Islamabad as a turning point for the Organization. On the occasion of the 15th Anniversary, the adoption of the Global Vision, collectively takes us on a new path of cooperation after we have concluded our mutually beneficial cooperation from Istanbul to Islamabad. We are confident that the principles and objectives enunciated in the D-8 Charter will improve interaction and foster closer cooperation in economic relations among Member States. We therefore pledge to work in solidarity to confront common challenges faced by the D-8 community, especially achieving food security, mitigating the impact of natural disasters and countering all forms of extremism which undermine economic progress and negatively affect the livelihood of our peoples.

5. We note the continuing difficulties faced by the global economy, particularly in Eurozone area, and the impact of the economic and financial crisis which still overshadows the ability of the developing countries to achieve their growth potentials. We underscore the need for better coordination and close engagement between G20 and D-8.

6. We take note with concern of the consequences of the coercive economic measures on the livelihood of the people.

7. Recognizing the uncertain prospects for rapid and sustainable global economic recovery and growth, we resolve to further strengthen intra D-8 cooperation to counter the adverse fall-out of the economic crisis. Likewise, we renew our strong faith in multilateralism, in particular under United Nations system. Accordingly, we commit our nations to active participation, effective coordination and cooperation with all regional and international multilateral institutions to maximize the realization of our common interests, as well as those of the Global South.

8. We are mindful of the impact of globalization and its effects on our societies. To address these challenges, we pledge to pursue national development through inclusiveness, dialogue, and democratic values, particularly by promoting social justice, good governance and empowerment of women. We also underline the importance of collaboration in the fields of sharing best practices, lessons learned and knowledge on democracy and good governance in order to build a solid foundation for peace and development.

9. We commit ourselves to creating a level playing field for all segments of the society, in particular for the youth to learn modern skills to become active participants in the emerging knowledge-based economy and the information society. We emphasize the need for scientific and technological cooperation and the development of joint industrial projects and sharing of engineering and management knowledge, with D-8 Centers of Excellence at the fore front of this collaborative effort.

10. We recognize the facilitating role of the government as catalyst of economic and trade cooperation and underline the importance of achieving intra D-8 investment and trade targets through greater cooperation in these areas. Accordingly, we direct the Commission and the Council to explore, in consultation with national investment and trade promotion agencies, D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Business Forums, strategies and plans for increasing D-8 trade and investment levels at the next Summit. In this connection, we commend the untiring efforts by Nigeria during its Chairmanship in office to promote private sector participation and cooperation among D-8 Member Countries.

11. We underline the critical importance of harnessing sources of energy in our countries, which is the backbone for economic growth and development and place special emphasis on investment in the energy sector through public-private partnerships. We are firmly com-



mitted to creating a framework of cooperation in energy field to achieve long-term energy security in our countries. We reaffirm our commitment to broaden and deepen cooperation in this critical area and stress the importance of collaborative efforts on capacity-building, transfer of technology, exploration of new energy sources, development of alternative fuels, including renewable sources of energy, as well as research, development and production of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. We welcome Pakistan's offer to host the First Energy Forum to evolve a framework of cooperation.

12. We reiterate our commitment to the realization of the objectives of the D-8 Roadmap (2008-2018), in particular, the Five Priority Areas and direct the Commission through the Council to explore practical ways and means for benchmarking the Priority Areas into concrete action plans, policies and measures and prepare specific proposals for the review and decision at the Ninth D-8 Summit.

13. We note with satisfaction the progress in the area of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and recognize the potential for its expansion within the D-8 community and request Member states to make concerted efforts to promote cooperation in this field, including through the promotion of micro-financing. In this regard, we welcome the proposal of Egypt to create a portal on the D-8 website for the SMEs. We further welcome Egypt's proposal to create a portal on the D-8 website for the promotion of tourism.

14. We recognize the emergent role of Islamic Banking and Finance in Muslim societies, including within the D-8 community, and urge Member States to assist in its development as a catalyst for expansion in financial and trade activities.

15. We are mindful that the strength of D-8 lies in solidarity and cooperation in the widest possible areas, including proactive liaison with and engagement in the activities of other regional organizations and institutions in particular OIC, ECO, ASEAN, SAARC, ECOWAS, COMESA, and the Arab League.

16. We note with great satisfaction the success of the Organization in the development of the legal instruments, and their ratification and operationalization which provides the framework for its activities through Visa Agreement, Customs Agreement, the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) as well as MoU on Civil Aviation and serves to facilitate, regulate and promote concrete cooperation among the members.

17. We welcome the ratification of the "Agreement on Simplification of Visa Procedures for the Businessmen of the D-8 Member States" by six member states, as well as the ratification of Multilateral Agreement among D-8 Member Countries on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters by seven member states, and the entry into force of the two Agreements. We believe that these Agreements will give further impetus to the promotion of intra D-8 trade.

18. We welcome the ratification of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) by Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey, and its entry into force, and the current efforts towards its implementation. We invite these countries to take all the required measures to begin, as soon as possible, the implementation of the Agreement.

19. We encourage the remaining countries which have not done so to ratify the three Agreements as soon as possible.

20. We recognize that the private sector in our respective countries has a decisive role to play. We call upon the Member States to extend their valuable assistance to the private sector in

promoting effective liaison with the Chambers of Commerce at the national level towards utilizing existing and emerging investment opportunities within the D-8 community. In this context, we strongly recommend the effective use of the D-8 Website Business Forum Page by the businessmen and companies.

21. We welcome the signing of the Memoranda of Understanding with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and call upon the Secretary-General to exert every effort, in consultation with the Member States, towards the full implementation of the provisions of both MoUs.

22. We considered the final report of the 3 Meeting of Agriculture Ministers on Food Security held early October in Indonesia and express satisfaction at the outcome. We underscore the importance for the D-8 Member States to strengthen and energize efforts towards achieving self-reliance and self-sufficiency at the national level in food production.

23. We also express our serious concern at the growing challenges to food security at national, regional and global levels. Accordingly, we underscore the need for the D-8 Member States to develop strategies towards promoting sustainable agricultural growth, through creating an enabling environment that encourages increased public and private investment in agriculture and agro based industry as well as through raising productivity in agriculture. We also express our determination to ensure fair and open market for agriculture products with a view to promoting better access to food.

24. We urge member states to exert every effort to enhance industrial cooperation through the development of joint venture as outlined in the D-8 Roadmap (2008-2018) as well as strengthen efforts towards achieving self reliance and sufficiency in food production.

25. We also considered the final report of the 3rd Meeting of Industry Ministers held in Dhaka in October 2012 and express satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting. We urge the Member States to exert every effort to enhance and institutionalize industrial cooperation within the D-8 community, through development of joint projects for realization of the previously agreed objectives, particularly in the D-8 Roadmap (2008-2018).

26. We commend Pakistan for choosing "Democratic Partnership for Peace & Prosperity" as the theme of the Eighth D-8 Summit as well as for organizing the D-8 Business Forum, Meeting of D-8 Central Banks Governors, First Meeting of Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations, Trade Exhibition and Interactive Seminar on "Exploring Trade Opportunities Among the D-8 Countries" on the margins of the Summit.

27. We welcome and express appreciation for the ratification of the D-8 Headquarters Agreement by the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey. We extend our appreciation to the Government of Turkey for providing new premises for the D-8 Secretariat Headquarters.

28. We commend the Commission for finalizing the draft Charter and assistance provided by the Secretariat. We remain confident that member states will ratify the Charter in the near future, providing institutional strength to the Organization and its activities.

29. We express our deep appreciation and gratitude to the Commission for the preparation of D-8 Global Vision and to the Council for its approval which will help in guiding the work and activities of the Organization in the coming years for the member states to confront emerging challenges.

30. We acknowledge the commendable work done by the D-8 Secretariat, and recognize and express our gratitude for the meritorious service of Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto as the outgoing Secretary-General of D-8. We welcome the appointment of Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi as the new D-8 Secretary-General and wish him success in his efforts.

31. We welcome the appointment of a Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the D-8 Organization in Istanbul, and encourage other member states to follow suit.

32. We endorse the report of the 15th Session of D-8 Council of Ministers, including the Calendar of Events for the Year 2013, as recommended by the Commission, as well as the reports of the 2nd Meeting of the Central Bank Governors, First Meeting of Heads of Trade Promotion Organizations and D-8 Business Forum.

33. We express profound appreciation to the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, for his exemplary leadership and untiring efforts in promoting the D-8 objectives during his chairmanship of the Organization.

34. We express profound appreciation to His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Government, and the People of Pakistan for hosting the Eighth D-8 Summit and for their warm and generous hospitality. We wish His Excellency, the President, every success during Pakistan's chairmanship of the Organization and declare our unflinching support to His Excellency in this regard.

35. We warmly welcome the gracious offer of the Government of the Republic of Turkey to host the Ninth D-8 Summit in 2014.

## D-8 Global Vision (2012-2030)

D-8, as an intergovernmental organization, comprising Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey, based on friendship, solidarity and pursuit of sustainable economic growth, endowed with abundant human and natural resources, aspires to become a dynamic economic grouping promoting sustainable development of its member states, as well as be a major actor in the global economic governance and system, and international economic cooperation.

### **D-8 is committed:**

1. To promote fruitful collaboration and close cooperation between and among the member states in the widest possible fields, particularly in the agreed priority areas, and enhance mutually beneficial interdependence within the D-8 community, and active promotion of liaison with other regional and international organizations and institutions, with a view to the realization of internationally agreed development goals and graduation of LDCs;
2. To work towards broadening the support for the Organization at the national level within the member states, and strengthen its weight and voice at regional and international levels, including through active engagement in and promotion of South-South and South-North cooperation;
3. To promote and enhance collaborative partnership and engagement between public and private sectors at the national level within and among the member states;
4. To pursue good governance, rule of law, sound economic policies, and political stability as prerequisites for a smooth process of long-term development, improvement in standards of living in the member states, and the promotion of mutually beneficial relations with other member states, regional groups and the world at large;
5. To rise to the task of meeting existing and emerging global challenges through innovative collaboration arrangements and mechanisms in such strategic fields as capacity-building, transfer of technology, and investment and capital assistance, in order to cushion against externally induced economic shocks, climate change, food and energy insecurity, etc.;
6. To strive towards developing an appropriate model for integration among the member states with a view to promoting the Organization's competitive edge at the international level; and
7. To contribute to the changing architecture of global economic governance from the perspective of developing countries.

D-8 will collaborate with others on the basis such core values as peace, dialogue, cooperation, justice, equality, moderation, democracy, rule of law, harmony, peaceful coexistence, and inclusion.

D-8 Strategy towards achieving its long-term ideals and objectives, as enumerated above and also laid out in the 2008-2018 Roadmap, is based on an objective analysis of the tremendous potentials of the entire community, shared commonalities, and particular characteristics and challenges of the member states, and on the resolve to overcome challenges through steadfast cooperation and collective effort.



# D-8 CHARTER



# Charter

## of the Developing-8 Organization For Economic Cooperation

### Preamble

We the Member States of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation; comprising of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey:

BEARING in mind the Istanbul Declaration, through which the Developing-8 Organization, hereinafter called D-8, was established on 15 June 1997;

CONFIRMING their adherence to the principles and objectives stated in the Istanbul Declaration;

RESOLVING to further strengthen the deep-rooted historical affinities that exist among the Member States and their peoples for effective cooperation in all spheres for achieving their common economic goals of development;

DETERMINED to make collective endeavors for the welfare of their people for uplifting social and economic conditions, in particular, towards the elimination of poverty and to achieve higher standards of living;

DESIROUS to establish a strong framework of economic cooperation for development covering all areas of activities and geared to the improvement of the economic and social indicators that would bring qualitative change in the lives of the people in the Member States;

COGNIZANT of the need to strive for a global international economic and financial system based on universal membership, consultation, accountability, and also the effective participation of the developing countries in the international decision-making organization and institutions that effect the entire international system, including in particular the concerns of the developing countries;

DEDICATED to develop and forge closer economic cooperation towards achieving benefit from regional economic groupings and utilizing the collective economic potential for gaining advantages from such cooperation for all Member States;

COMMITTED to forge a common approach on the part of the developing countries in their trading relations with the developed world, including, inter alia, through efforts towards the establishment of equitable trading mechanisms, inclusive of policies and measures ensuring market access such as elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers;

REAFFIRMING their adherence to the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as a basis for fruitful cooperation, and to strive for the democratization of international decision-making apparatus and mechanisms towards the achievement of a just international order based on the rule of law and universally accepted principles of international law;

RECOGNIZING, with appreciation, of the achievements thus far by the Organization and its existing modalities, and further aspiring to work in an institutional manner towards the full realization of the vast potential of the Member Countries, individually as well as collectively, for further socio-economic cooperation and sustainable advancement;

REITERATING their desire for the further expansion of fruitful cooperation in the widest possible range of fields within the D-8 community and elevating their respective level of development to a higher league also with the ultimate objective of playing a larger role in the global economy and the process of globalization;

RESOLVING to expand and strengthen South-South cooperation and enhance active participation in regional and global economic institutions;

EXPRESSING their resolve to ensure environmental sustainability in their pursuit of long-term development and global partnership in the efforts towards the realization of the internationally agreed development goals;

UNDERLINING the essential role of good governance and the rule of law, at both national and international levels, for sustained, inclusive and equitable growth and development;

RECOGNIZING the need to strengthen the legal and institutional framework of the Organization, as an inter-governmental institution, and to further codify requisite principles, rules and values; HAVE AGREED on the following articles:

### **Chapter I Objectives and Principles of Cooperation Objectives Article .**

The Objectives of D-8 are:

- (a) To promote and enhance joint efforts towards achieving sustainable socio-economic development through effective utilization of economic and social potentials of D-8 countries;
- (b) To promote welfare, alleviate poverty, and to improve quality of life of the People of D-8 countries,
- (c) To further strengthen economic, social, technical and scientific ties within the D-8 community;
- (d) To promote private sector activity, through, inter alia, encouraging cooperation between chambers of commerce and industry, joint investments between private companies and public-private partnership, towards achieving the long-term goal of balanced national development in the D-8 countries;
- (e) To strengthen cooperation with other countries, regional and international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, with a view to promoting the concerns and interests of the developing countries;
- (f) To work towards playing an effective role in the global economy commensurate with its collective potential and capacity.

### **Principles and Scope of Cooperation Article 2**

1. The Member States undertake to cooperate in conformity with the Istanbul Declaration and this Charter, as well as in line with the past and future decisions of the Organization.
2. Cooperation within the framework of the Organization shall be based on such principles as fraternity, peace, dialogue, justice, equality, rule of law, and democracy.
3. The provisions of this Charter shall not adversely affect the bilateral and multilateral prerogatives and commitments of the Member States emanating from their membership in other regional and international organizations and from other international agreements to which they are parties.
4. Member States shall settle all disputes arising from economic interaction between them and or between their private sectors through peaceful means and in a friendly manner in accordance with established principles.
5. Cooperation will comprise, inter alia, trade, industry, communication and information, finance, banking, joint investments, customs, insurance and privatization, agriculture, rural development, energy, mines and minerals, transportation and logistics, migrant workers, micro finance and remittances, science and technology, poverty alleviation and human resources development, environment, health, tourism, and humanitarian assistance, and other possible areas as decided by the Council of Ministers or Summits, and political consultation and coordination at the regional and international fora.

### **Chapter II Membership Article 3**

1. Members of the D-8 are the eight founding countries which are already deemed to be Parties to the present Charter and other states which may accede in the future to the Charter in accordance with Article 3 (2).
2. The present Charter shall remain open for accession by any Member State.
3. Any developing country Member of the United Nations sharing common affinities and friendly relations with the founding members, and undertaking to abide by the objectives and principles of the D-8, as set forth in the present Charter, may apply through the Secretary-General to become a member of the Organization. Subject to the recommendation of the Council of Ministers and the approval, by consensus, of the Summit, the Organization may admit such countries as members. Membership shall be effective upon accession by the applying country to the present Charter through submission of instrument of ratification to the Secretariat.
4. Under this Charter, Member States shall have equal rights and obligations
5. Member States shall accept, respect, and take all necessary measures to effectively implement the provisions of this Charter and to comply with all obligations of membership.

### Observers Article 4

1. The Organization, based on the recommendation of the Commission and subject to the consensus decision of the Council of Ministers, may admit and grant as observer any state Member of the United Nations adhering to the purposes and principles of the Organization, as set forth in the present Charter, and willing to make a practical and valuable contribution to its work and goals.
2. The Organization, based on the recommendation of the Commission and subject to the consensus of the Council of Ministers, may admit and grant observer status to other regional or international organizations.
3. The Organization, based on the recommendation of the Commission and the consensus of the Council of Ministers, may admit and grant observer status to non-governmental organizations from Member States specializing in the priority areas of the work of D-8.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, observer Status may be suspended or terminated by the Council of Ministers. The suspension or termination shall take effect immediately after notification has been given to the state.
5. The Council of Ministers shall decide upon the nature of interaction of the observers during the sessions of the Organization and for their interaction with the Organization and with the D-8 Secretariat in the rules on the observer status.

### Chapter III Principal Organs of D-8 Article 5

1. The Principal Organs of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation shall be:
  - a. Summit of Heads of State or Government
  - b. Council of Ministers
  - c. Commission
  - d. Secretariat

### Summit of Heads of State or Government Article 6

1. The Summit shall comprise the Heads of State or Government of Member States and shall function as the supreme organ of the D-8 Organization.
2. The Summit will deliberate and decide upon the policy and guidelines on all matters to achieve the objectives of the Organization and may deliberate any issue considered important by the Member States.
3. The Summit is convened once every two years in the territory of one of the Member States by rotation. The Summit decides, through consultations, upon the date and venue of its next meeting.
4. The Agenda of the Summit will be prepared by the Council of Ministers with the assistance of the Commission and the Secretariat.

### Council of Ministers Article 7

1. The Council shall comprise the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States. It functions in accordance with the guidelines and policy directives of the Summit.
2. The Council acts as a forum for comprehensive deliberation and consideration of all the issues before the Organization and is competent to take all decisions as a body under the guidance of the Summit.
3. The Council shall review reports submitted by the Commission and adopt recommendations and decisions to be submitted to the Summit. It may delegate to the Commission any task it may deem necessary.
4. The Council shall be responsible for the preparation of all official documents to be considered by the Summit.
5. The Council shall meet once a year or more if necessary in the territory of Member State Chairman in office or any Member States or other places to be agreed upon. There shall be a Council meeting before each Summit.

### Commission Article 8

1. The Commission is the executive organ of the Organization and functions under the guidance of the Council of Ministers.
2. The Commission shall comprise of senior officials from Ministries of Foreign Affairs, preferably at ambassadorial rank, appointed as Commissioners by their respective governments.
3. Each Commissioner functions as national focal point in his/her respective country.
4. The Commission shall present the report of its activities to the Council and shall also submit to the Council the draft Provisional Agenda, draft Work Program for the Council and the Summit, and draft decisions and declarations for the Summit.
5. The Commission shall establish Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Groups, as and when necessary, examine their reports and supervise their activities.
6. The Commission shall meet at least twice a year; once immediately before the Council. The Commission may convene special/extraordinary meetings, as and when necessary, to consider the issues mandated by the Council or the Summit.
7. The Commission shall adopt its own Agenda and Programme of Work on the basis of the decisions and directives of the Council and the Summit.



### Secretariat Article 9

1. The Secretariat shall initiate, coordinate, and monitor the implementation of all D-8 activities and meetings related to the principal organs and technical meetings. Overall responsibilities, functions and other issues governing the daily activities of the Secretariat are covered by Staff Regulations.
2. The Secretariat shall comprise a Secretary-General who shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Organization and such staff as established in the Statutory Document and also determined by the Organization.
3. The Secretary-General shall be appointed on recommendation by the Council of Ministers by consensus from among the nationals of Member States and approval by the Summit for a non-renewable four-year term in accordance with the principle of rotation in alphabetic order with due consideration for competence, integrity and experience. The Secretary-General will be of the rank of Ambassador in the diplomatic service of the Member State.

### Article 10

1. The Secretary-General shall perform the following responsibilities:
  - a. Coordinate and harmonize the work of the Organization, including, inter alia, effective follow-up of the implementation of recommendations and decisions of D-8 principal organs;
  - b. Initiate, propose and report to the principal organs matters that may serve or impair the objectives of the Organization;
  - c. Shall assist the host country in the preparations for the meetings of the Summit, Council of Ministers, and the Commission to the extent of preparation of the agenda and programme of work in coordination with the Member State holding chair of the Organization;
  - d. Shall assist the host country in the preparation of D-8 meetings to the extent of provision of such services as preparation of draft agenda, programme of work, decisions, recommendations and declarations. Reports of all meetings shall be prepared by the host country, in consultation with the representatives of the Secretariat attending the meeting, and officially transmitted to the Secretariat immediately after adoption for circulation among Member States;
  - e. Prepare the working papers and memoranda to implement decisions taken by the Summit, Council of Ministers and other sectoral ministerial meetings;
  - f. Organize with the assistance of Member States technical and sectoral meetings and activities;
  - g. Prepare the programme of work and the annual budget of the Secretariat;
  - h. Facilitate and coordinate communication, consultations and exchange of information among Member States on all matters falling within the purview of the work of the Organization and of importance to Member States;
  - i. Perform any responsibility entrusted to him by the Summit or the Council of Ministers;
  - J. Submit annual report to the Council of Ministers and a biennial report to the Summit on the work of the Organization;
  - k. Propose the establishment of subsidiary and or ad hoc bodies for advancing the goals of the Organization.

### Article 11

In the performance of their duties, the Secretary-General, and the staff of the Secretariat, shall not seek or accept instructions from any government or authority other than the Organization. They shall refrain from taking any action that may be detrimental to their position as international civil servants responsible only to the Organization. Member States shall respect this exclusively international character, and shall not seek to influence them in any way in the discharge of their duties. The terms of service of the staff members shall be governed by staff regulations.

### Representation of the Secretariat Article 12

1. The Secretary-General shall attend all the meetings of the principal organs along with the necessary staff and shall make oral statements and submit written statements/reports, and when required, offer clarification on issues under deliberation.
2. In the absence of the Secretary-General in any meeting of the principal organs, the designated representative shall represent him and may make oral statements, and when required, offer clarification on issues under deliberation.
3. The Secretary-General shall represent the Organization in external relations. He may also designate member(s) of the staff to represent the Organization wherever appropriate.
4. The Secretary-General may dispatch one or more of the staff to attend technical meetings.

### Chapter IV Technical Meetings Article 13

1. Member States shall host technical meetings such as sectoral ministerial meetings, working groups, workshops, forums, high level technical officials, roundtables, and task forces comprising senior experts in order to exchange views, discuss, negotiate, and make proposals on D-8 fields of activity and areas of cooperation.
2. Terms of references of all technical meetings shall be defined by the host country and agreed by Member States before holding such meetings.
3. The host country shall prepare, in consultation with the Secretariat, the report of all technical meetings and submit same to the Commission without delay for consideration, recommendation, and follow up.

**Chapter V  
Chair of D-8  
Article 14**

1. The Member State hosting the Summit shall assume the D-8 Chair and shall exert its utmost efforts to promote the objectives of the Organization until the next Summit.
2. The D-8 Chair shall preside over all meetings of the principal organs and technical meetings. For all D-8 meetings, the representative of the next chair may function as co-chair of the meeting.

**Chapter VI  
Rules of Procedure Official Language  
Article 15**

English shall be the official language of the Organization in all meetings,

**Agenda  
Article 16**

1. The Secretariat shall prepare, in consultation with the D-8 Chair and the host country, the draft agenda for all meetings of the principal organs of the Organization.
2. For all other D-8 meetings, except as mentioned in paragraph 1 above, the hostcountry shall prepare the Agenda, Programme of Work, Terms of Reference and Administrative Arrangements and provide them to the D-8 Secretariat for circulation at least one month prior to the meeting concerned.

**Conduct of Meetings  
Article 17**

1. The meetings of the principal organs shall be governed by the rules of Procedure of the Organization.
2. The presence of a simple majority of Member States constitutes the quorum for D-8 meetings.
3. Extraordinary meetings of the Commission, Council and/or the Summit can be held upon the request of Member States. One or more Member States may propose the convening of an extraordinary meeting of the Commission, the Council and/or the Summit. The proposal shall be forwarded to the Chairman in Office at least 30 days before the proposed date of the meeting together with the supporting documents explaining the rationale for such a meeting. The Chairman in Office shall circulate the proposal to the Member States together with the supporting documents. The extraordinary meeting shall be convened unless at least one Member State raises an objection within 7 days after the receipt of notification. The extraordinary meeting shall be convened in the territory of the requesting Member State with the consent of the Chairman in Office.
4. Meetings of the principal organs of the Organization take place in the territory of Member States by rotation. Therefore, any Member State shall be eligible to host D-8 technical meetings. The modality of hosting such meetings shall be decided by the Commission.

**Decision Making  
Article 18**

1. All decisions in the Summit, Council, and the Commission shall be taken by consensus.
2. Decisions in technical D-8 meetings, may be taken by the simple majority of members present and voting. In case of divergence of views, Member State(s) concerned may record their positions or exercise the right of reservation.

**Chapter VII  
External Relations  
Article 19**

1. D-8 may establish mutually beneficial collaborative relationships with other states, regional or international organizations, institutions, and non-governmental organizations with a view to establishing partnerships and/or initiating joint projects. The nature and extent of such collaboration shall be determined by the Council of Ministers by consensus.
2. Representatives of states, international and regional organizations, institutions, or non-governmental organizations may be invited to the inaugural and/or closing ceremonies of the Summit upon the initiative of the host country subject to prior notification of all Member States.

**Chapter VIII  
Settlement of Disputes  
Article 20**

1. In case of a dispute between two or more Member States concerning the interpretation or application of this Charter, the Parties to the dispute shall consult and, if necessary, shall bring the dispute to the attention of the Council for consideration and appropriate decision. The Secretary-General may also be consulted or requested to use his good offices.
2. In case of a serious breach of the Charter or non-compliance, the matter shall be referred to the Summit for consideration and appropriate decision.

**Chapter IX  
Budget and Finance Budget  
Article 21**

1. The budget of the Secretariat shall be financed through the contributions of the Member States based on the scale of assessment established by the Council of Ministers.
2. "The Financial Regulations of the D-8 Secretariat" shall govern all matters related to the budget and finance. Any amendment of these regulations shall require proper Council consideration and decision.
3. The Secretariat shall prepare the budget for each year before the end of March of the previous year and shall submit it to the Commission for its consideration, adoption and recommendation to the Council for final approval.

**Voluntary Contributions**  
**Article 22**

Consistent with the Objectives and Principles of D-8, voluntary and/or project- based contributions from D-8 Member States, other countries, international organizations, institutions, private corporations, or non-governmental organizations, are welcomed. The necessary modalities to govern the management of such contributions shall be adopted by the Council upon recommendation of the Commission. The funds shall be subject to audit and inspection in the same manner as the regular budget of the Organization.

**Chapter X**  
**Legal Provisions Legal Personality of D-8**  
**Article 23**

D-8, as an inter-governmental organization, shall enjoy a legal personality and capacity.

**Privileges and Immunities**  
**Article 24**

1. D-8 shall enjoy in the territories of Member States such legal personality and privileges and immunities as are necessary for the exercise of its functions and fulfillment of its purposes and objectives.
2. The privileges and immunities of the Secretariat staff in the host country shall be laid down in the Headquarters Agreement.
3. Representatives of the Member States and officials of the Organization shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as laid down in the Headquarters Agreement.

**Withdrawal**  
**Article 25**

1. Any Member State may withdraw from the Organization through official notification of the D-8 Secretariat.
2. Withdrawal shall take effect at the end of the financial year of the notification date. All obligations shall remain valid until their complete fulfillment.

**Chapter XI**  
**Amendments**  
**Article 26**

1. Any Member State may propose amendments to the present Charter through the Secretariat. Amendments to the Charter shall be made by the Council upon recommendation of the Commission.
2. Amendments to the present Charter shall come into force for all members when they have been adopted by consensus of the members of the Council and ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional processes of all Members of the Members of the Council.

**Chapter XII**  
**Final Provisions**  
**Article 27**

1. The Charter shall be ratified by the Member States in accordance with their respective constitutional practices and the Instrument of Ratification shall be deposited with the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall officially inform the Member States upon the receipt of each Instrument of Ratification.
2. The Charter shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date the Secretariat receives Instruments of Ratification of five Member States.
3. For each Member State, which ratifies this Charter after the date of its entry into force, as provided in paragraph 2, it shall enter into force on the date of the deposit of the Instrument of Ratification by that State.
4. The present Charter is drawn up in one original copy in English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized to that effect, have signed



For the People's Republic of Bangladesh



For the Arab Republic of Egypt



For the Republic of Indonesia



For the Islamic Republic of Iran



For Malaysia



For the Federal Republic of Nigeria



For the Islamic Republic of Pakistan



For the Republic of Turkey







# COUNCIL

## 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers 21 November 2012 Islamabad-Pakistan

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H.E. PROF. DR. GOWHER RIZVI  
 International Affairs Adviser to  
 the Honorable Prime Minister  
 of the People's Republic of  
 Bangladesh



## Statements of Member Countries

At the 15<sup>th</sup> Council of Ministers D-8 Summit  
 21 November 2012  
 Islamabad-Pakistan

Madame Chair,

May I first offer our warmest congratulations to you on your assumption of the Chair of the Council of Ministers of D-8. And through you, may I also convey my sincerest thanks to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the excellent organization of this meeting, and for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to me and my delegation. I believe under your able leadership we will be able to do all the groundwork and preparations for the Summit to take decisions so appropriate for this anniversary summit. I express my deep appreciation to the government of Nigeria for steering our Council during the last two years in an exceptionally productive manner. May I also take this opportunity to express our special appreciation of the Secretary General, for his leadership and service to the Organisation. I thank you Mr. Secretary General.

I wish to congratulate the Commission of the D-8 on the significant accomplishments since the 14th Council. The finalization of the D-8 Charter and the D-8 Global Vision by the Commission indeed represents commendable progress in institution building of our Organization. The 15th anniversary of

D-8 will be a very appropriate occasion to adopt these two historic documents. We believe that the D-8 Charter and the Global Vision will provide direction and the impetus for our cooperation in the next decades.

I also commend the Commission for undertaking the exercise for modification of the Secretariat structure and the Statutory Documents over the last one year. These will contribute substantially to re-energizing the Organization for its optimum performance. However, we are of the view that the Secretariat needs further restructuring streamlining and strengthening the organization. We thank the government of Turkey for ratification of the Headquarters Agreement last year and thereby confirming the seat of the Secretariat in Istanbul.

We are happy that with entry into force of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement in October last year, all four D-8 instruments are now in force. During the last one year, Bangladesh along with Malaysia ratified the D-8 Agreement on Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters. We are open to any suggestion for review of some of these agreements if there are implementation issues.

We are deeply appreciative of the sincere

commitment of the government of Nigeria to the D-8 process by increasing its annual contribution voluntarily by 5% and becoming the first member state to establish its Permanent Mission to D-8 in Istanbul. Bangladesh has recently established a Consulate in Istanbul. We will consider accrediting our Consul, if not a full time PR, to the D-8.

Since the last Council session, Bangladesh was happy to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Industrial cooperation, while Indonesia hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture. We are glad that Indonesia also hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> D-8 Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture in the same month. We are happy to note that these periodic Ministerial Meetings are taking on an institutional shape.

We believe that trade is pivotal for economic development. In the context of D-8, the Preferential Trade Agreement is the lifeblood of cooperation. Much as we wish to, we cannot ratify the PTA considering that the 40% value addition criterion will not be beneficial to our exports. I call upon fellow member states for considering lowering the value addition criteria to 30% for Bangladesh as an LDC in harmony with the provision of the PTA under OIC. This will help strike a balance in our terms of trade, which is already tilted against Bangladesh by a factor of about 3.

Food security is fundamental to development and poverty alleviation in any developing country. We welcome efforts being made by the working groups on seed bank, animal feed, fertilizers, standards and trade issues, and marine and fisheries. We would like to flag that, apart from augmentation of food production, supply and availability of food are of paramount importance for ensuring food security. D-8, in the long run, may consider a regime of stable market for food grains with minimum barriers to trade.

It is industrialization that can generate wealth and employment. Even trade cannot flourish without industries. Cooperation in industrialization may need transfer of technology, investment or labour. D-8 countries might share appropriate technology among themselves at reasonable cost. The member states may find it easy to invest in other member states in view of cultural affinity. Member states, if necessary, may utilize migrant labor from other member states in their industrial ventures on the principle of comparative advantage.

Transportation is extremely important for ensuring connectivity, which in turn is the key to any form of cooperation. For D-8, connectivity and transportation is of particular importance as member states are geographically diverse. We hope that the Working Group on Civil Aviation that has been meeting regularly will come up with viable and imaginative proposals for connecting all our capitals with direct flights. We believe that the Working Group on Shipping has a lot more to do in improving the shipping network among our member states. Bangladesh has made a mark in building and exporting ocean-going vessels. We can share our experience developed in this field.

It is understood that the rate of increase of energy demand in developing countries is more than the world average. This is necessitated by the need to quicken the pace of development for these countries to make up for their historical backwardness.

The working group on energy is engaged in sharing information and best practices on a wide range of issues. Cooperation in alternative sources of energy could be an important field in this area. Bangladesh has made great progress in utilization of solar energy at the grass roots level under rural electrification system. This model is worth replication in other countries.

Madame Chair.

The role and contribution of the private sector is becoming increasingly important in the economy all over the world. We should welcome the private sector's inputs in policy formulation as well as in investment. We believe that the private sector should also have a larger role in all areas of cooperation under D-8. We see merit in exploring the possibility of a mechanism of coordination between public and private sectors to address all practical issues affecting the smooth conduct of cooperation.

Madame Chair,

D-8 provides us a unique opportunity not only to cooperate but also to put together experiences of different regions of the world for a meaningful synthesis. We should make best use of this opportunity. We have firm conviction that our cooperation in the coming decades will be more fruitful.

I thank you, Madame Chair.



**H.E. DR. R.M.  
MARTY M. NATALEGAWA**  
Honorable Minister of  
Foreign Affairs of the  
Republic of Indonesia



Your Excellency Madame Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan,

Excellencies Ministers of D-8 Countries,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me begin by expressing Indonesia's appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for its hospitality and excellent arrangements of this meeting.

I would also like to congratulate you, Madam Chair, on Pakistan's assumption of the leadership of the D-8. I am confident that under its able stewardship, our Group will significantly advance towards its ultimate goals and objectives.

May I also like to take this opportunity to commend Nigeria for its successful Chairmanship of our Group during the past two years.

Madame Chair,

Our meeting today provides us an excellent opportunity to affirm how D-8 core values of peace, democracy, dialogue, solidarity and tolerance can further amplify our Group's development endeavors at a time

of global uncertainty.

While conflicts and democratic deficits are much in evidence in various parts of the developing world, the outlook in D-8 member countries is promising.

Cooperation and partnership among us over the past fifteen years have contributed to the promotion of welfare, reduction of poverty, growth of democracy and improvement of the quality of life of our peoples.

As a group we have become part of the engine of global economic growth. We have contributed to world prosperity. We are making progress toward many of the Millennium Development Goals.

We cannot, however, be complacent. As we meet today, we face immense global challenges.

The worlds grappling with the problem of poverty, unemployment and the democracy deficit.

The global economy is fragile. The Euro zone is in the midst of a crisis. High and unstable energy and food prices continue to weigh down on global development.

Terrorism and persistent regional conflicts continue to threaten global peace and se-

curity. Climate change remains a real and present danger that looms over global development prospects.

This is the reality that we in the D-8 must face today: a world of with multifaceted and simultaneous challenges.

It is therefore imperative that we intensify cooperation and partnership, and working concert to address the many global challenges confronting the D-8.

We have to be creative — think outside the box— and engage our private sectors and all relevant stakeholders more vigorously. We must strengthen our economic, social, technical and scientific cooperation and enhance connectivity among D-8 members.

Our success of these endeavors will determine whether we can meet our global vision and ultimate objectives. And whether we will be part of the solution to the global challenges of our time.

Madame Chair,

As we open a new chapter in our closer cooperation, we are called upon to deepen and enlarge the scope of our work. In this context, permit me to highlight three key areas that our Group must address as we strive towards our 2030 global vision and ultimate objectives.

First, we in the D-8 should work to establish ourselves as a resilient economic grouping. This requires that we cooperate and adopt policies that ensure sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth and social development.

We should vigorously pursue a green growth strategy. This will make growth and the protection of the environment mutually reinforcing and ensure the sustainability of our economic development.

It is also important for D-8 countries to achieve inclusive and equitable growth. Our cooperation should therefore be driven by

economic policies that foster growth in the real sector and generate livelihood opportunities and jobs for our peoples.

It is also essential that we ensure equitable growth by deepening cooperation in areas that would widen participation in economic activities, and thus raise the incomes of the poor and the marginalized among our peoples.

Second, we must strive for democracy and good governance to consolidate our resilience as an economic grouping.

Our cooperation should continue to enhance the promotion and strengthening of democratic values and good governance in D-8 countries. We should intensify our sharing of knowledge, exchanges of views and practices that advance democracy and good governance.

In this context, we appreciate and we are encouraged by the participation at the highest level of D-8 countries in the recently held Bali Democracy Forum, in Bali Indonesia.

And third, it is important for the D-8 to strengthen its contributions to global processes. We must work in concert to help create an international environment and global framework that supports development.

We in the D-8 must therefore be actively involved in such multilateral processes as the High-level Panel to formulate the UN post-2015 development agenda, the UNFCCC climate change process and the WTO Doha trade negotiations.

Madame Chair,

I would like to emphasize that having a strong and clear vision is key to ensuring the success of our Group. Hence, Indonesia endorses the D-8 Charter and the new Global Vision that has been recommended by our Commissioners. By pursuing this vision, our Group will become stronger and more resilient.

Finally, let me join other delegations, in conveying my Government's appreciation to the outgoing Secretary General, Dr. Widi Pratikto for his tireless efforts in building a strong and professional secretariat. An Indonesian, he has made his country proud of his achievements and contributions to our Group.

At the same time I wish to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Seyed Ali Muhammad Mousavi on his appointment as the next Secretary General. Rest assured Indonesia's support for a successful tenure in your office.

I thank you.

**H.E. DR.  
ALI AKBAR SALEHI**  
Honorable Minister of  
Foreign Affairs of the  
Islamic Republic of Iran



Madam Chairperson Honorable Ministers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

It is indeed with extreme sorrow and sadness that we are gathering here together at a moment when we are witnessing an atrocious, outrageous and inhuman aggression and onslaught by the Zionist regime upon our defenseless Palestinian brothers and sisters. The least expected from all of us is to express with the strongest voice our condemnation of this bloody massacre and ask the UN Security Council to leave behind its attitude of double standards and do something i.e. taking tangible measures in stopping this nascent genocide.

Madam Chairperson

I would like to express my gratitude to Your Excellency Hina Rabbani, distinguished Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for warm hospitality and arrangements of our Council of Ministers and for sideline gatherings to foster public and private engagement in the work of the Organization. May I also congratulate Your Excellency for your assumption as Chairperson of the Council of Ministers of the D-8.

I should also thank the D-8 Secretariat for their elaborate arrangements and documentation. I wish to extend my gratitude to Nigeria for the leadership and constructive efforts during its tenure of D-8 Chairmanship.

As human beings are the focus of development, it is imperative to create an enabling environment for development as well as sound macroeconomic policies conducive to high investments rates for further enhancement of human resources in developing countries including mine. Unfortunately and contrary to our common expectations, the international community has witnessed a tendency to divide the world into unnecessary rival camps through exclusionist policies, which would adversely affect free trade as well as integration of all states into the world economy.

A majority of people of the world are still confronted by numerous common problems and great challenges such as extreme poverty, commodity price spikes, food security fears, high level of unemployment, and trade restrictions, external debt burden, and lack of financial aid and climate change negative effects. This requires our Organization for its part, to work on a vigor-

ous, coordinated and comprehensive global response to these challenges. We need to shape a comprehensive plan of action with a focus on eradicating poverty, to ensure food security, enhancement of intra trade, and transfer of advanced technologies.

The objectives of D-8 are to improve the developing countries' position in the world economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and provide better standards of living. In materializing these objectives, D-8 has designated 5 priority areas, and we are happy to note that projects on the basis of the priority areas are advancing. In materializing of D-8 objectives with private sector we should facilitate and create joint projects to achieve the objectives of the D-8 cooperation and to encourage business societies in our countries to participate in D-8 activities. In this regard we are happy to note the new thrust of initiatives by the Federation of Chamber of Commerce, and we hope it can continue to foster business to business cooperation amongst private sector stakeholders in our countries.

On Agriculture and Food Security, we thank Indonesia for hosting ministerial meeting to address Agriculture and Food Security. On sub issues of Agriculture, notably Marine and Fisheries, Seed Bank, Animal Feed, Fertilizers, and Standard and Trade Issues, are satisfactorily progressed. We also have to commend Bangladesh for hosting 3rd D-8 Industry Ministerial Meeting, which tends to coordinate industrial cooperation. We note with satisfaction that automotives, Electronics and ICT, iron and steel, machineries, cement, and energy are among topics that Industry segment of our Organization looks into.

The desire for social and economic development as the background for our Leaders to establish D-8 cooperation in 1997 remains valid and bonds our countries towards progress and modernity in the spirit

of friendship, solidarity and cooperation. However, when we look back at what our Organization has achieved after fifteen years of cooperation, I must say that our cooperation has not reflected its true potential and is still far from fulfilling its objectives and goals.

We have seen that lack of quorum has resulted in the postponement of many activities scheduled in the D-8 Calendar of Events. While some decisions of the previous activities fail to be implemented due to lack of decisive will. I believe that these obstacles could be overcome with our strong political will and a prosperous Secretariat. I met Dr. Pratikto, Secretary General of D-8 last year in Tehran. I heard with surprise from him, that he works with only a few staff in the Secretariat. While I thank him for his dedication during his tenure, I hope that the next Secretary General continues to receive full support of the Member States in order to enable him enhance implementation of the decisions of the Organization and materializing his mandate in a smooth and steadiest way, relying on, to be Roadmap, Vision and Charter as D-8 policy papers.

Madam Chairperson

One other surprising issue is that after 15 years of the inception of D-8, we lack a financial mechanism to support projects on different aspects of the work of the Organization. To tackle this issue, 7th Summit in Abuja, adopted prima facie a Joint Investment Fund to ensure proper implementation of the projects and help boosting investment efforts throughout D-8 region. Holding the expert meeting which foresees the mechanism and procedure of Joint Investment Fund, dealing with challenges of investment and lack of funding for our projects, has been set for January 2013 in Tehran. We have to encourage our colleagues in relevant bodies to actively participate in this meeting and contribute to materializing this noble goal.

Madam Chairperso.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has ratified the Preferential Trade Agreement and exchanged its Offer List of Products. We are delighted to note that the first meeting of Supervisory Committee held and we earnestly hope to witness operational endeavors of PTA begin soon. We also have acceded to Visa Agreement and Civil Aviation Cooperation, and hope to see practical steps towards implementation of these documents.

Madam Chairperson

"Democratic partnership for peace and prosperity" is selected as the theme for D-8 Summit. We therefore submit that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of the people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems. Democracy does not belong to any country or region, and due respect for sovereignty and the right to self-determination, and rejection of any attempt to breakdown constitutional and democratic orders legitimately established by the peoples is of vital importance. The world today is composed of States with diverse political, economic, social and cultural systems and religions determined by their history, traditions, values and cultural diversity, whose stability can be guaranteed by the universal recognition of their right to freely determine their own approach towards progressive development. Taking into account the importance of the Bali Democracy Forum initiated by the government of the Republic of Indonesia as an intergovernmental forum to promote democracy, we have just participated in its 2012 Summit which is an established mechanism based on the principles of equal participation, sharing of experiences and best practices, dialogue and international cooperation.

Madam Chairperson

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the great importance, the Islamic Republic of

Iran attaches to enhancing our multilateral cooperation in the context of D-8 Organization as an important means for growth and development of the countries of the region. Let me once again congratulate Your Excellency, Foreign Minister of Pakistan as Chairman of the 15th Meeting of D-8 Council of Ministers and assure you our fullest cooperation, and I wish you every success during your chairmanship-in-office. I thank you for your attention.





**H.E. YB  
DATO' SRI ANIFAH HJ. AMAN**  
 Honorable Minister of Foreign  
 Affairs of Malaysia

Your Excellency Hina Rabbani Khar Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Honourable Ministers

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am grateful and honoured for the opportunity to be present here in Islamabad for the 15th Session of D-8 Council of Ministers. I wish to extend my appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Pakistan for the warm welcome and generous hospitality accorded to me and my delegation since our arrival in this beautiful city. My congratulation also goes to the host for the excellent arrangements made for this Meeting as well as for the Summit tomorrow. May I assure you, Madam Chair, of the support and commitment from my delegation to ensure the success of our Meeting this morning. I am confident that under your able leadership, we would be successful in our deliberations.

2. I also wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chair, His Excellency Olugbenga Ashiru for the excellent work that Nigeria has rendered since assuming the Chairmanship of D-8 in 2010. I take note with great interest of the achievements

made by Nigeria as the D-8 Chairman in the last two years. I would also like to commend Nigeria for its decision recently to voluntarily increase its annual contribution and also for the opening of Nigeria's D-8 Permanent Representative Office in Istanbul recently.

3. On the same note, I would like to reassure the incoming Chair, Her Excellency Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, that Malaysia remains committed to supporting the new Chair in carrying out her responsibilities towards this Organization. I am sure that the existing close bilateral relations that we have between Malaysia and Pakistan would further be strengthened through our cooperation during the tenure of Pakistan's Chairmanship.

4. Our meeting here today is important and historic because it marks a new beginning for this august organisation. This year, we are commemorating the 15th anniversary of the establishment of D-8. Tomorrow our leaders will give their endorsement to the D-8 Charter and D-8 Global Vision, two new instruments that would provide the necessary foundation and the vision for our future collaboration in addition to the Islamabad Declaration. I have no doubt,

that these two instruments would further improve our work in a more comprehensive, organized and structured manner. I would like to thank and congratulate our Commissioners and other officials for their hard work and dedication to finalize the draft texts.

5. My delegation strongly believes that the Charter and the Global Vision will help us to meet the dynamic global challenges that all of our countries face today. Certainly, the Eurozone crisis is not helping us at all and it can even be said that they are in a denial stage. While traditional mechanisms of collaboration have worked in the past, the time has come now for us to look at innovative collaboration, arrangements and mechanisms as outlined in the Global Vision in such strategic fields as capacity building, transfer of technology, investment and capital assistance, climate change, food and energy security, and so on. In order for the D-8 to remain relevant in today's global economic environment, there is no doubt that this organisation of ours must have a competitive edge. So the question begs, how do we develop this competitive edge?

6. There have been criticisms in the past that the D-8 is merely a talk shop. At the same time, the D-8 is not so well known outside its own circle. This is sad to note as there is abundant economic potential to be exploited amongst ourselves. With the market of more than 900 million people, the benefit of trading with each other is enormous. D-8 is targetted to achieve annual intra-trade of 15 to 20 percent but the gap in what we wish to achieve and what we have achieved remains wide. Thus far, we have only achieved 7.5 percent.

7. This is strange to note given the number of D-8 agreements that are either have been ratified or in the process of doing so. It is therefore obvious that they appear to be a disconnect of what we are doing and what we want to do. So the question is, how do we address this disconnect?

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8. The answer I believe lies in a genuine political and economic will and commitment to achieve the targets that we have set for ourselves. For example, one of these targets is the achievement of 15-20 percent D-8 intra-trade. We must seriously address the root causes as to why we are falling behind in our targets. My delegation is convinced that organizations like D-8 can contribute towards stabilising the global economic environment by realising its full potential in trade, investment, capacity building and technology.

9. As I remarked earlier, the adoption of the D-8 Charter and the Global Vision, marks a new beginning for this organisation. Therefore, it is timely to take stock of what we have done and decide if we need to do things differently. I am not saying that we should reinvent the wheel, but rather to conduct an analysis and evaluation of why we have not realised our full potential as a dynamic economic grouping. Part of this exercise is to analyse whether we have leveraged on the comparative advantages that our member states possess. We must also relook at the strategies that we have adopted to realise our road map of 2008 to 2018. A good start could be to genuinely adopt the core values highlighted in the D-8 Global Vision.

10. In furtherance to this, I believe D-8 should venture into new areas. One of the new areas that have been identified with the potential to grow is the Islamic Banking and Finance. We feel that more recognition should be given towards Islamic Banking and Finance as an alternative to conventional financial system and what better way to do it than through D-8, a group of Islamic countries working together to achieve economic growth. As an example, Sukuk or Islamic bond can be used as a mechanism to tap funding opportunities to finance infrastructure and developmental projects or for capital and business expansion.

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Ladies and Gentlemen

11. I would also like to commend the role the D-8 Secretariat has played in promotin.

The activities of D-8. the points that I have raised above would probably demand the need to strengthen the D-8 Secretariat. While Malaysia is in support of strengthening the Secretariat, it does not necessarily mean a large secretariat could be more effective. Malaysia is of the view, that any decision to expand thesecretariat in terms of staffing or increase the budget must commensurate with the achievements or results of D-8. In other words, or in management terms the increase in staffing or budget must have the desired impact.

12. Before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the outgoing Secretary General, Bapak Professor Widi Agoes Pratikto whose term expiring by the end of this year. His professionalism and dedication in leading the Secretariat over the last two years has been exemplary. I wish him greatest success in his future endeavours. On the same note, i also welcome the new Secretary General, Dr. Mousavi and I am confident that under his leadership the Secretariat will continue its good work.

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen

I thank you for your kind attention.

**H.E. AMBASSADOR  
OLUGBENGA A. ASHIRU. MFR**  
Honorable Minister of Foreign  
Affairs of the  
Federal Republic of Nigeria



Your Excellencies the Honourable Ministers  
of D-8 Family  
Honourable Commissioner.  
The Secretary-General of D-8  
Distinguished Members of Delegations  
Distinguished Guests  
Member of the Press  
Ladies and Genllemen

It is with great pleasure that I address you once again at this 15th Session of our Council. Let me start by congratulating H.E Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan as Chairperson on the occasion of the 15th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers, taking place in this beautiful city of Islamabad. Our presence at this meeting reaffirms the importance we attach to the D-8 which has continued to serve as a veritable platform for economic cooperation and development in our respective Countries.

2. In July 2010 in Abuja, our leaders adopted the theme "Enhancing Investment Cooperation among D-3 Members" at the 7th Summit. This was principally aimed at ensuring that we create more opportunities to develop our economies through collaborative efforts and pooling of resources. The essence of this goal was further amplified

by President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR, when he enjoined Member Countries to remain focused in the use of trade as a driver of economic growth and development in which process the private sector is the sole pilot.

3. I am happy to note from the report of the Secretary General that the last two years have witnessed significant increase in practical terms of infra D-8 trade activities and cooperation. In particular, I will like to single out for mention, the activities of the Nigerian Chapter of D-8 Federation of Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA) for actively mobilising the private sector and embarking on a special Trade Mission to some Member countries of our organization to boost and improve infra D-8 trade. I am particularly glad that this endeavour has yielded positive results.

I therefore cal on other countries to emulate and sustain such efforts towards ensuring the development of closer coopération that we envisaged among the private sector of our economies.

Excellencies

4. Under Nigeria's Chairmanship we have also witnessed the coming into force of three main trade facilitative legal instruments, namely the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), Customs and Visa Agreements. When fully operational we expect that these instruments would help to raise infra D-8 trade volume from the current level of about 9-10 percent of world trade to 15-20 percent by 2018 as envisaged in our laudable D-8 Roadmap.

5. We in Nigeria are heartened that coterminous with our leadership tenure, activities of the Organization witnessed an unprecedented upswing. Of the 36 (thirty-six) sector-specific and main Organs' meetings and activities during this period, Nigeria hosted 15 (fifteen). This, for all intents and purposes, is not only expressive of our belief in the organisation as a catalyst in the promotion of effective trade among our members but also as a demonstration of our commitment to elevating the D-8 to a potent and indispensable multilateral trade platform on the global scene. It is therefore gratifying that sustained regular interactions have ensured the exchange of ideas and expertise, provided building blocks for productive and profitable partnerships as well as fostered the sharing of best practises among Member Countries.

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen

6. It is pertinent to recall that in the spirit of the Istanbul Declaration of 1997, the Abuja Declaration of July 2010 rightly recognized the need to expeditiously finalize the draft Charter of our Organization. Consequently, in the past two years, our D-8 Commissioners and the Secretariat have devoted a great deal of attention towards completing the work on not only the Charter but also on two other key instruments, the Statutory Documents and Global Vision Statement. The Draft of these documents have been finalised and are being recommended

to the Council for approval. The adoption of these important documents in the course of this summit will serve as another significant milestone achievement in the history of this Organization. It will also underscore their affirmation of collective faith in commitment to the D-8 Organization and South-South cooperation as viable strategies for achieving economic development.

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen

7. Nigeria remains unequivocal in its belief in horizontal cooperation as the main corner stone of our economic renaissance. We believe strongly in the D-8 model of cooperation within the scheme of South-South cooperation for economic development. It is for this reason that following the Council's adoption of its decision at the 14th Session in Abuja in July, 2011, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan of Nigeria directed the opening of the Nigeria D-8 Mission in Istanbul and appointed an Ambassador as Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the D-8. The Mission, which was opened in September 2011 has now accentuated the profile of the D-8 Organization and will surely sustain the mutually beneficial relations between Nigeria and the Secretariat on the one hand, and with other D-8 Member Countries on the other. In this regard, I wish to thank the Government of Turkey for their support in facilitating the process of establishing the Mission.

Excellencies

8. The Agenda before us at this 15th Session is full and very crucial to the development of our Organization. I urge all of us to work hard in the course of the next two days so that all matters before us are given thorough consideration. The Nigerian delegation sees every meeting of D-8 as opportunity that must never be lost. As stated elsewhere before and precisely by my predecessor in office, during the 13th Ministerial Council in Abuja, "Nigeria values its membership of the D-8 as a vehicle for

development cooperation in furtherance of member states economic development goals". In the bid, therefore, to sustain the prevailing momentum, relevant Departments/Agencies of the Nigerian government have identified some important Expert Meetings and Workshops to be hosted in Nigeria next year. I will like to enjoin colleagues to influence the same course of action in your respective countries as a contribution to fostering mutual beneficial economic engagements of our peoples.

Excellencies Ladies and Gentlemen

9. Let me conclude by acknowledging and appreciating the commendable and good work done by the Secretary General of the D-8, Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikfo during Nigeria's Chairmanship. His dedication, professionalism, persistence and drive for success were clearly evident in the discharge of his duties since July 2010, which contributed enormously to the remarkable achievements of the Organization in recent times. I also like to commend other members of the secretariat for a job well done.

10. Thank you for the attention.





## H.E. HINA RABBANI KHAR Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Bismillah irr Rahman irr Raheem  
Honorable Ministers  
Heads of Delegation  
Honorable Secretary General  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Before I begin, I just want to express, what I am sure is a sentiment shared by us all today about the events in Gaza. Some of my colleagues are returning from Gaza in show of solidarity.

The innocent people of Gaza are in our thoughts and prayers, and Pakistan once again condemns Israel's aggression against the people of Palestine.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Pakistan, I warmly welcome you to Islamabad for the 15th Session of the Developing-8 Council of Ministers. Islamabad welcomes you with the best weather it has to offer.

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude to Secretary General Dr. Widi Pratikto and his team for assisting us in organizing the D-8 meetings in Islamabad. We must also express our appreciation of the work accomplished so diligently by the D-8 Commissioners during the past two days, especially yesterday as they worked till 2 am.

The Islamabad Summit has a special significance as it coincides with the 15th anniversary of the founding of D-8. This journey that we started in 1997 has enriched our fraternal relations, but there is so much more potential that we have yet to tap.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

The D-8 group of countries came together in 1997 because we collectively believe that a better future for our people is within grasp. We share an intrinsic optimism about the benefits of working together, reducing the barriers between us, and enriching the lives of the one billion people that make up the D-8 family.

As eight large countries with large numbers of young people, the D-8 forum gives us an opportunity to collectively reflect on how we can work together to break down the barriers to the free movement of ideas, goods and services and people between our countries. In short, we must come up with ways that will unleash the creativity and innovation of our young people, and fuel a bright and sustainably prosperous future.

I am pleased that the Islamabad Summit is

the venue for the adoption of two landmark documents: the D-8 Charter and the Global Vision. The se documents provide the necessary stimulus to our collective endeavors.

To make the economies of the D-8 countries really ready for the next level, as envisaged by the D-8 Charter and Global Vision, we will need strong and consistent efforts, not only from D-8 governments, but also from the private sectors in our respective countries.

To catalyze increased participation and interest from the private sector, we've invited business leaders, corporate executives, and exhibitors from your countries to participate in a Business Forum, a meeting of Trade Promotion Organizations, and a Trade Seminar. We hope these events will contribute towards forging meaningful business-to-business linkages among the D-8 community.

Pakistan's own commitment to the D-8 process is reflected in the fact that we have ratified all three agreed framework instruments: Visa Facilitation, Customs Cooperation and the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). We strongly urge the operationalization of these agreements at the earliest.

Let me also take this opportunity to invite the businessmen and investors from your countries to avail of the enormous business opportunities in Pakistan. Opportunities for investors exist in the energy, agriculture and agro-based industries, mineral development, transport and engineering sectors.

We have one of the most liberal investment regimes in the world.

Our greatest strength is our people. Pakistani skilled and unskilled labour is sought after the world-over for their diligence, competence and endurance. With greater foreign direct investment here at home, we believe our people can help businesses from around the world grow faster and more efficiently.

Moreover, given our substantial infrastructure and public services needs, this govern-

ment, and all future governments in Pakistan have a natural incentive to support and facilitate public-private partnerships, that help improve the bottom line of investing companies and deliver real and tangible value to the people of Pakistan.

One of the most important meetings taking place at the Islamabad Summit is the heads of Central Banks meeting, which happens to be ongoing, in parallel to this session today. It is our desire that this process be institutionalized to identify ways and means of enhancing financial and monetary cooperation. We will be presented with the outcome document later in the day for adoption.

Honorable colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are pleased that Pakistan is hosting the D-8 Summit at a time when our democratic government is on the cusp of completing its five year term. It is our belief that democracy is central to attaining sustainable and lasting development.

It is only through democracy that we were able to secure the ownership of the people of Pakistan for the steps our government has taken to effectively address the challenges of national security and development.

As we move ahead with our national development agenda, we know that we can achieve economic development only in a peaceful and prosperous neighborhood. History has taught us this important lesson.

Our efforts are therefore directed towards bringing about peace and stability in South Asia and beyond. We have recently hosted the meeting of Afghan High Peace Council and will continue to support Afghan-led, Afghan-owned and Afghan-driven efforts for peace and reconciliation in Afghanistan.

We are also engaged with India to build mutual confidence, expand bilateral trade, and resolve outstanding issues, including the issue of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.



From the UN Security Council, where Pakistan is currently a member, to Human Rights Council, to which we were elected this month, to the OIC, Pakistan always coordinates closely with the D-8 countries and other close friends to advocate for the causes that are important for the Muslim and developing world. Last week, at the initiative of President Asif Ali Zardari, Pakistan convened a Regional Ministerial Conference to work together to fight the menace of narcotic drugs and its nexus with terrorism.

Distinguished Heads of Delegations,  
Ladies & Gentlemen,

I want to take this opportunity to commend the contribution of the Government of Nigeria as the D-8 Chair for providing outstanding leadership during the past two years.

As Pakistan assumes the Chair, it shall be our endeavor to further build on the ground covered so far and continue the cooperative spirit that guides our Organization.

As the incoming Chair, I wish to make following proposals for consideration by the Council:

Operationalize all three of the framework agreements i.e. Preferential Trade Agreement, agreement on simplification of visa procedures for the businessmen of D-8 member states and multilateral agreement on administrative assistance in customs matters

Evolve a mechanism to intensify interaction of private sector by regularly holding sector-specific Business Forums. D-8 Commission to identify sectors within the agreed priority parameters.

Given the high importance of energy sector, hold periodic meetings of energy experts covering all sectors, and explore means to exchange information on projects available for public-private partnerships.

Place special emphasis on cooperation in developing light engineering sector.

Establish a mechanism for sharing investment opportunities in the mineral development sectors of our countries to explore vast untapped resources.

Convene regular periodic meetings of investment promotion agencies for sharing best practices and for working on Memorandum of Understanding on Investment Promotion among the D-8 Countries.

Focus on Halal sector. D-8 Commission may undertake a study for promoting Halal sector, in particular harmonization of accreditation and certification issues and to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Institutionalize the meetings of Trade Promotion Organizations, to be held biennially to monitor progress on the acceleration of trade among the D-8 community and achievement of targets set in the road map for the Second Decade of Cooperation, and Coordinate our position on issues of common concerns at international fora, in particular at the United Nations.

The socio-economic challenges are indeed daunting, but I believe that our will to overcome those challenges is stronger. With determination, we can surmount these challenges and achieve desired results for the socio economic development of our countries.

I thank you and once again hope you have a most pleasant stay in Pakistan.

## H.E. PROF. DR. AHMET DAVUTOGLU Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey



Mr. Chairman,  
Honorable Ministers,  
Mr. Secretary General  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be in brotherly country Pakistan on the occasion of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Foreign Ministers of D-8.

At the outset, I would like to express our deep appreciation to my Sister and dear colleague H.E. Hina Rabbani Khar, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, and her able team for the excellent arrangements made for this important meeting.

As the founder of the initiative and the host country of its Secretariat, Turkey attributes paramount importance to cooperation within the framework of the D-8. We remain committed to the goals and objectives set forth by the 1997 Istanbul Declaration, which constitutes the basis of our cooperation.

Fifteen years ago, when founding the D-8, we came together in the pursuit of common goals for strengthening our economies

and elevating the welfare of our peoples through cooperation and by means of our nations' vast human and natural resources.

At that time, our leaders wisely envisioned a group of like-minded countries aspiring to achieve more prosperous, more participatory and not least a genuinely just world economic order. The se, today, continue to be our main objectives along with supporting the sustainable growth of our economies.

You may recall, at that time, our leaders exchanged views regarding global economic developments and their effects on our countries. As we all concurred at that time too, poverty in the world may only be eliminated through attaining equal economic means and opportunities.

We have agreed that in order for our economies to ensure sustainable development, industrialization, enhanced human resources, and forward-looking partnership between public and private sectors are vital.

On the other hand, since 1997 the world has also experienced several economic crises, with the recent global financial crisis being the most severe one. This has triggered wide ranging need for economic and

financial reforms by the international community to strengthen the resilience of the global financial architecture.

During the crisis, emerging economies have been a source of strength. Their solid growth performance has avoided the free-fall of the global economy. The current global economic and financial crisis has thus proven, once again, the wisdom behind the establishment of such groupings as the D-8.

As a matter of fact, the growing importance of such groupings also confirms the emergence of the East and South on the global stage in terms of not only politics but also economics. From production, processing and manufacturing to service sectors, the ongoing shift in the center of gravity of global economics is evident.

At this juncture, we need a new development paradigm based on justice to properly address the new challenges that not only the developing countries but also the world at large are faced with. We need to come up with more representative structures which may better respond to the expectations of justice and more equitable sharing of the global welfare.

In the design of the new political and economic order, common understanding, unity and cooperation among developing countries, along with their rich natural and human resources should outweigh our constraints at the bargaining table with the key actors and institutions of the international system.

That is why, in view of the global economic crisis and sweeping political transformation in our neighborhood and the world at large, economic and commercial cooperation and solidarity among D-8 members should be regarded as a more valuable asset than ever.

It is therefore well fitting to name the theme of this Summit as "Democratic Partnership for Peace and Prosperity" as the interdependence between welfare and human freedom has never been that much evident. Nowadays, the greater respect for the rule of law, good governance, pluralism and social justice is strictly interrelated with socio-economic development of countries.

As the members of D-8, our partnership should be underpinned by a common agenda which can address the needs of the people and the facts on the ground. Such an agenda should comprise innovative political and economic approaches going hand-in-hand.

In this respect, we need to make concerted efforts towards enhancing sustainable growth through inclusive policies. We should work on establishing participatory institutional frameworks conducive to human development in our societies. Obviously, only through sound business environment which in turn necessitates transparent, functioning and comprehensive decision-making mechanisms in economics and politics could we sustain socio-economic development.

D-8, with a new structural identity, a visionary global guideline and a sound institutional ground will no doubt serve to meet such an ultimate goal.

Of course, this does not mean one-size-fits-all solutions; neither does it involve top-to-bottom kind of social engineering methods. We may have shared goals but we are also required both to chart tailor-based approaches and to calibrate D-8 work to each member state duly. Needless to say, it requires a great deal of work.

Nonetheless, owing to the unique character of its member states illustrating a source of inspiration for integration of the countries from three continents, namely Asia, Africa

and Europe, the D-8 has a historic mission to play in this regard.

Let me touch upon the economic pillars of such an important goal D-8 is about to embark:

First and foremost comes the structure, so to speak the building blocks as the great Pakistani thinker and poet Muhammad Iqbal wisely puts it "wrong concept misleads the understanding; a wrong deed degrades the whole man, and may eventually demolish the structure..."

D-8 cooperation has a different structure from the existing international bodies or organizations. It evolved and matured since its inception.

Although geographic distances between our nations might be considered as a disadvantage for realizing planned activities and producing further concrete projects, our political will for the enhancement of D-8 cooperation is strong enough to overcome these physical barriers.

Moreover, by utilizing the means offered by technology and information age, we can diversify and enhance our activities within the D-8. Our efforts towards making best use of the potentials of our countries will eventually bear fruit to the benefit of the peoples of D-8.

Yet, the D-8 needs structural transformation in order to live up to the unique conditions and challenges of the 21st Century so as to enable its voice to be counted in the development and socio-economic issues that matter for the emerging economies.

To this effect, we are pleased to have designed a new vision for the D-8 and finally to adopt its Charter and a new organizational structure. The last Commission Meeting, which was held on 12-14 March 2012 in Abuja, Nigeria, was very fruitful in

outlining the future perspectives of the Organization.

Secondly, devising feasible areas of economic cooperation and developing long term perspectives and policies within the framework of D-8 are of vital importance.

To this aim, we need to exchange best practices, facilitate business creativity, promote advanced financial strategies and engage leading actors in economics of D-8 countries through special events, development workshops, and joint projects.

As such, we will be able to open up new economic opportunities, constitute new social models and implement firm policies for the socio-economic betterment of hundreds of millions of people which the D-8 represents.

In fact, the importance of economic and trade cooperation has also increased in the face of intense international competition and the speedy transformation process in every sector that we are witnessing today.

It is necessary for the member states to continue effective cooperation through long term policies. D-8 is a good platform of discussion about the transformations in the world economy.

In this context, the financial as well as food and energy crises which our world has been going through periodically add urgency to this process.

That is why we believe that the priority areas such as trade, energy, transportation, customs, agriculture, finance and tourism should be on the focus of D-8's attention.

By the same token, while the governments remain as pivotal catalysts and enablers of economic growth, D-8 cooperation must essentially be private-sector driven.

Therefore, in order to enhance cooperation

and communication between the private sectors within the D-8 framework, organizing trade fairs, trade shows and buyer/seller meetings, promoting mutual visits between the private sectors and initiatives towards bringing together the businessmen from the member countries would be beneficial.

In this respect, special thanks go to the Pakistani authorities for their impeccable organization of Business Forum and other sideline events during the 8th Summit.

Thirdly, since the success of any multi-lateral economic gathering is measured by the volume of its intra-trade and its share in the global trade, we need to accelerate our endeavors within the framework of the D-8 towards the liberalization of trade and gradual removal of non-tariff barriers. Despite of the fact that half of the member countries (such as Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Turkey) are cited amongst the top 25 merchandise exporters of the world and two of them (Indonesia and Turkey) are member of G-20, the D-8 countries altogether regretfully perform poorly both at the global and the regional level.

To give an example, D-8 total trade share in the world accounts for only 4.87 % as of 2011. More regrettably, the percentage of the intra D-8 trade in the total trade of the members with the rest of the world stands on inadequate levels corresponding to just 7.5%. The se figures are far from the target of 15-20% set by the 2008-2018 road-map of D-8.

On this account, the ratification of the "Agreement on Administrative Assistance in Custom Matters", Simplification of Visa Procedures for the Businessmen of the D-8 Member States and the "Preferential Trade Agreement" (PTA) as well as its annex on "Rules of Origin" that constitutes an integral part of the PTA and Civil Aviation Cooperation are important benchmarks of D-8.

However, we still need to overcome some bureaucratic obstacles for the implementation of these agreements and cooperation activities. On this occasion, I call on all my colleagues to take concrete steps on this matter so that we can implement the said agreements.

At this point, I would like to express my appreciation for what we have achieved so far, concerning PTA in particular. At present, six member states are parties to the agreement and the rules of Origin. However, in order to effectuate the agreement, contracting parties need to complete the internal procedures and we need to set a date for implementation.

To this end, we hosted the first meeting of the Supervisory Committee in March 2012 to enable the speedy effectuation of the Agreement. We are also planning to convene the second meeting in the first half of 2013.

We now stand prepared more than ever for the entry into force of the implementation phase of the Agreement. I do hope that with your cooperation and support, we will be able to put into effect the Agreement in 2013 and utilize the increasing trade among us.

In terms of betterment of D-8 intra-trade unlocking the interconnecting potential of D-8 becomes all the more important in that member countries are natural springboards among major economic zones such as the EU and ASEAN.

D-8 itself may thus become an important actor for multi-tier trade routes stretching from Mediterranean to the Pacific.

Turkey supports the efforts of the D-8 Secretariat with a view to setting up a more institutionalized structure.

We are convinced that adoption of the global vision and the D-8 charter as well as the

establishment of new organizational set up would increase and strengthen the efficiency of the organization.

By the means of a more institutionalized and visionary D-8 structure, we are now able to set realistic but precise time frames for our targets I already set out. I believe that given the institutional novelties that it is expected to bring about, the 8 Summit will be recalled as a turning point in the history of the D-8.

While concluding my remarks, I would like to express my most sincere thanks and gratitude to Nigeria for completing its term of D-8 Chairmanship-in-Office successfully and wish all the success to Pakistan as it assumes the Chairmanship-in-Office for the next two years. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Secretary-General Mr. Widi Pratikto for his commendable work in executing D-8 activities and preparing comprehensive reports.

On this occasion, I also congratulate our new Secretary General, Ambassador Seyed Ali Mohammed Mousavi and welcome him warmly. I have no doubt that like his predecessor he will display an able leadership during his tenure.

Finally, I also would like to thank the Secretariat staff for their tireless efforts throughout the preparation process of the Summit and once again convey my heartfelt congratulations to our host, my dear Sister Mrs. Rabbani Khar for the successful organization of the meeting.

Thank you.





H.E. DR.  
WIDI AGOES PRATIKT  
D-8 Secretary-General

Honorable Chair,  
Distinguished Ministers,  
Dear Colleagues,

It is indeed an honor to have the opportunity to address the 15th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers. Let me offer, first and foremost, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of my colleagues at the Secretariat, our deep appreciation to you, Madam Chair, and through you, to the esteemed Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, for the very warm and gracious hospitality extended to us since our arrival in Islamabad. I should also take the moment to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Foreign Minister Olugbenga Ashiru, the outgoing Chair, for Nigeria's effective stewardship of the Organization since the 7th Summit back in July 2010 - where my tenure at the D-8 Secretariat started. Nigeria's active engagement in the wide range of our activities has been significant and commendable - which we fully appreciate.

Madam Chair,

Almost a year and a half has elapsed since I addressed the 14th Session of the Council in mid-July 2011. I am sure the Honorable Ministers have been briefed, periodically

and I presume adequately, by the distinguished Commissioners, on the state of play and cooperation within the Organization. In the present statement, I'll try to capture, in broad brush, the essence of our work, and achievements, since our last meeting in Abuja.

The agenda items before this Session indicate, in very clear terms, the progress we have made since the 14th Session in Abuja. The draft Charter, as the overarching legal instrument governing all aspects of the work of our Organization and solidifying the foundation for its further institutional development, has been finalized and presented to this Session for endorsement to the Summit tomorrow. I really doubt I need to emphasize the importance of our collective achievement or the long-term significance of this instrument for the Honorable Ministers. Equally important, is the agreement on the draft Global Vision - which should help the Organization chart a better way forward in the years ahead. The agreed text is also before you to be endorsed for the Summit. On the Islamabad Declaration - also a very solid, visionary document agreed yesterday at the Commission - I leave it to the Honorable Chair, and her eloquence, to

apprise you.

Another important issue before the Session relates to the amendments to a number of provisions of the Statutory Documents - which, I hasten to add, might need to be further re-visited in order to ensure full consistency with the provisions of the Charter. That of course belongs to the future and to be pursued by those who follow us. For the moment, however, I turn to certain aspects of our work at the Secretariat - which, as the dear Commissioners know fully well - has been on my mind since I joined the Organization back in July 2010; and that is, improvement in the work of the Secretariat, as the necessary vehicle for improvement in the work of the Organization. We have steadily improved our working procedures at the Secretariat, at the Headquarters as well as in the course of our participation in principal organs or technical meetings of the Organization. I can tell you, with a sense of certitude, that the quality of our secretarial work, whether in the area of official communications and preparation of reports - at the Headquarters or in the meetings - has improved substantially. This is not an area for big, pompous words, but where nuance and subtlety matters - a hard-won and worthy professional tradition that needs to be maintained, further institutionalized and reinforced. Quality should be the name of the game.

In fulfillment of the clear recommendation of the Commission, particularly as reflected in the report of the Special Commission Session, we have taken concrete steps in the area of our financial matters, including working with a single banking account, utilizing the services of an independent accounting agency for the regular supervision of the Secretariat's book-keeping procedures and balance sheet in order to ensure compliance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and International Accounting Standards (IAS). Moreover, the officer in charge of finances at the Sec-

retariat has undertaken professional accounting training and received therequisite certificate. Also in line with the widely-felt need for improvement in our website, we have recruited another programme officer, a national of Bangladesh, who has successfully reshaped the D-8 official website - which, as I gather from the feedback we have received, has been serving our growing clientele better. It is our hope that the IT department at the Secretariat will manage to offer a range of services to the Member Countries.

Excellencies,

I am sure the Honorable Ministers are fully apprised of the general pattern of increase and expansion of the D-8 activities in various areas - more in some of the Priority Areas and less in some others. We need to review and assess the existing modalities of work and mechanisms and find practical ways and means to overcome the challenges we face in this regard. On the positive side, as reflected in the two Ministerial Meetings held in October; one on Food Security in Indonesia, and another on Industry in Bangladesh, we have succeeded in establishing a pattern of holding annual meetings at this high level. The pattern definitely needs to be maintained in these areas, and pursued vigorously in other Priority Areas, most prominently in the area of trade. As you all know, we need to hold the second meeting of the Supervisory Committee as early as possible, and the first meeting of the Trade Ministers' Council, to commence, in actual terms, the implementation of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) - already with six Contracting Parties, and hoping that the other two Member Countries will also join soon.

Liaison and cooperation with other regional and international organizations and institutions, which as everybody agrees is an integral part and parcel of our mission and collective work, has been on our mind and we have tried, to the best of our ability, to



nurture and promote it. However, instead of going into details about these activities, I draw the attention of the Honorable Ministers to the Anniversary Booklet - at your disposal in the dossier - which we prepared on the occasion of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Organization. It came out in early October. It speaks for itself; it is a modest contribution to the existing - and I hope growing - literature on the Organization and on our collective endeavors - including in reaching out to other institutions and organizations.

Honorable Ministers,

Since this will be my last report to the D-8 Council of Ministers, I suppose it befits me, drawing on my personal experience at the Secretariat since July 2010, to share with you some overall reflections. Well, to make a long story short, and to be as succinct as possible, I might venture to emphasize a few points of a general nature - the details of which are to be found in other relevant reports in various fields of activity.

While, as an outgoing Secretary-General, I tend to have an overall positive outlook and assessment of the D-8 work and activities, I also believe that we need to be realistic and objective, especially with regard to the challenges lying ahead and what we as a group need to do in the future. Moreover, we also need to be fully cognizant of the critical fact of the heterogeneity of the 8 member countries in various respects. To stay the course and to make a difference, I believe we are in urgent need of real, hard work in a number of areas, including in the area of helping the Organization project itself effectively, at the national level within the Organization, and also at the international level and play the bigger role it deserves.

Looking to the future, of course with hopeful eyes, we need to keep our feet on the ground. This would call, to be as frank and forthright as I can be, for a higher degree and level of actual commitment within the Organization, individually as well as collec-

tively, to the implementation of our past decisions. We have made a whole lot of decisions - good decisions - at various levels, in political and technical organs, of which the bulk remain to be executed. We definitely need to limit the number of new decisions and instead focus on the implementation of what has already been adopted. This, as I am sure the Honorable Ministers and also the dear Commissioners would concur, requires further strengthening of the Secretariat. To continue moving forward and to achieve success -- that is, to reach the targets set collectively, e.g., the quantitative targets of the 2008-2018 Roadmap, let alone other targets to be articulated and adopted later -- the Organization needs a much more strengthened Secretariat -- much bigger than its current compact size and strength.

And to conclude, let me just add that I have already welcomed, in my concluding remarks yesterday, my dear successor, Dr. Mousavi and his new team and expressed readiness to assist him and his team with a smooth transition. I would also like to seize the moment to register, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of Amb. Bagher Asadi, Director, who will be leaving with me at the end of the year, and Mr. Asim Aksoy, Economist - who will also be leaving the Secretariat within a couple of months - our deep gratitude and appreciation for the valuable support we have received from the Council of Ministers all along.

And also a special word of gratitude and commendation for the Government of Turkey, for all the gracious support they have accorded to the Secretariat, including the provision of the new premises this past summer - and, of course, to me personally during my tenure since July 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to register my deep appreciation to Minister Davutoglu, Amb. Mehmet Gucuk and all his colleagues.

On this note, I close my remarks.

Thank you very much for your indulgence.



## SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

# Report of the 15<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers

21 November 2012  
Islamabad-Pakistan

The Government of Pakistan hosted the 15th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 21 November 2012. The Meeting was attended by H.E. Dr. R. M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Ali Akbar Salehi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Dato' Sri Anifah Haji Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, H.E. Mr. Olugbenga Ashiru, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, H.E. Mrs. Hena Rabbani Khar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Advisor to the Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and H.E. Mrs. Somaya Saad, D-8 Commissioner of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The list of participants is contained in Annex I.

## 1. Opening of Session

D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Dr. Widi Pratikto, opened the Session.

## 2. Welcoming Remarks: Outgoing Chair

H.E. Mr. Olugbenga Ashiru, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, made welcoming remarks.

## 3. Handing over of Chairmanship

The Chairmanship of the Session was officially handed over from the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

## 4. Welcoming Statement

H.E. Mrs. Hena Rabbani Khar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, made a welcoming statement (Annex II).

## 5. Adoption of the Agenda

The Council adopted the agenda of the Session (Annex III).

## 6. Presentation of the report of Activities: D-8 Secretary-General

Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General presented a brief report on the activities of the Secretariat and the Organization since the 14th Session of the Council in July 2011 (Annex IV).

## 7. Statements of the Heads of Delegations

Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegations made statements (Annex V).

## 8. Adoption of the report of the 32nd Session of the Commission

The Council took note of the report of the 32nd Session of the D-8 Commission (Annex VI).

## 9. Adoption of the Budget of the D-8 Secretariat for 2013

The Council considered and adopted the budget proposal for the D-8 Secretariat for 2013 as endorsed by the 32nd Session of the D-8 Commission (Annex VII).

## 10. Adoption of the reports of Meetings of D-8 Heads of Central Banks and Business Forum

The Council considered and adopted the reports of the meetings of the Heads of Central Banks and the Business Forum (Annex VIII).

## 11. Adoption of Amendments to the Statutory Documents

The Council adopted the amendments to the Statutory Documents as endorsed by the 32nd Session of the Commission (Annex IX).

## 12. Endorsement of the D-8 Charter

The Council considered and endorsed the D-8 Charter as recommended by the 32nd Session of the Commission (Annex X).

## 13. Endorsement of the D-8 Global Vision

The Council considered and endorsed the D-8 Global Vision as recommended by the 32nd Session of the Commission (Annex XI).

## 14. Endorsement of the Islamabad Declaration

The Council considered and endorsed the Islamabad Declaration as recommended by the 32nd Session of the Commission (Annex XII).

## 15. Endorsement of the New D-8 Secretary-General

The Council, upon the recommendation of the 32nd Session of the Commission, endorsed H.E. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi (Islamic Republic of Iran), as the new D-8 Secretary-General - whose term of office will commence from 1 January 2013.

## 16. Adoption of the Draft Agenda for the 8th D-8 Summit

The Council considered and adopted the draft agenda for the 8th D-8 Summit (Annex XIII).

## 17. Date and Venue of the 16th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers

The Council decided to hold the 16th Session of the Council of Ministers in Islamabad in 2013 - the exact date of which will be communicated in due course.

## 18. Other Business

## 19. Adoption of the report of the 15th Session of the Council

The Council adopted its report by consensus (Annex IV).

## 20. Closing

The Chairperson made a closing statement and thanked all Ministers/Heads of Delegations and all delegates for their participation in the work of the Session, in which a number of important documents were approved to be submitted to the 8th Summit for adoption.

The delegations thanked the Chairperson for her able stewardship of the meeting and expressed appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting the meeting.



# Report of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers

14 July 2011

Abuja-Nigeria

The Government of Nigeria hosted the 14th Session of the Developing Eight (D-8) Council of Ministers in Abuja, Nigeria, on 14 July 2011. The Meeting was attended by Deputy Prime Minister of Turkey, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Foreign Minister of Iran, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia, Senior Advisor to Foreign Minister of Indonesia, Assistant Foreign Minister and Commissioner of Egypt, and Commissioner of Pakistan. The list of participants is attached as Annex I.

## 1. Welcoming statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria

On behalf of the Foreign Minister of Nigeria, H.E. Amb. Olugbenga Ashiru, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria H.E. Professor Viola Onwuliri made her welcoming statement to the Council, which is at Annex II.

## 2. Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Council adopted the Agenda which appears as Annex III.

## 3. Statements of the Heads of Delegations

The texts of the Statements by Heads of Delegations are attached as Annex IV.

## 4. Report of D-8 Secretariat on Activities of the Organization

The Council took note of the report of H.E. Dr. Widi Pratikto, the D-8 Secretary-General on the programmes and activities which had been undertaken by the Secretariat as at Annex V.

## 5. Discussion on Private Sector-Led Cooperation

On this Agenda Item participants discussed the status of private sector activities in

D-8 member countries and provided guidelines and recommendations to the Secretariat for future follow up. The texts of interventions are as attached in Annex VI.

## 6. Consideration and adoption of the report of 29th and 30th Session of D-8 Commission

The Council considered and adopted the reports.

## 7. Date and Venue of the 15th Session of the Council

Delegation of Pakistan expressed readiness of Pakistan to host the 15th Session of D-8 Council of Ministers in 2012, the date of which will be communicated in due time.

## 8. Any other business

No issues were raised.

## 9. Adoption of the report of the 14th Session of the Council

The Council adopted its report by consensus.

## 10. Closing

The Chairperson made a closing statement and thanked all delegates for their active participation in the deliberations of the Meeting leading to the successful conclusion of the meeting.

The delegations thanked the Chairperson on her able stewardship of the meeting and commended the skillful manner in which she conducted the meeting.



# COMMISSION

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission

19-20 November 2012  
Islamabad-Pakistan

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11. Consideration of draft D-8 Charter for recommendation to the 15th Council Session
12. Consideration of draft D-8 Global Vision for recommendation to the 15th Council Session
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21. Consideration and Adoption of the report of the 32nd Session of the D-8 Commission

### H.E. DR. WIDI AGOES PRATIKTO D-8 Secretary-General



Honorable Chairman,  
Distinguished Commissioners,  
Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost, I would like to offer, on my own behalf as well as on behalf of my colleagues at the Secretariat, our deep appreciation to our dear host, Ambassador Syed Hassan Raza – with whom we have had the pleasure of working in the past – for the very warm and gracious hospitality extended to us since our arrival in Islamabad. I would also like to express my appreciation to all delegations, distinguished Commissioners and their colleagues, for all their efforts towards the arrangement of this Meeting – even if it took us longer to assemble, which we all recognize in light of its connection with the preparations for the 8th Summit. I should also take the moment to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to Amb. Martin Uhomoibhi, the outgoing Chair, for his excellent stewardship of the work of the Commission since the 28th Session back in July 2010 – which also coincided with the beginning of my tenure at the D-8 Secretariat. I have enjoyed working with him and have high regard for his experience and finesse as a seasoned career diplomat.

Excellencies,

Without any further ado, I turn to the work of the two-day session ahead of us. As you all recall, we had a heavy load of substantive work at the three-day session in Abuja in mid-March, we had lengthy discussions, and finally we arrived at consensual agreement on a number of important issues on the agenda – which figure on the agenda of the present session. I will address each of those issues separately as we take up their consideration in the course of today and tomorrow. Needless to say, the outcome of those decisions will be recommended by this Commission to the 15th Council for endorsement and final adoption by the Summit just three days from now.

In these opening remarks, which I've tried to keep as brief and practical as possible, I will focus on apprising you of the work of the Secretariat in the intervening period since the 31st Session. Before turning to the activities, I should mention, as you might already know, that the Secretariat has moved to a new office in the meantime. Thanks to the kindness of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, the new premises, on a different floor but in the same building as in the past, is bigger and better equipped;



it conforms better to the actual needs and requirements of our work and current staff strength. I take this opportunity to register our deep appreciation to the Turkish government and the Foreign Ministry, and of course, to Amb. Mehmet Gucuk and his colleagues.

As for the activities, we have had quite a number of events at both technical and political levels. I will not bore you with the listing of the meetings we have held during the intervening period, rather instead try to draw attention to the particular significance of a few – which I believe call for continued diligence of the distinguished Commissioners – and the Commission for that matter. The first event I take up is the first meeting of the Supervisory Committee of the Preferential Trade Agreement in Istanbul – which interestingly enough took place within just a week after the Commission Meeting. The very fact that the Supervisory Committee was established in that one-day meeting should be seen as an important turning point on the way towards the actual implementation of the Agreement. We need – collectively I mean – to do our utmost to organize the second meeting, and also the expected meeting of the Trade Ministers' Council, as a matter of high priority, to pursue in very concrete terms the commencement of the implementation. It can hardly be a matter of satisfaction that the date established by the Committee in this regard; that is, 15 August 2012, has already passed and no concrete progress has been made. I really doubt that we should find ourselves in such a position as to just lament what we have failed to do.

Next I turn to the two ministerial meetings we have held, both in early October, first the Third Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Indonesia, and then the Third Industry Ministerial Meeting in Bangladesh. As I said at the opening of both meetings – and I share with you here – it is definitely a worthy achievement for the Organization to have established such a pattern of reg-

ularity in these two important areas of our collective cooperation. Certainly, we need to keep the pattern of annual meeting at the ministerial level, that's a must, and the least minimum we must do. Nigeria has offered to host the next meeting on Food Security and Egypt will be hosting the next Industry meeting. But, we simply cannot afford to remain at that level.

I am sure the distinguished Commissioners have already had the chance to peruse, even if in wide brush, the outcome of these two meetings, inclusive of the Declarations issued by each. The Declarations, as logically befits documents of this nature and caliber, draw on their progenitors for general concepts, ideas and objectives, and also contain a good number of innovative ideas, suggestions, projects, and programmes. This is fine, and an expected – and I might add, acceptable – enterprise and outcome for a multilateral gathering. The point I am trying to make here, as I shared with the participants in those meetings in my concluding remarks, is, again, to bring home the imperative of commitment to actual implementation of our agreements. This is the area we need to keep in mind, pay due active attention, and explore practical ways and means to ensure that we register a reasonable degree of actual execution of the wide range of decisions we make – at all levels, whether at the technical level of task forces and working groups, or at the political level of ministerial meetings. To this end, I would like to refer, in passing, to the decision of the Industry Ministers in Dhaka on the necessity of re-assessment of the existing mechanism for the work of the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC) – to be reported for consideration and decision-making at the next meeting in 2013. This is a welcome development, and I believe the distinguished Commissioners – and the Commission for that matter – can indeed lend their valuable assistance towards arriving at a more efficient and dynamic mechanism.

Among the technical meetings that have been held this year – the reports of all of which have been circulated previously – the recent meeting on Civil Aviation also deserves to be mentioned here. Reflecting the priority this area of cooperation has thus far enjoyed in the D-8 activities, the Working Group on Civil Aviation held its sixth meeting just last month in Abuja. The tenor of discussions and the concrete decisions at the meeting point in the right direction; there exist real needs and potentials for cooperation in this area, and the Member Countries are keen to expand their cooperation, between and among themselves. With Nigeria elected as the Chair of the Working Group – and given their particular interest in the field – we can remain hopeful to see concrete progress in the years ahead. As in other cases which I have already mentioned, active interest in and pursuit of the process of cooperation by the Commission and Commissioners will help ensure progress.

This brings me to another aspect of our activities, which I consider to be equally important; that is, the scheduled activities for the year that have been postponed, for one reason or another – but generally due to lack of quorum. I have addressed this issue in the past and think it deserves to be accorded due attention by the Member Countries. The Commission, needless to say, is the appropriate body to address and deal with it.

Another issue which I would like to raise here at the very beginning of our session concerns an earlier proposal of mine; that is, stationing of desk officers from the Member Countries at the Secretariat with the objective of assisting us and their respective countries in the areas of priority. The same suggestion was in fact voiced at both Ministerial Meetings on Food Security and Industry. The Industry Ministers in Dhaka even went so far as to propose sending Permanent Representatives from the Member Countries to the Secretariat. As you would note in the relevant report, I indicated that

such matters fall under the purview of the Commission and Council to consider and decide. On this, let me also add that just three days ago, the Deputy Minister of Industry of Turkey informed me in a bilateral meeting at the D-8 Secretariat in Istanbul of their intention to pursue the matter, through the Foreign Ministry, at the current Session. In any event, the crux of what I am sharing with you in this particular regard finally boils down to a rather familiar point: the D-8 Secretariat needs to be strengthened, in terms of manpower and finances, in order to be able to function properly in line with the rising level of D-8 activities as well as in tune with the increasing demands of the Member Countries. On this, I am sure, the house fully agrees with me.

Before I close, I think it is necessary to draw your attention to the Anniversary Booklet – at your disposal in the dossier – which we prepared on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of our Organization – which came out in early October. It speaks for itself; it is a modest contribution to the existing – and I hope growing – literature on the Organization and on our collective endeavors. I should also register our sincere thanks to the distinguished Commissioners whose personal messages further enriched the content of the Booklet.

#### **Dear Colleagues,**

As underlined earlier, I intended to be as brief and practical in my opening remarks as possible – and I hope I have succeeded in that. I would stop here, and wish you Mr. Chairman and the Distinguished Commissioners every luck with the two-day meeting. I will be here and, as already indicated, will take the floor to introduce some of the Agenda Items which so require.

Thank you very much for your patience and attention.

# Report of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission 19-20 November 2012 Islamabad-Pakistan

The 32nd Session of the D-8 Commission was held from 19-20 November 2012 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is contained in Annex I.

1. Opening of the Session by the D-8 Secretary-General Dr .Widi Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General, opened the Session.

2. Opening Remarks by the Outgoing Chair

H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria - Outgoing Chair - made a statement (Annex II).

3. Handing over of Chairmanship

The Chairmanship of the Session was officially handed over from Nigeria to Pakistan.

4. Welcoming Remarks of the Incoming Chair

H.E. Syed Hassan Raza, D-8 Commissioner of Pakistan - Incoming Chair - made welcoming remarks (Annex III)

5. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agend.

The Commission considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting (Annex IV).

6. Presentation of the report of the D-8 Secretariat

H.E. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General, presented a comprehensive report on

the activities of the Secretariat since the last Session of the Commission (Annex V). The Secretary-General also indicated in his statement that he would make further introductory remarks on a number of agenda items.

Subsequently, general remarks were made by the D-8 Commissioners of Turkey, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, and Iran, expressing appreciation to the Chairmanship of Nigeria and Amb. Martin Uhomoibhi since the 7th Summit, and also to Secretary-General for the comprehensive report on the activities of the Secretariat since the last session of the Commission.

7. Consideration and Adoption of Calendar of Events 2013

The Commission considered the Calendar of Events for the year 2013. The following remarks were made by the D-8 Commissioners:

-It was observed that some of the scheduled events for the year 2013 have not been included in the presented Table. For instance, event No. 8 in the presented Table (Young Diplomats Programs) should be deleted from the scheduled events because it has been postponed for three times. The new date for the event on No. 16 (Communication Navigation Surveillance/Air Traffic Management CNS/ATM) will be announced in due course. The event No. 22 (Joint Investment Fund) will be held as scheduled in January 2013.

- Nigeria: Announcing the following events:

- Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Food Security;

- Workshop on SMEs;
- Third Working Group on Shipping;
- Workshop on micro finance on SMEs; and
- First Trade Ministers' Council.

- Turkey: Announcing the following events:

- Second Supervisory Committee of PTA during the first half of 2013;

- D-8 Water Forum;

- Workshop on Standardization and Metrology;

- D-8 Workshop on E. Health and Telemedicine; and

- Working Group on Mother and Child Health-care

- Pakistan: Announcing the following events:

- First Energy Forum;

- Meeting on Cooperation on Engineering Sector; and

- Halal Sector Development Meeting

- Egypt: Announcing the following event/activity:

- Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Industry

- Readiness to create a portal on the D-8 website for the SMEs and also for the promotion of tourism.

Following the suggestion by Egypt on the need for developing an agreement in the area of air cargo service, it was decided that the Secretariat reflects it in the report and also provide further advice on it subsequently, due to the technical nature of the matter.

Subsequently, referring to the allusion by the Secretary-General in his statement to the postponed/cancelled events due to lack of quorum, the Commissioners exchanged views on the question of the level of participation in the scheduled events, with particular emphasis on the need for exploring practical ways and means to ensure adequate participation

in these events in the future. The Commission decided that the date of every event should be announced by the host country at least 3-4 months prior to the proposed scheduled date in order to allow the Member Countries to prepare for participation, especially in the case of events involving the participation of the private sector.

The meeting agreed that every effort must be made by every country to ensure that confirmation of participation is intimated to the Secretariat at least one month prior to the event.

Based on a proposal by Egypt asking the Secretariat to prepare and submit to the next session of the Commission a brief summary report on the outcome of the meetings held during the intervening period and the concrete follow-up measures by the Member Countries of the agreed decisions, the proposal was supported by other Commissioners.

The revised Calendar of Events for 2013 is contained in Annex VI.

8. Consideration of the Status of D-8 Legal Instruments

Secretary-General made an introductory statement on the status of the D-8 legal instruments (Visa Agreement, Customs Cooperation Agreement, Preferential Trade Agreement, and MoU on Civil Aviation). Subsequently, the following announcements were made by the D-8 Commissioners:

- Egypt: Informed the Commission that the ratification process for Customs Agreement is under way, and PTA is under study.

- Bangladesh:

- Referring to the Secretary-General's allusion in the statement to the reported difficulties in the implementation of the Visa Agreement, recalled the discussion and the decision at the 30th Session of the Commission on the establishment of a working group, in coor-

dination with the private sector, to look into the outstanding problems. He underlined the need for priority action in that regard; and

- Bangladesh is not in a position to consider ratification of the PTA - unless the local content in the rules of Origin is reduced to 30%. On this particular point, the Chairman advised that the Member Countries can, on their own and voluntarily, consider responding positively to the Bangladeshi request.

- Indonesia: Efforts are under way at the inter-ministerial level to expedite the ratification of the Visa Agreement.

Moreover, with regard to the implementation of the PTA, the Chairman underlined that the Contracting Parties are in a position to proceed with the necessary consultations to that end.

The Commission welcomed the ratification of D-8 legal instruments by most Member Countries, and urged the remaining Member Countries to ratify the instruments they have not done so yet with a view to proceeding towards full implementation of the said Agreements as soon as possible.

#### 9. Status of Implementation of Budget 2011-2012

Secretary-General made a presentation on the realization of budget 2011-2012 (Annex VII). The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Secretariat for the accrued savings, and made the following observations.

It was agreed that another column be added to the tabular presentation of the budget indicating the total annual spending for each budget heading in order to make it easier for the Commissioners to review the corresponding balance.

With respect to a clarification sought on the envisioned expenses for the temporary accommodation of the outgoing and incoming Secretary-General, the Secretary-General drew attention to the established practice in

international organizations in this regard, and added that this is the first time the D-8 Secretariat is considering this item.

#### 10. Budget Proposal 2013

Secretary-General made a presentation on the budget proposal 2013 (Annex VIII) and drew attention, in particular, to the rationale for the expected increase of 4.52% of expected expenses over the previous year. He further added that the increase is nominal; it would be financed from the accrued savings of the previous years and would not entail any increase of the level of annual contribution by the Member Countries.

In response to the statement by the Secretary-General, especially with regard to two of the components accounting for the expected increase, the following observations were made:

- It was clarified that in accordance with the Turkish Social Security Law, all non-diplomatic expatriate employees working in Turkey must be subject to Turkish social security rules. Therefore, the expatriate employees of the Secretariat must be covered by the Turkish Social Security System.

- With regard to the proposed increase in the level of per diem for the Secretariat Staff on overseas mission, the Commissioners agreed on the need for review of the level of per diem depending on the hospitality arrangements by the host country. The Commission subsequently adopted the proposed budget 2013.

#### 11. Endorsement of Amendments to the Statutory Documents

Secretary-General made a statement on the agenda item and informed the Commission of the decision at the 31st Session of the Commission on amendments to a number of provisions in the Statutory Documents. Following a lengthy discussion among the Commissioners, which also involved the possibility of re-opening an already agreed text, the Commission endorsed the text agreed at

the previous session to be submitted for the approval of the 15th Session of the Council. In light of the discussion, it was reckoned, however, that since the decision on amending the provisions of the Statutory Documents falls under the purview of the Council and does not require Summit involvement, further possible amendment to other provisions of the Documents could be undertaken subsequently by the future sessions of the Commission.

Turkey offered to second an Economist to D-8 Secretariat at its own expense, without prejudice to the Statutory provisions. The Commission agreed to this offer and clarified that similar offers by other Member Countries will be welcomed.

The following points were also made in the course of the discussion:

Chairman: Considering the catalogue of candidates presented by the Member Countries for the two vacancies at the Secretariat (appointment of new Director and Economist of the Secretariat under agenda item 15), indicated that filling of the still vacant post of Assistant Director (Annex II of the Statutory Document) could help the situation. The suggestion received the support of a number of Commissioners - though not to be pursued at this stage.

Attention was drawn to the need for consistency in the classification of Categories of Secretariat staff as laid out in Article 5 of the Statutory Document and in the Annex I to Article 20.

#### 12. Endorsement of Draft D-8 Charter

Secretary-General made a statement and informed the Commissioners on the agreement at the 31st Session of the Commission on clean text of the draft Charter to be recommended for approval to the 15th Session of the Council of Ministers. Following comprehensive discussions, in the course of two consecutive meetings, on the amendment proposed by Turkey on the provision in the

draft Charter dealing with granting membership and observer status to states, it was decided that the clean text would not be re-opened. The draft Charter was endorsed as agreed at the previous session of the Commission. However, based on a proposal by the Chairman, it was agreed that a working group, composed of legal experts, would be established subsequently to look into and articulate the modalities/rules of procedure for granting observer status.

#### 13. Endorsement of Draft Global Vision

Secretary-General made a statement and informed the Commissioners of the agreement at the 31st Session of the Commission on the operative part of the draft Global Vision, as well as the request to the Secretariat to finalize the text of the preambular paragraph of the draft and submit it for the consideration of the 32nd Session - which had been undertaken and circulated, in the form of two options, as part of the final report of the 31st Session.

Following exchange of views among the Commissioners, the second option was accepted with some amendments. Moreover, the Commission also considered the Turkish new proposal on the draft, which had been circulated through the communication dated 15 November 2012 of the Secretariat, and accepted it as operative paragraph 7 of the draft. The draft Global Vision, as amended, was endorsed to be submitted to the 15th Session of the Council.

In the course of the exchange of views on the text, and given the shared concern to avoid re-opening of the agreed text, the general understanding transpired that the Global Vision might be re-visited after a few years, e.g., at the 10th Summit, for review, assessment and possible updating.

#### 14. Endorsement of the Draft Islamabad Declaration

The draft Islamabad Declaration, which had



been prepared and submitted by the host country, was discussed in detail, including through the work of an ad hoc working group, coordinated by the representative of the Secretariat. The agreed draft Declaration, which drew on the original text as well as on contributions from the other Member Countries, was endorsed for recommendation to the 15th Session of the Council.

#### 15. Endorsement of the New Secretary-General

Following a brief introductory note by the Chairman informing of the recommendation of the 31st Session of the Commission, the Commission decided to officially endorse H.E. Dr. Seyed Ali Mohammad Mousavi (Islamic Republic of Iran) as the new Secretary-General of the Organization - to be recommended to the 15th Session of the Council. The term of office of the new Secretary-General will commence as of 1 January 2013. Curriculum Vitae of the new Secretary-General is contained in Annex IX

Subsequently, the Chairman and the Commissioners welcomed the decision on the endorsement of the new Secretary-General and expressed appreciation to Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto, the outgoing Secretary-General for his excellent services during his tenure.

#### 16. Appointment of New Director and Economist of the Secretariat

Secretary-General made a statement and informed the Commissioners about the decision at the 31st Session of the Commission concerning the end of the tenure of the current Director and Economist of the Secretariat by 31 December 2012 and also the candidates for the two posts received from concerned Member Countries.

Under this Agenda Item, based on informal consultations between the Member Countries concerned, and a subsequent closed session, the Commission decided to formulate criteria/mechanism for rotation of posts among the member countries on the basis of

the alphabetical order. Accordingly, the Commission deferred selection of a new Director and Economist to the next session of the Commission.

The Chair offered to prepare and circulate to the Member Countries, within three weeks, through the Secretariat, draft criteria for consideration. The Commission welcomed the offer.

Meanwhile, with the view to ensuring smooth functioning of the Secretariat, the Commission decided to extend the tenure of posting of the incumbent Economist for six months. The Incumbent Director will, however, proceed on his retirement.

#### 17. Endorsement of the report of Heads of Trade Promotion Organization.

The report of the first meeting of Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs), held on 20 November 2012, on the sideline of the 8th D-8 Summit in Islamabad was adopted by the Commission.

In the course of the exchange on the report, especially with reference to Point 11, the Commissioners were of the view that the TPOs would be better advised to meet more frequently than as suggested in the report.

#### 18. Endorsement of the report of the D-8 FCCI

Under this agenda item, H.E. Dr. Herbert Ajayi, President of NACCIMA and H.E. Mr. Farzad Mehrani, Secretary-General of the D-8 Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made statements on their respective activities, including the one-day meeting of the Business Forum, held on 20 November 2012, on the sideline of the D-8 Summit in Islamabad. The texts of both statements are included in Annexes X and XI.

In course of the exchange of views following the statements, Commissioners welcomed the positive activities reported to the Commission and addressed various aspects involved, including the necessity of harmonization of the activities of the bodies involved

and the need for streamlining of the nomenclature in this respect.

#### 19. Endorsement of the Draft Agendas of the 15th Council and the 8th Summit

The Commission endorsed the draft agendas for the 15th Session of the Council of Ministers and the 8th Summit.

#### 20. Date and Venue of the 33rd Session of the Commission

The Chairman informed that the 33 Session of the Commission will be held in Islamabad during the latter part of Spring 2013 - the exact dates to be decided and communicated subsequently.

#### 21. Other Business

Under this agenda item, the Commissioners exchanged views on the ways and means of promoting the external profile of the Organization, with particular emphasis on the role of the Permanent Representatives of the Member Countries in New York and Geneva. In the course of the exchange, it was suggested that the PRs can, as an initial step, engage in unofficial liaison and undertake to disseminate the information about the activities of the Organization. It was further suggested that the PR of Pakistan might take the initiative in this regard to update the PRs of other Member Countries about the process and outcome of the 8th Summit.

Moreover, in the course of the discussion, various issues and aspects, including possible institutional constraints involved, were raised, and the Commissioners cautioned against hasty attempts at formalizing the liaison and interaction.

#### 22. Adoption of the report of the 32nd Session of the Commission

The Commissioners reviewed the report of the 32nd Session of the Commission, as prepared by the Secretariat, and adopted it.

#### 23. Closing

The Secretary-General made a closing statement, as his last appearance before the D-8 Commission, and expressed appreciation for the support he had received from the Commissioners and the Commission since July 2010. He expressed his gratitude to Amb. Bagher Asadi, Director, and Mr. Asim Aksoy, Economist, for their excellent services to the Secretariat and the Organization. While welcoming the new Secretary-General, Dr. Mousavi (Iran) and his new team, Dr. Pratikto underlined his personal readiness - and that of the Secretariat colleagues

- to assist towards a smooth transition process (Annex XII)

Before closing the Session, the Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to all the Commissioners - and their colleagues - for their active and productive participation in the substantive discussions of the Session and for the substantial outcome achieved at the 32nd Session. He also expressed gratitude to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat colleagues for all the preparatory work prior to and during the work of the Session. He also expressed deep appreciation to the Secretary-General, Director, and Economist for their valuable service to the Secretariat and the Organization and wished them success in their future engagements in their respective country.

The D-8 Commissioners also expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting the meeting and warmly thanked Amb. Sayed Hassan Raza, for his capable chairing of the 32nd Session of the Commission.



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## Report of the D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry (D-8 FCCI) to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission

It is an undeniable fact that for the business society the kind of foreign relation the political leaders choose as bilateral or multilateral in regional level or worldwide will not matter unless the corollary impacts and implementations could be felt on one's everyday life and business. Thus, with this understanding, the FCCI secretariat-Tehran is decisive to involve business society in the acts and plans of D-8 as the main beneficiary of the whole D-8 plan and to impose the real requests and requirements of business society onto the work agenda of D-8 official decision making procedures. To this end this Secretariat as the operational organ of D-8 FCCI has succeeded in the implementation of the following plans under the supervision of Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture's chairmanship (2010-2012):

- Creation of a comprehensive and confident data bank of all business society beneficiaries in the D-8 framework i.e. chambers of commerce, chambers of industry, business associations, trade supportive NGOs and the other business society representative institutions (under completion).
- Launching a service provider and dynamic website through which the business society would find their counterparts, would be informed of the various business opportunities in different goods and services sec-

tors and would have access to the collected trade information required for business with D-8 countries.

- The adoption of a multilateral business council plan (the methods and modalities would be finalized under the supervision of Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry's chairmanship (2012-2014).
- Creation of a sophisticated and efficient reporting system in the Secretariat in order to maintain constant circulation of information between this Secretariat in Tehran and the Secretariat in Istanbul, the periodic chair chamber of commerce & industry and D-8 Chambers of Commerce & Industry (CCIs).
- Design of decision making / decision taking mechanisms in FCCI so that the outcomes of CCIs gatherings and discussions in conjunction with the real needs and requirements of D-8 business society could be reflected into one consolidated document (FCCI Proposals) to be proposed to the D-8 official organs.

D-8 FCCI is decisive to undertake the responsibility of responding to the needs and requirements of D-8 business society through D-8 cooperation by taking actual steps for realization of its original goals and under the auspices of D-8 high official

documents such as Road map 2008-2018. Thus, D-8 FCCI Secretariat-Tehran has documented FCCI plans and programs for the year 2013 – 2014 in D-8 FCCI Action Plan which has been surveyed and reviewed by D-8 CCIs. The implementation of this action plan is shouldered by D-8 FCCI Secretariat-Tehran under the supervision of FPCCI's chairmanship (2012-2014).

(D-8 FCCI Action Plan 2013-2014 is attached to this report)

D-8 FCCI Secretariat on behalf of D-8 FCCI and D-8 business society presents its evaluated suggestions to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Commission as follows:

- Finalization of D-8 PTA implementation phase in an urgent time framework.
- Full consideration and observation on the practicality and usefulness of countries' offer lists and adequate sensitivity to the attainment of real competition among D-8 business society by PTA implementation.
- Prioritization of full implementation of agreed plans over the inauguration of new agreement grounds.
- Achieving an operational mechanism for D-8 businessmen visa facilitation and pre-clearance arrangements.
- Supporting FDIs in D-8 by offering factual advantages and tax exemptions to the investors and bringing special opportunities and occasions for D-8 countries' investors.
- Undertaking full hospitality for physical involvement of businessmen in different D-8 events by host countries.
- Supporting technical assistance based on the special capabilities of each member country and with aim of responding to the demands and requirements of D-8 private sector as the recipients of the aids.

# Report of D-8 Secretary-General address to the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission

12 March 2012

Abuja-Nigeria

**Honorable Chairman,  
Distinguished  
Commissioners,  
Dear Colleagues,**

First and foremost, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our host, His Excellency Ambassador Martin Uhomobhi, and the Government and People of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, for the very warm and gracious hospitality extended to us since our arrival in Nigeria. It has been a pleasure, for me personally and also for my Secretariat colleagues, to be coming back to this beautiful Capital City of Abuja, and now for the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the Commission. I would also like to express my appreciation to all delegations, distinguished Commissioners and their colleagues, for all their efforts towards the arrangement of this Meeting - which, as you all know, took more to prepare than previous sessions.

I should also seize the moment, right here, to welcome the new Commissioner of Indonesia, H.E Mr. Hasan Kleib, I am convinced that the Commission and the D-8 will benefit from the experience, discretion and dedication he brings to our community. A word of deep appreciation is also due to his pre-

decessor, H.E. Mr. Sunu Soemarno - soon to assume his new ambassadorial post in Nairobi, Kenya - for his dedication, expertise and the sincere support for our collective work, and of course, for the Secretariat.

Mid-March may be just a bit too late for the New Year felicitations, but it is never too late to remind each other about what new beginnings portend; about what has been achieved in the past and what lies ahead. Almost a week from now, the spring season will be with us. And that is indeed good news. We have a whole lot to do - needless to say, through individual dedication and collective enterprise.

Excellencies,

Let me now turn to the work of the 3-day Session. What we have sent you previously, practically since the latter part of last December, indicates quite clearly that this is an important Session. It has on its agenda and programme of work a number of substantive items which, once placed together

in the bigger context, provide a more solid basis and framework for the future work of the Organization - already 15-years-old, which we have been pondering on how to commemorate this year.

Looking back at 2011, as everybody knows, we had quite a full plate. And I can express pleasure - with your indulgence on behalf of all of us in the Organization - at the success we had in such a wide range of activities. The relevant detailed information in tabular form is, of course, at your disposal in your personal dossier. Since the distinguished Commissioners are fully aware of the details of these activities and events throughout the year, taking into consideration that back in mid-July 2011 I briefed you here on the state of our activities up to then, and subsequently at the Special Commission Session in mid-October in Istanbul, I merely suffice to add that four more meetings were held in October and November 2011. I think the progress achieved in the "2nd D-8 Working Group on the Development of Islamic Financial Services Industry" and "The 2nd Meeting of D-8 Working Committee On Renewable Energy" need to be highlighted, and commended - which, I believe, provide a good example for similar work and progress by our other working groups and task forces.

It is a fact that we made concrete progress in successful holding of ministerial meetings in the area of Agriculture and Industry, inclusive of sub-level meetings of Working Groups and Task Forces. The experience should provide us with the standard format for our future ministerial meetings. But, as you already know, and I would add in passing, right here, lack of tangible progress in the work of a number of Task Forces in the field of industrial cooperation is a matter of serious concern - which we will have to address in earnest in the near future. Another area that needs our collective attention - and remedial action - concerns the proposed meetings for 2011 that simply failed

to materialize due to lack of quorum. This pattern and practice should be avoided as much as possible. The list of such postponed meetings - at your disposal in the dossier - cannot be pleasing to any of us.

The Calendar of Events for 2012 will be taken up under item 4 of the Agenda. For the sake of brevity, I will not address that here.

Another area of success in our collective work concerns progress in the three

main vehicles of cooperation within the Organization; namely, Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), Visa Agreement, and the Customs Agreement. I will deal with PTA under item 8 of the Agenda, and just add a brief word on the other two Agreements. The Visa Agreement, as you all know, is already in force, and waiting to be ratified by Egypt and Indonesia. As for the Customs Agreement, similarly it is in force, and needs to be ratified by Bangladesh, Egypt and Malaysia.

Dear Commissioners,

I now turn to areas and issues which require our urgent, immediate attention, which I am sure, you all concur, need to be addressed and dealt with in order to ensure the successful pursuit of our collective efforts in the future. This brings me directly to the question of what I have had in mind since joining the Organization back in July 2010 - That is, improvement in the work of the Secretariat, as the necessary vehicle for improvement in the work of the Organization. We have steadily improved our working procedures at the Secretariat, at the Headquarters as well as in the course of our participation in principal organs or technical meetings of the Organization.

In fulfillment of the clear recommendation of the Commission, particularly as reflected in the Report of the Special Commission Session, we have taken concrete steps in the area of our financial matters, including working with a single banking account,



utilizing the services of an independent accounting agency for the regular supervision of the Secretariat's book-keeping procedures and balance sheet in order to ensure compliance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and International Accounting Standards (IAS). Moreover, the officer in charge of finances at the Secretariat is currently undertaking professional accounting training - soon to receive his certificate. Also in line with the widely-felt need for improvement in our website, just last week I recruited another programme officer, a national of Bangladesh. While helping us also as a research analyst, he can strengthen what could be called the IT Unit at the Secretariat, offering, hopefully, a range of services to the Member Countries.

The two programme officers recommended by the Special Session are now in place. We still need secondments from the Member Countries - which we have discussed in the past - for a number of priority areas; such as agriculture and food security, industry and SMEs, and transportation.

The four substantive items on the Agenda of this Session - items 5 through 8 - clearly point to other important areas of our current work - and if I may say, preoccupation. Since I will introduce each of these items when they will be taken up for consideration, I will not bore you with details now - only to be found repetitious later. I merely suffice to underline two overall points at this juncture - on items 6 and 7. Item 6 deals with the D-8 Charter. The Organization - already 15-years-old - definitely needs to have a Charter, as the overarching legal document governing all aspects of its work and solidifying the foundation for its further institutional development. As you will note, the draft before you shows the substantial progress we have made in this direction, which gives me the assurance that the upcoming Summit later this year will be in a position to adopt the Charter of

the Organization.

The second point I deem necessary to make concerns the imperative of ensuring coherence among the provisions of all legal documents of the Organization, in particular between those in the Statutory Documents (which have been in place for a number of years) and the provisions of the Charter. Item 7 of the Agenda intends to address this aspect, especially from the vantage point of my proposal for the strengthening/restructuring of the Secretariat which have been on our agenda since the 29th Session of the Commission - almost exactly a year ago to date.

As, I am sure, you have noted, I have not even alluded to such important areas of activity as the cooperation with other regional and international organizations. I will address that aspect in my concluding remarks at the end of the session.

And the very last point I would like to make concerns the imperative of active, effective and meaningful promotion of engagement and cooperation between public and private sectors within the D-8 community. We have talked often - and I presume, adequately - about this critical aspect of cooperation in the past, now we should try to find practical ways of getting the job done.

Mr. Chairman,

With these words, I conclude this opening statement and will be more than pleased to listen to the Distinguished Commissioners and the discretion they bring to the table - individually and collectively.

Thank you very much for your patience and indulgence.

## Report of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission 12-14 March 2012 Abuja-Nigeria

The 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission was held from 12-14 March 2012 in Abuja, Nigeria. The meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is contained in Annex I.

### 1. Welcoming Remarks by the D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria (Chair).

H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, the D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria - Chairman of the meeting - made an opening statement (Annex II).

### 2. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Commission considered and adopted the draft agenda of the meeting with a minor amendment relating to the change in the order of items 10 and 11 of the draft agenda (Annex III).

### 3. Presentation of the report of the D-8 Secretariat

H.E. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General, made an opening statement on the activities of the Organization and the Secretariat since the last Session of the Commission (Annex IV). The Secretary-General also underlined in his statement the importance of the consideration of the four sub-

stantive items on the agenda (items 5-8).

Subsequently, general statements were made by the D-8 Commissioners, addressing various aspects/issues covered in the opening remarks by the Chair and the Secretary-General.

### 4. Consideration and Adoption of Calendar of Events 2012

a. The Commission considered the Calendar of Events for the year 2012. The following delegations provided the Commission with the dates of the previously scheduled events:

- Bangladesh: Third Industry Ministerial Meeting - 8-10 October 2012, Dhaka.

- Indonesia: Third Agricultural Ministerial Meeting -- 26-28 September 2012, in West Nusa Tenggara.

- Indonesia also informed the Commission about the meetings of the Working Group on Animal Feedstock, and on Marine and Fisheries to be held prior to the convening of the Agricultural Ministerial Meeting, and requested the Member Countries to nominate focal points for the Working Groups.

- Turkey announced that a meeting on Clean Coal Technology will be held in Autumn 2012 (dates to be announced subsequently).

- Iran informed of the willingness of the

Ministry of Economy to hold the meeting on D-8 Joint Investment Fund (JIF) in Tehran during the coming months (dates to be announced subsequently).

b. In the context of an overall review of the Calendar of Events of 2011 - as also addressed in the statement by the Secretary-General - the question of postponement of scheduled events was reviewed. There was the general agreement that every effort should be made by the Member Countries to avoid frequent postponement of the events they have undertaken to host. There was general agreement that if a scheduled event is postponed three times, it would be automatically deleted from the catalogue of events. In this regard, the Chair requested the Member Countries to inform the Secretariat, as a matter of priority, on the outstanding cases.

The Chair also requested the Secretariat to study the possibility of streamlining of scheduled events for the year - and inform the Member Countries as a matter of priority.

The revised Calendar of Events for 2012 is contained in Annex V.

### 5. Consideration of draft Global Vision

The Secretary-General made a brief introductory statement on the background to the discussion and the process for the preparation of the draft Global Vision at the disposal of the Commission distributed previously. The Commissioners discussed in relative detail various aspects of the matter at hand, including the structure and the content of the draft under consideration. While some Member Countries believed that the draft needs to be finalized at the current Session of the Commission, others were of the view that enrichment of the text requires much more scrutiny and could be pursued in the intervening months before the Summit. The Chair finally decided to ask the Commission to engage in a

drafting exercise - to be facilitated by the Secretariat - and prepare a new draft to be considered at the next plenary meeting.

Following the exchange of views among the Commissioners, chaired by the Secretary-General, a new shorter text was prepared by the Secretariat and distributed among the Commissioners later in the day (Annex VI).

The text was further reviewed by the Commissioners on March 14th, and it was decided that the text once finalized by the Secretariat, would be adopted as the contribution of the 31st Session of the Commission on draft Global Vision - to be recommended for approval to the 15th Meeting of the Council of Ministers.

### 6. Consideration of draft D-8 Charter

The Secretary-General made a brief introductory statement on the background to the discussion and the process for the preparation of the draft Charter at the disposal of the Commission - distributed previously. An updated version was made available to the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed in detail, in two consecutive sessions, the outstanding issues in the updated version and arrived at an agreed clean text (Annex VII). It was decided that the Commission would recommend the text to the 15th Meeting of the Council of Ministers for approval and further recommendation to the Summit for final adoption. The Commission expressed appreciation for the constructive contributions of D-8 Member Countries to the process of the drafting of the Charter.

Once the consideration of the draft Charter was completed, the Chair made a statement with regard to the content of Article 9 of the draft - which had been discussed in the absence of the Secretariat staff - and informed that the Commission had decided to preserve the provisions of Article 8.3

of the Statutory Documents governing the term of office of the D-8 Secretary-General and the principle of alphabetical order as embodied in the Article. The Chair further informed of the outcome of the discussion on the provisions of Article 8.1 of the Statutory Documents. He informed that the Commissioners had arrived at the decision that the Summit shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the Council, the candidate nominated by the Member Country in next alphabetical order.

### 7. Consideration of draft proposal for the amendment of the Statutory Documents

The Secretary-General made a brief introductory statement on the background to the question of the need for the amendment of certain provisions of the Statutory Documents, and the compilation text distributed previously consisting of the set of proposals by the Secretariat as well as by Nigeria and observations from Bangladesh.

The Commissioners considered the text under review and discussed in detail the amendments on various provisions. The outcome of the Commission's decision on the text of the Statutory Documents, in particular Annexes I, II and III, as proposed by the Secretary-General, are contained in Annex VIII.

The Commission decided to review certain other articles of the Statutory Documents in its future sessions, including as suggested by some of the Commissioners, with regard to the review of the remuneration of benefits and per diem to the Secretariat staff.

### 8. Consideration of progress report on the implementation of PTA

The Secretary-General made a brief introductory statement on the background of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) and the progress achieved thus far towards its implementation - including the first meeting of the Supervisory Committee

which is scheduled for 22 March 2012 (Istanbul). The subsequent exchange among the Commissioners mostly focused on the scheduled first meeting of the PTA Supervisory Committee.

### 9. Date and Venue of the 32nd Session of the D-8 Commission/15th Session of the Council of Ministers/8th Summit

The Commissioner of Pakistan informed the Commission that preparations are under way for holding the 8th D-8 Summit during the last quarter of the current year in Islamabad, and undertook to inform the Secretariat of the exact dates within the next two weeks. The dates for the 32nd Session of the Commission and the 15th Meeting of the Council of Ministers will be decided subsequently.

### 10. Other Business

Under this item of the Agenda, Dr. H.A.B. Ajayi, National President of NACCIMA (Nigeria), made a short presentation, on behalf of Mr. Abdolreza Hanjani, Secretary-General of D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on the activities of the Federation (Annex IX).

Subsequently, the following issues were also addressed:

- Following the exchange of views among the Commissioners, there was concurrence on the need for raising the profile of the D-8 at multilateral fora.
- The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in which the attention of the Commission was drawn to the recent letter (Annex X) from the Foreign Minister of Iran to his counterparts of the other Member Countries nominating Dr. Seyed Ali Mousavi, D-8 Commissioner, as the next Secretary-General of the D-8 (to be effective as of 1 January 2013).
- The attention of the Commission was also drawn to a letter, dated 9 February 2012, by the D-8 Secretary-General (Annex XI) re-

garding the application of the provisions of Article 19.1 (e), Chapter VII of the Statutory Document ("superannuation at the age of 60 years") to the Director of the Secretariat, Mr. Bagher Asadi. The Commission discussed the matter and, taking into account efficiency, consideration and outstanding work performance rendered by Amb. Bagher Asadi, decided to extend his term service until 31 December 2012.

- The Commission also noted the announcement by the Secretary-General that the term of service of Mr. Omer Asim Aksoy (Economist) will end on 31 December 2012.

#### 11. Adoption of the report of the 31st Session

The Commissioners reviewed the report of the 31st Session of D-8 Commission, as prepared by the Secretariat, and adopted it.

#### 12. Closing

The Secretary-General made a closing statement, in which he touched on a number of issues not addressed in his opening remarks, including the expanding cooperation with such other organizations as OIC, ECO and ICAO. He also drew attention to the Calendar of Events for 2012 and appealed to the D-8 Commissioners to lend their personal assistance towards successful holding of the scheduled meetings. He also expressed satisfaction with the Session's discernible progress with regard to the finalization of the draft D-8 Charter, preparation of draft D-8 Global Vision and progress with regard to his proposed amendments to the provisions of the Statutory Documents. He also expressed, on his behalf as well as on behalf of the Secretariat, deep appreciation to the Government and People of Nigeria, and to the person of Ambassador Martin Uhomoibhi and all his colleagues, for Nigeria's excellent chairmanship during the past two years (Annex XII).

Before closing the Session, the Chairman also made a statement (Annex XIII). While

reviewing the efforts of Nigeria during its two-year chairmanship, he expressed profound gratitude and appreciation of his delegation and the Government of Nigeria to all the Commissioners - and their colleagues - for their active and productive participation in the substantive discussions of the Session and for the substantial outcome achieved in the 31st Session. He also expressed gratitude to the Secretary-General and the Secretariat colleagues for all the preparatory work prior to and during the work of the Session.

The D-8 Commissioners also expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for hosting the meeting and warmly thanked Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, for his extremely dynamic and effective chairing of the 31st Session as well as the previous sessions of the Commission during Nigeria's chairmanship.

## Report of D-8 Secretary-General address to the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission 12-13 July 2011 Abuja-Nigeria

Distinguished Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of D-8 Secretariat, I would like to welcome you all to this important event, the 30th Session of the D-8 Commission Meeting.

It is a great pleasure for me to attend this important Meeting. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Nigerian Government, especially to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, for this well-prepared Meeting, providing us with this wonderful venue in the beautiful city of Abuja as well as all delegates for their support and time contributed to this Meeting.

Secondly, I also would like to whole-heartedly congratulate H.E. Mohammed Elorabi, the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt, who was previously our proficient and highly dedicated D-8 Commissioner of Egypt; as well as to H.E. Ambassador Somaya Saad, the new esteemed Commissioner of Egypt who replaces him and H.E. Amb. Hamid-Reza Arshadi, the new Alternate Alternate Commissioner for the Islamic Republic of Iran; I am confident that with their track records, dedication and professionalism, D-8 stands to benefit the most.

In addition, I would like to present you with

a brief report on the latest developments of our cooperation activities since our 29th Session of the Commission in Abuja, Nigeria, until now.

Due to limited allocation of time and further opportunity for me to take the floor under the relevant agenda items, I will refrain from going into details at this moment, but allow me to underline few remarks at this juncture.

During the last four months, three planned programs were implemented:

1. The D-8 Training Program on Safety, Security, ATM and Ground Handling sponsored by Turkish DGCA was successfully held on 11-15 April 2011 in an attempt to improve and strengthen capacity building of D-8 civil aviation.

2. The second D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting was inaugurated in Tehran-Iran on 16-18 May 2011. The meeting, which focused on boosting private sector participation in the agricultural partnership, also appointed Indonesia as the host for the next ministerial meeting in September 2012. As a back to back event, this meeting was also held together with 2nd D-8 Senior Official Meeting on Food Security, and 5 (five) other working groups meetings, namely: 2nd WG



on Seed Bank, 2nd WG on Fertilizer, 2nd WG on Marine Affairs and Fisheries, 2nd WG on Animal Feed and 1st WG Meeting on Standard & Trade Issues. I am on opinion that this kind of assembled meeting held together back-in-back is very prolific and effective to reach our goals, especially in our five priority areas.

3. The Fifth D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation and Director Generals Meeting was successfully held on 08-09 June 2011 in Jakarta-Indonesia, to finalize draft Term of References (ToR) of the D-8 civil aviation cooperation in order to meet the requirement set by the International standard. In addition, the Director General of Civil Aviation of Malaysia representing the State of Malaysia signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Establishment of D-8 Member States Working Group for the Cooperation in Civil Aviation. With this, all member countries have signed the MoU.

Other proposed activities during 29th Session of Commission are still pending to be implemented. I do draw your attention so that in future such cases are avoided to the extent possible. In case of continuous non-implementation of a program, I would like to propose its deletion from our calendar of events.

During last four months, the Secretariat took initiative on several activities aiming at promoting potential cooperation programs in future:

1. Secretary General and his staffs made working visit to Ankara-Turkey on 04 May 2011 to several high level officials as follow:

a) DGCA of Turkey. Secretary General met new Director General of DGCA of Turkey, Mr. Bilal Eksi, in accordance with preparation of 5th Working group on Civil Aviation and Director Generals in Jakarta-Indonesia on 8-9 June 2011.

b) Ministry of Trade and Industry (MITI).

Secretary General met with Director General of MITI, Mr. Sufyan Emiroglu, to discuss regarding upcoming 2nd Industrial Ministerial Meeting which will be held in Turkey on October 2011.

c) Based on the proposal from DG MITI of Turkey above, Secretary General met with the Undersecretary of Ministry of Defense, Mr. Murat Bayar, in order to discuss draft of Term of Reference (ToR) of Defense Industry which will be planned to be inserted under Task Forces of D-8 WGIC.

2. During the second D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting and its Working Groups Meetings in Tehran-Iran, D-8 Secretary-General paid working visits to several Iranian Ministries and met with Ministers as well as high level officials. On his visit to Tehran, Dr. Pratikto held talks with the Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Commerce, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defense, Acting Minister of Industries and Mines and Secretary General of D-8.

3. Representative for D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria, Mr. Olatidoye and Mr. Abubakar Jidda, paid working visit to D-8 Secretariat on 23-24 May 2011 in order to discuss several activities which will be planned to be held in Nigeria, namely 30th Session of Commission, 14th Session of Council Ministers, 2nd Working Group on Shipping, 2nd Working Group on Science and Technology, 2nd Working Group on SMEs and NACCIMA exhibition.

4. Along with the Fifth D-8 Working Group on Civil Aviation and Director Generals Meeting in Jakarta-Indonesia, D-8 Secretary-General made working visits to several Indonesian Ministries and met with ministers and high level officials. Dr. Pratikto met with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industry and President of Chamber of Commerce of Indonesia.

Excellencies, distinguished ladies and gen-

tlemen,

I would like to draw your attention to our 2011 programs by considering the following remarks:

1. The status of the agreements are as follow:

- Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA): By the ratification of Turkey on 18 April 2011, PTA is now ratified by 4 member countries, namely Malaysia, Iran, Nigeria and Turkey. The Agreement will enter into force thirty days after D-8 Secretary-General, who is the depository, receives the instruments of ratification by at least four Member States. At the moment the Secretariat is waiting for Turkey to submit the instrument of ratification. According to the PTA a Supervisory Committee must be established and meet initially within six months upon entry into force of the Agreement. This Supervisory Committee will undertake any action assigned to it under the provisions of the PTA, including the implementation issues of the Agreement.

- Visa Agreement: already into force, where 6 (six) countries, namely Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Nigeria and Turkey have ratified. I urge Egypt and Indonesia to ratify the agreement as soon as possible.

- Customs Agreement: 5 (five) countries already ratified namely Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey. I also urge other member countries to ratify Customs Agreement as soon as possible.

2. On the Visa Agreement, we noted some unverified reports that there are a number of problems with regards to the implementation of the Agreement. It was reported that some difficulties still remain in visa application process to our Member Countries from private sectors. In this opportunity, I wish to encourage the collaboration between governments, especially through

the assistance of D-8 Commissioners and D-8 Chambers of Commerce.

3. I would like to inform you on status of Civil Aviation Cooperation. Since DGCA of Malaysia already signed the MoU during 5th DGCA meeting in Jakarta-Indonesia, now all member countries have signed the MoU of D-8 Civil Aviation cooperation. Within this line, I would like to express my gratitude to all member countries for their support to sign the said MoU in order to strengthen our cooperation on civil aviation.

4. In order to follow up every program, D-8 Secretariat will continue to update the Matrix of Activities and Calendar of Events as a reference that need to be followed up by D-8 member countries since 28th Session of D-8 Commission and 7th Summit in Abuja-Nigeria.

5. According to Article-10 of Chapter III of the Financial Regulation of the D-8 Secretariat, the financial accounts of the secretariat shall be subject to an external auditing on biannual basis. For this reason, D-8 Secretariat coordinated with Nigerian and Pakistani Commissioners concerning the financial accounts of the Secretariat to be subjected to an external auditing. The auditor carried out their duties at the premise of the Secretariat on 11-12 May 2011.

6. In accordance with the decision of the 29th Session of the D-8 Commission, I would like to inform you that the Secretariat has prepared current and proposed organization chart of D-8 Secretariat. For the proposed organizational chart, it contains a proposed organizational structure with a small increase in proposed budget in order to manage all D-8 programs, activities and projects more efficiently, including the planning of designation and deployment of D-8 Member States officials, on secondment basis.

7. As the follow up to decision taken in the 29th Session of Commission Meeting in

Abuja, Nigeria, 10-12 March 2011, with a special reference to the report of Meeting Item 11, para 2 and Agenda Item 14, bullet 1, the Secretariat has announced to Member Countries via Circular No ADM/11/076 with regards to the offer to place up to 3 (three) desk officers to the Secretariat on basis of secondment to coordinate the task sharing between desk officer and ministry of foreign affairs and related ministries of member countries in order to ensure that operational objectives are achieved. We proposed that the proposal be taken up positively by Member Countries who did not have yet its representatives in the Secretariat such as Bangladesh, Egypt, Malaysia, Nigeria and/or Pakistan. However we have not got any response to this proposal. We urge that Member Countries take this opportunity as their concrete contribution to the achievement goals of our priority areas.

8. I am grateful to all Member Countries, except one, who have paid their annual contribution to the budget of the Secretariat. I am confident that soon everyone will have fulfilled their commitments. Contribution from Member Countries is crucial since we are running on a modest budget, which makes a gap in our budget would negatively impact the Organization's ability to effectively carry out its work and lower its expected accomplishments.

9. In this occasion, allow me to extend my highest appreciation and gratitude to the outstanding Chairmanship which has been demonstrated by Nigeria since the 7th Summit, under which D-8 Organization has commenced a growing number of activities and programs. Additionally, I would also like to extend a friendly reminder that the next Summit is tentatively to be held by Pakistan, which—due the alphabetical order—will resume the Chairmanship from Nigeria.

Hereby, in order to secure an excellent preparation for the Summit, we suggest

that Pakistan start their preparatory work such as extending invitation to Head of States, as early as possible due to their tight program works during the year.

10. In accordance with the decision of the 29th Session of the D-8 Commission, I would like to inform you that the nomination of the government of Turkey for the post of Economist, Mr. Omer Asim Aksoy, has started his function at the secretariat as of 21 March 2011.

11. With the spirit to boost D-8 Intra trade, I urge and encourage private sectors and chamber of commerce to cooperate with the authorities through regular interaction and sharing of information on more activities as well as on investment opportunities in order to create greater awareness for availing these opportunities. I hope that you will be provided with the report of the activities of D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

12. The latest developments in the world necessitate closer economic relations and bonds among all member countries of D-8 community. For this reason, any and all efforts to promote an implement the objectives of D-8 should be encouraged and planned for. I am convinced that our organization is on right track and has covered enough ground to start implementation of projects.

By this remarks, I conclude my reports and wish you a constructive, productive and fruitful discussions during this session of Commission.

Thank you for your attention.

## Report of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission 12-13 July 2011 Abuja-Nigeria

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria organized the 30th Session of the D-8 Commission in Abuja, Nigeria on July 12-13, 2011. The meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is at Annex I.

### 1. Welcoming Remarks by the D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria.

H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, the D-8 Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria chaired the meeting and delivered his opening remarks, which is at Annex II.

### 2. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Commission considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting, without any changes, which is at Annex III.

### 3. Presentation of the report of the D-8 Secretariat

H.E. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, the Secretary General of the D-8 presented his Report on the activities of the Organization as well as the Secretariat since the last Session of the Commission, which is at Annex IV. The Commissioners welcomed the report and

appreciated the efforts done by the Secretariat. The Commissioners briefly elaborated on parts of the report and stated that their full observations would be presented under the relevant Agenda Item.

### 4. Consideration and Adoption of Calendar of Events 2011

The Commission considered each activity under Calendar of Events and adopted the reports of the activities which have taken place. Each proposed activity was reconsidered, and wherever applicable, was reconfirmed.

NO	TITLE OF MEETING	TENTATIVE DATE	VENUE	STATUS
1.	DGCA Training on Safety, Security, ATM and Ground Handling	11-15 April 2011	Ankara-Turkey	Held
2.	Second Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security	16-18 May 2011	Tehran-Iran	Held
3.	the 5 <sup>th</sup> DGCA Meeting	8-9 June 2011	Jakarta-Indonesia	Held
4.	D-8 Young Diplomats Program	25 June – 13 July 2011	Iran	Postponed
5.	D-8 Business Forum/Exhibition	11-13 July 2011	Abuja/Lagos - Nigeria	Confirmed
6.	30 <sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Commission Meeting and 14 <sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Council of Ministers	11-14 July 2011	Abuja-Nigeria	Confirmed
7.	Seminar on Banking Supervision and Financial Policy and Regulation	18-19 July 2011	Abuja-Nigeria	Confirmed
8.	1 <sup>st</sup> Expert Meeting on D-8 Joint Investment Fund	25-26 July 2011	Tehran-Iran	Confirmed
9.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation and 6 <sup>th</sup> WGIC	4-6 October 2011	Istanbul-Turkey	Confirmed
10.	D-8 Humanitarian Assistance Forum	11-12 October 2011	Ankara-Turkey	Confirmed
11.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Working Group Meeting on Shipping	17-18 October 2011	Nigeria	Confirmed
12.	D-8 WGIC – Textile Task Force Meeting	27-28 October 2011	Indonesia	Confirmed
13.	3 <sup>rd</sup> D-8 Working Committee on the Establishment of Seed Bank	2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of November 2011	Izmir-Turkey	Confirmed
14.	the D-8 Workshop on Islamic Finance	October 2011	Yogyakarta-Indonesia	Waiting Date Confirmation
15.	First Meeting of Heads of D-8 Trade Promotion Organizations	Second half of 2011	Pakistan	Pending
16.	A meeting on Migrant Workers and Remittances	Fourth quarter 2011	Bangladesh	Pending

NO	TITLE OF MEETING	TENTATIVE DATE	VENUE	STATUS
17.	D-8 Workshop on cooperation between Customs Administrations of the D-8 member states as well as the member states of ECO	Last quarter 2011	Ankara-Turkey	Confirmed
18.	Working Group meeting on Transportation	2012	Turkey	Pending
19.	D-8 Workshop on E-health and telemedicine	2012	Turkey	TBA
20.	Working Group on Mother and Child Health Care	2012	Istanbul-Turkey	TBA
21.	D-8 Water Forum	2012	Istanbul-Turkey	TBA
22.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Working Group Meeting on SMEs	October 2011	Nigeria	Confirmed
23.	Stakeholder Workshop on Investment on Animal/Livestock Feeds Production (Livestock/Fish Feeds)	25-27 October 2011	Nigeria	Proposed by Min. Agric Nigeria on 17.06.2011
24.	Second Working Committee Meeting on Renewable Energy	October 2011	Indonesia	Pending
25.	Working Group on D-8 Global Vision	September 2011	Istanbul-Turkey	Turkey proposed to hold this meeting in 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2011
26.	Working Group Meeting on D-8 Charter	September 2011	Istanbul-Turkey	Turkey proposed to hold this meeting in 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2011
27.	Private Sector Investment Workshop on Gene Bank Development and Management & Investment in Fertilizer Production	15-17 May 2012	Nigeria	Proposed by Min. Agric Nigeria on 17.06.2011
28.	6 <sup>th</sup> WG on Civil Aviation Meeting		Nigeria	
29.	WG Petrochemical Meeting	First quarter 2012	Iran	Confirmed
30.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture	September 2012	Indonesia	Confirmed



### 5. Consideration of Ratification Status of D-8 Legal Instruments

The Secretary General briefed the Commission on the latest status of the all D-8 Legal instruments and the Chairman invited Commissioners to respond and update their position concerning each and every one of these instruments.

On PTA, delegation of Egypt referred to the conclusion of the previous HLTO meeting and stated his national views on the local content for Rules of Origin (RoO).

Bangladesh requested the Member States to reconsider their position on the rules of Origin in light of their agreed position in the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin.

Commissioner of Pakistan expressed the readiness of their authority to ratify PTA once the offer lists are exchanged.

Commissioner of Turkey stated that her country has ratified all the D-8 Legal Instruments and added that the Instrument of Ratification of PTA will soon be provided to the Secretariat.

Commissioner of Malaysia stated that his country's Offer List should be ready to be submitted to the Secretariat by the end of this year.

Delegation of Iran expressed its hope that its country's Offer List would soon be finalized and submitted to the Secretariat.

### 6. Presentation of Report of D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce, and discussion on Private Sector Led Cooperation.

The Secretary General of D-8 FCCI presented his activity report and referred to the modality of addressing the private sector-led cooperation in D-8. In this regard, he drew attention of the Commission to the necessity of addressing the existing trade barriers as well as the modality for their removal. He also requested from the Commission to provide support to the private

sector for promotion of trade in D-8.

The Commission extensively exchanged views on this Agenda Item. The Chairman concluded that the Secretariat is called upon to prepare a report on possibility of holding a coordination meeting with private sector for closer cooperation and removing the barriers for intra trade. The Commission will consider and debate this report at its next meeting.

### 7. Consideration of the report of Auditors

The Commission took note of the views of the Secretariat on the report of the Auditors and agreed to defer the recommendation of the Auditors in the context of the restructuring of the Secretariat during the Meeting on Global Vision and Charter, which will be held in Turkey in September 2011. Therefore the Chairman concluded the deliberations on this Agenda Item by stating that until this meeting, the Secretariat will maintain the status quo.

### 8. Discussion on new proposed Organizational Structure

The common view expressed by Commissioners in this Agenda Item was that any changes in the organizational structure of the Secretariat should be discussed in the Meeting on Global Vision and Charter. Therefore the Chairman concluded that all these interlinked issues would be discussed in this forthcoming meeting.

The Commission agreed to propose to the Council of Ministers to convene a "Special Session of the Commission" to discuss the Global Vision, Charter, restructuring of the Secretariat, Audit Report and Proposed Budget of 2012. This meeting will be hosted by the Government of Turkey in September 2011 at the level of Commissioner, for duration of 3 (three) days.

The Commission also agreed that according to Chapter II Article 5 of the Statutory Document, the Commission will provisionally

approve the budget for 2012 at its forthcoming Special Session of the Commission in Turkey in September 2011.

### 9. Consideration of the Draft Agenda for the 14th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers

Draft Agenda of the 14th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers was adopted without any changes, which is at Annex V.

### 10. Date and Venue of the 31st Session of the D-8 Commission

Chairman announced that the 31th Session of the D-8 Commission will be hosted by Nigerian Government in Abuja, the date of which will be determined later.

### 11. Any Other Business

Based on Article 6 of the Headquarters Agreement, the Commissioner of Nigeria announced the appointment of Amb. Ibukun Olatidoye as the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to D-8 Organization

in Istanbul, Turkey and encouraged other Member Countries to follow suit in order to support the activities of the Organization.

### 12. Consideration and Adoption of the report of the 30th Session of the D-8 Commission

The report of the 30th Session of D-8 Commission was adopted.

### 13. Closing

In his Closing Remarks, the Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcomes of the deliberations.

The delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude to the Government of Federal Republic of Nigeria for hosting their Meeting and warmly thanked Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria, for chairing the meeting professionally.

## Report of D-8 Secretary-General address to the Special Session of the D-8 Commission

**Honorable Chairman,  
Distinguished Commissioners,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), I would like to welcome you all to this important event, the Special Session of the Commission.

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be with you at the opening of this important Meeting. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Turkish Government, especially to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for this well-prepared Meeting, providing us with this wonderful venue in the beautiful and historical city of Istanbul. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Commissioners and all delegates for their efforts in the arrangement of this Meeting.

We may recall that during the 30th Session of the Commission, July 12 - 13, 2011, the issue of the proposed Chart of Organization and the budget of the Fiscal Year 2012 was brought as one of the agenda. However, as the discussion was not fully concluded, it was then decided that these particular agenda shall be discussed in the first day of the Special Session of Commission.

Excellencies,

Please allow me to give you a glimpse of how the wheels of our organization runs daily through the Secretariat, in carrying out a vast range of duties to execute, monitor, follow-up and implement programs and targets set up to reach our road map goals. As the forefront of the Organization that handles heavy-loaded daily and long-term operational activities with alarmingly limited manpower—as well as financial resources, the Secretariat has often fulfilled its duties with serious challenges.

Archaic in its nature, the Secretariat's current structure has proved to be a major impediment to that end, and it naturally demands a transformation in the way it daily functions. Therefore we endeavor to propose a feasible and efficient new organizational structure of the Secretariat, along with the required budget, with the objective of managing all D-8 programs, activities and projects more efficiently. It is also imperative for me to reiterate that during the year of 2011, the programs and activities of D-8 Organization has almost doubled those of the previous year, which consequently calls for the modest increase of its operational budget. Excellencies,

In this age of globalization and inter-dependence, governments throughout the world, both developed and developing, are revitalizing their national economies through various strategies, policies, and measures, including through establishing or joining group or collective arrangements. The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, as an example of collective effort towards achieving economic progress and development, would also move in a manner commensurate with the requirements of development and the pace of change surrounding its individual members as well as the entire Organization. Current dramatic developments in various parts of the world, in the Middle East and North Africa in particular, underline the imperative of democratic governance and home-grown political stability as prerequisites for a smooth process of long-term development and mutually-beneficial relations with other countries, regional groups, and in a sense, the outside world. These factors play a critical role as well in the external relations of countries or states. The global economic crisis (2008) that started in the North and came to affect, to varying degrees, the bulk of the developing world (South), especially the more vulnerable, less-developed countries, brought home the message of inherent instability and institutional weaknesses in the structure of the world economy. The phenomenon of climate change, more frequent recurrence of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, drought, and other natural or man-made disasters, have added to the level of risk and uncertainty all countries, particularly the developing societies, while on the other hand they still have to deal with the quest of achieving growth and sustainable, long-term development.

The list are long: the scarcity and the high price foods, the soaring prices of oils and gasolines will hamper all human being budget arrangements. The still on-going

economic recession in the United States, and the current state of economic crisis in a number of European countries have confronted the powerful EU with quite a serious challenge - all point to the critical importance of the economic factor - both national and international. With this in mind, it goes without saying that it is critical for D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation to put more energy and effort to strengthen the Organization as well as increasing the quality of Partnership of Its member countries.

Excellencies,

Another important point of this meeting is the proposed Charter. Charter, is described as the bounds of the Organization. To become a full-fledged and highly reputable International Organization, there is no doubt that we need the Charter as a codification of all adopted legal instruments in one legal framework document. Just to give you a very vivid picture, no International Organization can promote a major cooperation or interact seriously with the other without the existence of its Charter.

Therefore, I truly expect that this Special Session will have a dynamic meeting and deliberations, which can lead to productive outcomes to shape our Organization into a more advanced, full-fledged Organization in which its Member Countries reflect cooperative and partnership manners for mutual benefits.

In conclusion, Dear Excellencies, I take the opportunity to express, once more, on behalf of the D-8 Secretariat, our deep appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for their excellent work, contribution, and hospitality. I wish you all success in your endeavors and deliberations.

Thank you very much for your attention.

# Report of the Special Session of D-8 Commission

## 13-14 October 2011 Istanbul-Turkey

The Government of the Republic of Turkey organized the Special Session of the D-8 Commission in Istanbul, Turkey from 13-14 October 2011. The meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is contained in Annex I.

The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, the D-8 Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. H.E. Mehmet Gücük, D-8 Commissioner for Turkey and Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, host of the Session, made an opening statement. Dr. Widi Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General made a statement on the draft agenda and programme of work on the Session (Statements are contained in Annex II).

### 1. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Commission considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting, without any changes (Annex III).

### 2. Consideration of the New Proposed Organizational Chart and the Annual Budget for 2012

The Secretary-General presented an oral report on the necessity of a new D-8 Organizational Structure, along with the proposed

increase in annual budget. The Commission discussed the matter in detail. All D-8 Commissioners made statements, concurred with the necessity of change in the current structure of the Secretariat and the need for increased budget, and expressed views on various aspects of the proposed organogram. The Secretary-General made further explanatory statements and addressed the concerns raised from the floor.

Having discussed the matter, the Commission considered the Secretary-General's proposal for the new organizational Chart of the Secretariat and have agreed to the new organogram taking into account the provisions of the Statutory Document for Future Status of the Secretariat and a 10.83% increase in the annual budget. The new organizational Chart and budget 2012 are contained in Annex IV.

The Secretariat agreed to provide to the Commissioners detailed job description for each position within the new organisational structure, including the designation of the officer in charge of accounting.

### 3. Consideration of the Paper on the D-8 Global Vision

The Secretary-General made introductory remarks on the Paper entitled "D-8 Global Vision: Cooperation, Competition, and Integration", which had been provided to the Commissioners as part of the documentation for the Session. Dr. Madzli bin Harun (University of Terengganu, Malaysia) gave a

powerpoint presentation on the Paper. The presentation also proposed future strategy for the Organization as part of Global Vision.

The Commissioners welcomed the provisions of the the matic, conceptual paper by the Secretariat and expressed appreciation to Dr. Madzli for the presentation.

Based on a proposal by the Turkish delegation, the Commission agreed to adopt the D-8 Global in Vision during the Summit marking.

The 15 Anniversary of the establishment of the D-8 Organization in 2012.

In light of the presentation of the paper and other views expressed by the Commissioners, it was agreed that the Secretariat will prepare the draft of the Global Vision, to be circulated to all members for their views. The draft will be adopted by the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Following further exchange of views, the Commission agreed on the following timetable for the further consideration of the paper on the D-8 Global Vision, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

DATE	2011			2012			
	November	December		January	February		
	20	30	1 15 30	1 20 30	1 15 28		
1 Preparation of Draft Global Vision							
2 Circulation of draft to Member Countries							
3 Submission of national feedback from Member Countries							
4 Finalisation of the draft (by Secretariat)							
5 Circulation of the final draft to Member Countries							
6 Consideration of the draft Global Vision at the Commission							

### 4. Consideration of the Proposed D-8 Charter

The Secretary-General made introductory remarks on the discussion of the draft D-8 Charter, and presented the compilation text which had been prepared by the Secretariat inclusive of the views received from the Member Countries. Following detailed discussion on the compilation text, and also considering new proposals submitted in the course of the Meeting by a number of Member Countries, it was agreed that the

Secretariat will subsequently submit (by the end of December 2011) a revised compilation text - to be considered by the Member Countries with a view to its finalization at the next Commission Meeting (expected to take place around mid-February 2012 in Abuja).

### 5. Consideration and Adoption of the report of the Special Session of the Commission

The report of the Special Session of the Commission was adopted.

### 6. Closing

In his Closing Remarks, the Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey, in particular the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality for the Special Session. He also expressed appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcomes of the deliberations.

The D-8 Commissioner of Turkey, as host, also made closing remarks and expressed

The gratitude and appreciation of the Turkish delegation to the Chairman, D-8 Commissioners, all delegates as well as the Secretariat for their constructive and fruitful efforts for and during the Special Session.



# Report of D-8 Secretary-General address to the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission

10-12 March 2011

Abuja-Nigeria

Distinguished Commissioners, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of D-8 Secretariat, I would like to welcome you all to this important event, the 29th Session of the D-8 Commission Meeting.

It is a great pleasure for me to attend this important Meeting. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Nigerian Government, especially to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, for this well-prepared Meeting, providing us with this wonderful venue in the beautiful city of Abuja as well as all delegates for their support and time contributed to this Meeting.

First of all, former Turkish Prime Minister Prof. Necmettin Erbakan, who was the leading figure in launching the idea of establishment of D-8 Organization in 1997, has passed away on 27 February 2011. Through this important meeting, on behalf of the organization, I would like to address my deep condolences to his family and all D-8 Community for the demise of the figure who has contributed enormous thoughts and efforts to bring world into a just and peaceful constellation.

I also would like to whole-heartedly congratulate H.E. Tarik Ahsan, the new Com-

missioner of Bangladesh; H.E. Ambassador Selwyn Das, the new Commissioner of Malaysia; and H.E. Ambassador Mehmet Gucuk, the new Commissioner of Turkey. I am certain that with their track records, dedication and professionalism, D-8 stands to benefit the most.

I would like to present you with a brief report on the latest developments of our cooperation activities since our 28th Session of the Commission and the 7th Summit in Abuja, Nigeria, until now.

Due to limited allocation of time and further opportunity for me to take the floor under the relevant agenda items, I will refrain from going into details at this moment, but allow me to underline few remarks at this juncture.

During the last six months, five planned programs were implemented:

4. The 11th Meeting of High Level Trade Officials (HLTO) was held in Istanbul on 9-10 October 2010 in an attempt to facilitate the implementation of PTA and as an important step for finalization of discussions regarding exchanging Offer Lists which will also encourage Member Countries to accelerate the ratification process. Member countries agreed to submit revised offer-list to D-8

Secretariat one month after the meeting.

5. The D-8 Working Group Meeting on Islamic Financial Services Industry was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on October 28, 2010 to generate discussions on the importance of Islamic finance and the strategy for developing inter-linkages among the D-8 member countries.

6. The D-8 Working Group Meeting on Shipping on 9-10 November 2010 was held in Abuja, Nigeria. Participants focused on a set of important issues such as the exchange of experiences and best practices in the field of shipping and logistics. The next meeting is planned back-to-back to D-8 Commission and D-8 Council Meeting in mid 2011.

7. The Meeting of Airline Companies and DGCA's on 26-28 November 2010 was held in Antalya, Turkey, to enhance the safety, security and services of the civil aviation in order to meet the requirement set by the International standard. This meeting also decided: Turkish civil aviation will be the next D-8 Chairman, requesting the permission to sign the MoU with ICAO and TMAG (Turkish Middle East Aviation Group – Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey) in principal. The commissioners' approval is needed on this subject. The next meeting will be held in Egypt on April or May 2011.

8. The First D-8 SMEs Governmental Bodies Meeting on 6-7 December 2010 was held in Tehran, Iran, in order to prepare the ground for the establishment of a friendly environment for enterprise creation, economic growth and improvement of production efficiency in D-8 countries' economies through dynamic SMEs development. In addition, it was also decided that the next meeting will be held in Turkey on 2011.

Other proposed activities during 28th Session of Commission are still pending to be implemented. I do draw your attention so that in future such cases are avoided to

the extent possible. In case of continuous non-implementation of a program, I would like to propose its deletion from our calendar of events.

During last six months, the Secretariat took initiative on several activities aiming at promoting potential cooperation programs in future:

5. D-8 Secretary-General, Widi Pratikto, met Turkish Foreign Minister, H.E. Ahmet Davutoglu, as his first official visit in the host country, Turkey, on 28 July 2010 in order to introduce himself as the new secretary general as well as coordinating the progress that has been taking place in the organization. They had a productive talk covering various contemporary issues about the organization, and outcomes of recent Abuja Summit held on 4-8 July 2010 in Nigeria.

6. In order to follow up the discussion that was facilitated by D-8 Secretariat between Turkish reputable aviation company, AtlasJet, with the Indonesia Tourism Minister, Secretary General paid a courtesy visit to AtlasJet headquarter in Istanbul on 01 September 2010 and met with Mr. Ali Murat Ersoy, the President of AtlasJet, with whom he had a lengthy and productive talk about the potentials awaiting to be revealed among D-8 Countries, as well as bilateral talks with Indonesian aviation sector.

7. D-8 Secretary-General paid a working visit to Tehran upon invitation of the Government of Iran as a speaker to Iran-African Forum on 14-16 September 2010. On his visit to Tehran, Dr. Pratikto also held talks with the Iranian Foreign Minister, Industry and Mining Minister, and Director of Multi-lateral Economic Cooperation of the Foreign Ministry of Iran, who is at the same time the Alternate Commissioner of D-8. He met also Secretary General of Federation of D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Research Manager from Iran Oil Seed Research and Development Company (IORD), Foreign Minister Advisor, and Deputy Min-

ister for of Africa of the Foreign Ministry.

8. D-8 Secretariat attended the Senior Official Meeting of the 26th OIC-COMCEC Meeting on 5-8 October 2010 in Istanbul in order to coordinate the work between D-8 Secretariat and OIC, as well as to discuss other opportunities with OIC.

9. D-8 Secretariat attended the opening ceremony and the Fair held by MUSIAD, an Independent Industrialists & Businessmen's Association of Turkey on 06 October 2010. In this session, MUSIAD International Trade Fair gathered more than 130,000 visitors along with 74 exhibitors from 22 countries & 2,224 visitors from 62 different countries.

10. D-8 Secretary-General met with the Turkish State Minister, H.E. Hayati Yazici, during the "2010 World Customs Forum" on 06 October 2010. Two officials discussed ways to improve the D-8 Custom cooperation on technical activities.

11. OIC and D-8 Signed MoU to Activate Joint Economic Cooperation on 07 October 2010. In order to facilitate joint cooperation and bilateral exchanges between the two organizations, D-8 Secretary-General, H.E. Prof. Widi A. Pratikto, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 7 October 2010 with the OIC Secretary General, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu. In this MoU, there are 3 (three) areas of cooperation will be proposed, namely Agriculture, Food security & rural development, trade and tourism. The signing ceremony took place during the 26th Session of Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC) in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in the presence of the Chairman of COMCEC, President Abdullah Gul.

12. On 21 October 2010, D-8 Secretariat received a courtesy visit from TUSIAD (All Industrialists' and Businessmen's Association of Turkey), an NGO that focuses on the

personal, professional, and entrepreneurship development of employee and employers in Turkish SMEs, as well as in major enterprises.

13. During D-8 Working Group Meeting on Islamic Financial Services Industry on 28 October 2010 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Secretary General had plans to make courtesy visit to several high-level government officials, such Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Transportation and Prime Minister, to discuss strengthening D-8 Food Security. Unfortunately, the plans were postponed because of lack of time for arrangement.

14. Secretary General invited by the President of Turkey, H.E. Abdullah Gul, to commemorate the Turkish Republic' Day in the Presidential Palace in Ankara on 29 October 2010. He travelled to Ankara and attended the Ceremony.

15. On 12 December 2010, D-8 Secretary-General met Turkish Speaker of Parliament, H.E. Mehmet Ali Sahin, to brief him on recent D-8 developments as well as expressing gratitude for ratification of D-8 Headquarters Agreement. Later on, the secretariat was notified that PTA and Custom agreement have been ratified by the Parliament as well.

16. Between 27-31 December 2010, Secretary General made working visit to Indonesia in order to encourage government and private sectors intervention into D-8 priority areas. During his Visit, SG met Ministers of Agriculture, Transportation, and Vice Minister of Industry, and Special Aide of President/Minister of Secretary Cabinet for Economy.

17. On January 11, 2011 Secretary General met the Acting Commissioner of Indonesia Mr. Sunu Sumarsono and his colleagues. In the discussion, SG mentioned possibilities Cooperation between ASEAN and D-8. SG also called on Indonesian side to give more supports to the activities of the organization.

18. On January 18th, 2011, D-8 Secretary-General paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed D-8 Commissioner of Turkey in Ankara, H.E. Ambassador Mehmet Gucuk, was previously the Turkish Ambassador in Bulgaria, and had just completed his term at the end of 2010. In the cordial meeting, SG extended his congratulation and expressed his gratefulness on behalf of the D-8 Organization for the Quarter Agreement Ratification by the Turkish parliament recently. SG also briefed him about the recent activities of D-8, as well as upcoming activities, ratification and implementation of agreements achieved by D-8 so far.

19. Turkish government proposed to add the D-8 defense industry cooperation under D-8 Working Group on Industry Cooperation (D-8 WGIC). Secretary General paid courtesy visit to Mr. Murat Bayar, Undersecretary of Defense Industry of Turkey in Ankara on 18 January 2011 and during this meeting the issue was discussed. Turkish side express the readiness to prepare ToR on this matter.

20. On 3 February 2011, on the sidelines of the official visit of Nigerian President, H.E. Goodluck Jonathan, Secretary General and D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria, H.E. Martin Ihoeghian Uhomobhi, had a productive meeting and discussed wide range of issues to improve cooperation among D-8 Member Countries, especially focusing on the streamlining efforts of the five priorities areas of cooperation. H.E. Uhomobhi underlined the importance of budget modification so that D-8 Secretariat can execute a variety of tasks. The Commissioner of Nigeria suggested the Secretariat to prepare ToR for 3 (three) major areas among List of Priority Areas of cooperation namely Food Security, Transportation and Industry & SMEs.

21. On 8 February 2011, Secretary General and Director visited Ankara to meet with

several government officials. In this visit, they had opportunities to discuss with Mr. Masum Burak, Director General of General Directorate of Agriculture Research of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of Turkey, as one of prime movers on seed bank cooperation. They also visited Mr. Ziya Altunyaldiz, Undersecretary for Customs regarding D-8 Customs Agreement and its implementation. They visited Mr. Ahmet Yakici, Undersecretary for Foreign Trade in order to discuss PTA Agreement and its implementation.

Excellencies, distinguished ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to draw your attention to our 2011 programs by considering the following remarks:

13. We believe that all our efforts should be in line with our Road-Map 2008-2018. In this regard, secretariat prepared an Action Plan for the implementation of the road-Map objectives. This document was submitted to the 27th Session of the Commission and according to Para 11 of report of this meeting Secretariat revised this document based on Priority List of areas of Cooperation and forwarded it to all Commissioners. We only received views of Turkey. I believe that this Action Plan should receive more attention from member countries.

14. I recommend that the Action Plan for implementation of the road map be approved by the Commissioners so that each country would be able to follow up its commitments as planned in this document.

15. I need your support for the ratification of our three Agreements: PTA; Visa; and Custom Agreements. The status of the agreements are as follow:

- PTA: 3 (three) countries already ratified namely Malaysia, Iran and Nigeria. I urge other member countries to ratify PTA as soon as possible in order to boost our in-

tra-trade.

- Visa Agreement: already into force, where six countries, namely Bangladesh, Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Nigeria and Turkey have ratified. I urge Egypt and Indonesia to ratify the agreement as soon as possible.

- Customs Agreement: 4 (four) countries already ratified namely Indonesia, Iran, Nigeria and Pakistan. I also urge other member countries to ratify Customs Agreement as soon as possible.

16. I would like to inform you on status of Civil Aviation Cooperation. So far, 6 (six) countries already signed MoU on Civil Aviation Cooperation. Within this line, I would like to urge to Malaysia and Nigeria to sign the said MoU in order to strengthen our cooperation on civil aviation.

It is worth to note that on 11-15 April 2011, DGCA of Turkey will host program training on safety, security, ATM, ground handling and maintenance. All member countries already confirmed their participation to the said event.

17. The D-8 11th HLTO Meeting is an important step for finalization of discussions regarding exchanging Offer Lists and this achievement will also encourage Member Countries to accelerate the ratification process. During this meeting, Indonesia and Bangladesh also promised to ratify the PTA. Malaysia, Iran and Nigeria have ratified the PTA, and as soon as one additional Member Country ratifies the PTA, it will enter into force. In addition, so far only 3 (three) countries sent the revised-offer list to D-8 Secretariat, namely Egypt, Indonesia and Turkey. Within this line, I urge other member countries to send their revised offer list as soon as possible.

18. The Workshop on D-8 Global Vision and Intergovernmental Group Meeting on the Draft D-8 Charter was scheduled to be held on 28 February – 1 March 2011. Unfortunately, due to the lack of quorum, it had to

be postponed. Considering the importance of these two documents, I sent a notification to all of you requesting that it be discussed during 29th Session of Commission. I hope that distinguished commissioners allocate enough time for this issue.

19. In order to follow up every program, D-8 Secretariat will continue to update the Matrix of Activities as a reference that need to be followed up by D-8 member countries since 28th Session of D-8 Commission and 7th Summit in Abuja-Nigeria. In order to maintain cohesiveness as well as involvement on matrix of activities among member countries, Secretary General has planned to visit to Egypt (back to back with next DGCA meeting).

20. As a general observation, I would like to express my gratitude to all member countries who have taken the burden of hosting technical meetings during past few months, especially those who have done so repeatedly and request the distinguished Commissioners to make sure that Technical meetings are hosted in line with our Priority Areas which have already been approved. I am certain that this approach will augment all our efforts to reach quorum for each and every D-8 meetings.

21. The Turkish parliament ratified the Headquarters Agreement of the Developing Eight Organization and as of 17 February 2011 this agreement has entered into force. Within this line, D-8 will not pay income tax for Turkish staffs any longer.

22. According to Article-10 of Chapter III of the Financial Regulation of the D-8 Secretariat, the financial accounts of the secretariat shall be subject to an external auditing on biannual basis. For this reason, I have requested the commissioners of Nigeria and Pakistan to dispatch their financial officers in order to perform auditing of the D-8 Secretariat financial records for 2009-2010.

23. It is my great pleasure to inform you Turkey and Bangladesh have already paid annual contribution for 2011. I urge other member countries to follow suit as soon as possible for the smooth function of the secretariat.

24. The Secretariat launched "Business Forum Web Page", which was emanated from the Abuja Declaration. The purpose of this web page is to facilitate and engage private sector and chamber of commerce involvement in D-8 activities and programs. Through this web page, our members can register, monitor and post useful information and opportunities to generate a constructive discussion and effective exchange of information among our member countries.

25. With the spirit to boost D-8 Intra trade, I urge and encourage private sectors and chamber of commerce to cooperate with the authorities through regular interaction and sharing of information on more activities as well as on investment opportunities in order to create greater awareness for availing these opportunities. I hope that you will be provided with the report of the activities of D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

26. On January 25, 2011, our economist Mrs Esen Gonen, terminated her contract which is valid till end 2012. Based on obligation under statutory document chapter VIII article 19.3a, I immediately informed D-8 Chairman, Nigeria, as well as Commission of Turkey and requested her replacement. Within this line, according to chapter V article 9.1 on recruitment policy for D-8 Secretariat, the decision is for Commissioners to take. On March 1st, 2011 the Commissioner of Turkey officially informed the Secretariat of their candidate for this replacement.

27. With reference to the decision of the 28th D-8 Commission meeting article 10, Iran presented and proposed the Terms of Reference for D-8 Joint Investment Fund.

The Commissioners expressed their support for the Fund and indicated that more time is needed for consideration by their relevant officials. So far, only 3 (three) member countries, namely Bangladesh, Indonesia and Turkey, had sent their views to the Secretariat. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that this idea of JIF could be very instrumental in implementation of all D-8 projects meaning that without a minimum financial resources, no project can be carried out.

28. The latest developments in the world necessitate closer economic relations and bonds among all member countries of D-8 community. For this reason, any and all efforts to promote an implement the objectives of D-8 should be encouraged and planned for. I am convinced that our organization is on right track and has covered enough ground to start implementation of projects.

By this remarks, I conclude my reports and wish you a constructive, productive and fruitful discussions during this session of Commission.

Thank you for your attention.



# Report of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the D-8 Commission

## 10-12 March 2011 Abuja-Nigeria

The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria organized the 29th Session of Developing Eight (D-8) Commission in Abuja, Nigeria on March 10-12, 2011. The meeting was attended by delegates from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is at Annex I.

### 1. Welcoming Remarks by the D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria.

H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, the D-8 Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria chaired the meeting and delivered his opening remarks (Annex II).

### 2. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Commission considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting, with a few additional items (Annex III).

### 3. Presentation of the report of the D-8 Secretariat

H.E. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, the Secretary General of the D-8 presented his Report on the activities of the Organization as well as the Secretariat since the last Session of the Commission (Annex IV).

### 4. Consideration and Adoption of Calendar of Events 2010/2011

a. The Commission considered the Calendar of Events and adopted the reports of the following activities:

NO	TITLE OF MEETING	TENTATIVE DATE	VENUE	STATUS
1	11 <sup>th</sup> Session of High Level Trade Officials Meeting	October 9-10, 2010	Istanbul, Turkey	Held
2	D-8 Meeting on Development of Islamic Financial Services Industry	October 27- 28, 2010	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Held
3	D-8 Working Group Meeting on Shipping	November 9-10, 2010	Abuja, Nigeria	Held
4	D-8 Meeting of Airline Companies and DGCA's	November 27-28, 2010	Antalya, Turkey	Held
5	D-8 Working Group on SMEs	December 6-7, 2010	Tehran, Iran	Held
6	Drafting Committee Meeting on D-8 MoU with the ICAO	November 27-28, 2010	Turkey	Held
7	Workshop on Industrial Clusters Development for SMEs	February 8-9, 2011	Tehran, Iran	Held
8	29 <sup>th</sup> Session of D-8 Commission	March 10-11,2011	Abuja,Nigeria	Held

b. The future activities of the Member Countries are indicated in the below table:

9	Second Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security	May 16-18, 2011	Tehran, Iran	Confirmed
10	Working Group on D-8 Global Vision	February 28-March 1,2011	Istanbul, Turkey	To be rescheduled
11	Working Group Meeting on D-8 Charter	February 28-March 1,2011	Istanbul, Turkey	To be rescheduled
12	DGCA Training on Safety, Security, ATM and Ground Handling	11-15 April 2011	Ankara, Turkey	Confirmed
13	D-8 Humanitarian Assistance Forum	2011	Istanbul, Turkey	Possibility to hold simultaneously with UN-LDC
14	First Meeting of Heads of D-8 Trade Promotion Organizations	Second half of 2011	Pakistan	Pending
15	Working Group Meeting on Transportation	2011	Turkey	Pending
16	D-8 Workshop on E-health and tele-medicine	2011	Istanbul, Turkey	Possibility to hold simultaneously with UN-LDC
17	Working Group on Mother and Child Health Care	2011	Istanbul, Turkey	Possibility to hold simultaneously with UN-LDC
18	D-8 Water Forum	2011	Istanbul, Turkey	Possibility to hold simultaneously with UN-LDC
19	D-8 Cooperation in Technical and Vocational Education	End of 2011	Pakistan	Pending
20	Young Diplomats Program	To be announced	Iran	Pending
21	A Meeting on Migrant Workers and Remittances	Third quarter 2011	Bangladesh	Pending
22	Second Working Committee Meeting on Renewable Energy	To be announced	Indonesia	Pending
23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation and 6 <sup>th</sup> WGIC	2011	Turkey	Confirmed
24	2 <sup>nd</sup> WG Meeting on SMEs	2011	Nigeria	Confirmed
25	2 <sup>nd</sup> WG Meeting on Shipping	2011	Nigeria	Confirmed
26	the 5 <sup>th</sup> DGCA Meeting	2011	Indonesia	Confirmed
27	the D-8 Workshop on Islamic Finance	Second half of 2011	Indonesia	Confirmed
28	D-8 WGIC Textile Task Force Meeting	October/November 2011	Indonesia	Confirmed

### 5. Consideration and discussion of Global Vision and Charter

Member Countries agreed that these two activities are interlinked but should be handled at two different levels of expertise. To this end, organising a Workshop on Global Vision and a Working Group Meeting to finalise the draft D-8 Charter will be useful. It is recommended that the Commission take full part in these activities, and Turkey expressed readiness to host these meetings back to back during second half of 2011. During this meeting D-8 Documents, included Action Plan and Roadmap would also be discussed.

### 6. Action Plan for the Implementation of Roadmap

Member Countries discussed and endorsed the Action Plan for the implementation of the D-8 Roadmap for 2008-2018.

### 7. MoU with OIC and MoC with ICAO and TMAG

Secretary General addressed the report of last DGCA Meeting held in Antalya, Turkey, and conveyed the request of that Meeting seeking endorsement of the Commission to authorise Chairman of DGCA of Turkey to sign MoC on behalf of D-8. The Commissioners exchanged views on the subject and agreed to authorize the Chairman to sign the MoC with ICAO and TMAG, bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States.

### 8. Promotion of Private Sector Led Cooperation

D-8 Secretary-General, due to unavailability of the Secretary General of D-8 Federation of Chambers of Commerce, presented his report to the meeting. Member Countries endorsed the report and reaffirmed that private sector is an essential part of the activity of D-8 with the emphasize on SME cooperation. The Commission also agreed to convey a strong signal to promote private sector engagements.

### 9. Discussion on ToR of Joint Investment Fund (JIF)

Secretary General presented a background perspective on the issue. The Delegation of Turkey expressed the views of their relevant departments that JIF might cause a duplication of other similar institutions. The Delegation of Malaysia reiterated that the amount proposed is of a large sum and that more time would be needed for the matter for further consideration. Nigeria emphasized that D-8 should focus on a private sector-driven activities and would therefore favor project-driven funds rather than funds-driven projects. The Delegation of Iran stated that Iran will organize an expert meeting on this issue and called on remaining Member Countries to provide their views on the ToR.

### 10. Consideration of Ratification Status of D-8 Legal Instruments.

Delegation of Turkey informed the Meeting that all D-8 Legal Instruments have been adopted by the Turkish Parliament, and the official notification on ratification of PTA and Customs Agreement will soon be forwarded to the Secretariat. Iran stated that after announcement of ratification of PTA by Turkey, this legal instrument will be operationalized according to its relevant provisions. Therefore Iran proposed to hold an HLTO Meeting in which offer list as well as a modality of implementation of PTA will be discussed. Delegation of Pakistan stated that as soon as official notification of ratification of PTA is issued by Turkey, Pakistan will ratify when the Offer Lists are exchanged among the parties.

Representative of Bangladesh informed that it would not be possible for Bangladesh to ratify the PTA, and for that matter to provide an offer list, unless the local value addition criteria in the rules of Origin protocol is reduced to 30%. Bangladesh requested Member Countries to consider this position so that it could be a party to this important agreement.

Country	VISA	CUSTOMS	PTA	MoU on CIVIL AVIATION
	Date of Ratification	Date of Ratification	Date of Ratification	Date of Ratification
Bangladesh	22 March 2010	Not yet		June 2008
Egypt	Not yet	Not yet		26 November 2010
Indonesia	Not yet	19 September 2008		June 2008
Iran	10 June 2003	15 December 2009	03 July 2008	September 2007
Malaysia	04 December 2009	Not yet	20 July 2006	
Nigeria	14 July 2010	14 July 2010	14 July 2010	
Pakistan	07 August 2006	19 July 2010		June 2008
Turkey	14 March 2007	Almost finalized	Almost finalized	September 2007

### 11. Report on the realization of the Budget of the D-8 Secretariat for 2010 and 2011.

Secretary General sought approval from the Commission to use available resources due to the ratification of the Headquarters Agreement be used by the Secretariat to cover salary increases of local staffs not enforced since 2009, as well travelling expenses to accompany Directing Staffs to official meetings and assignments. The Commission supported Secretary General's proposal so that he would be able to efficiently execute his responsibilities and tasks. The Chairman noted that the Secretariat was facing some financial limitations which adversely impact upon its performance. He urged that creative ways be

found to address this critical situation.

To this end, it was suggested that Member States might consider the proposal of placing country representatives at the D-8 Secretariat in Istanbul. Secretary General stated his readiness to prepare and present an increased budget for the Secretariat to the next Sessions of Commission and Council.

### 12. Date and Venue of the 30th Session of the D-8 Commission

Chairman warmly invited all Member Countries to attend the 30th Session of the D-8 Commission, which will be held back-to-back to the 14th Session of the Council in Abuja, Nigeria during month of July 2011.

### 13. Consideration and Adoption of the report of the 29th Session of the D-8 Commission

The report of the 29th Session of D-8 Commission was adopted.

### 14. Any Other Business

- Considering the need for a close follow up and implementation of D-8 projects and activities, and realising the current capacity limitation of the Secretariat, the Commissioners agreed to propose to each D-8 Member States to designate and deploy an official to Secretariat, on secondment basis.
- Secretary General called on Pakistan and Nigeria to dispatch their finance officers to audit the financial records of the Secretariat as required by the extent financial rules and regulations of the D-8. On this issue, Chairman concluded that the names of the auditors will be provided to the Secretariat so that during second half of April 2011, through coordination by Secretariat they would be available in the Secretariat Headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey.
- Representative of Turkey informed the Meeting that Mr. Omer Asim Aksoy has been nominated by the Government of Republic of Turkey to the position of the Economist of D-8 Secretariat, due to departure of Mrs. Z. Esen Gonen, the former D-8 Economist, and requested his endorsement by the Meeting. This nomination was approved by the Commission, which also proffered immense appreciation to Mrs. Z. Esen Gonen, for her dedicated service and contribution to the work of the Secretariat and Organization.
- The representative of Iran informed the Meeting of a letter addressed to all D-8 Foreign Ministers by Foreign Minister of Iran concerning the replacement of D-8 Director, Amb. Kia Tabatabaee. The Commissioners noted the request of Iran, but requested that the Director be allowed to continue exercise his functions until the arrival of his replacement, Amb. Bagher Asa-

di. Meanwhile the Commission paid tribute to Amb. Kia Tabatabaee for his dedicated service and contribution to the work of the Secretariat and Organization.

- The representative of Bangladesh proposed that the 30th Session of the Commission would discuss the modalities relating to the recruitment of officials in circumstances of end of service before the contracting period.
- Secretary General informed the Meeting that pursuant to the meeting with D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria in Istanbul on March 4, 2011, three papers on Terms of References for Food Security, Transportation and SMEs Cooperation have been prepared. Secretary General encouraged Member Countries to focus their attention on these three important areas of cooperation. The Chairman called on Member Countries to review these documents so that it will be discussed thoroughly during next meeting.
- In an official signing ceremony, in the presence of D-8 Commissioners and Secretary General, Nigerian DGCA Dr. Harold O. Demuren, signed MoU for the Establishment of D-8 Member States' Working Group for Co-operation in Civil Aviation, which has already been signed by six other Member Countries.

### 15. Closing

In his Closing Remarks, the Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcomes of the deliberations.

The delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude to the Government of Federal Republic of Nigeria for hosting their Meeting and warmly thanked Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, D-8 Commissioner of Nigeria, for chairing the meeting professionally.