**FINAL REPORT OF**

**The 3rd Ad Hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of**

**D8 Fertilizer Association (D8FA)**

**9-10 October 2014, Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia**

The Government of Malaysia hosted the 3rd Ad Hoc Meeting toconsider the formation of D8 Fertilizer Association (D8FA**)** on 9-10 October 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Meeting were attended by delegations from the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Malaysia. The list of delegates is attached as **Annex I.**

1. **Opening Session**

H.E. Tuan Haji Azini bin Mohd Shahid, Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of Malaysia delivered the keynote address. The text is as in **Annex II.**

1. **Election of Chairman and Appointment of the Rapporteur**

Mr. Nordin bin Ibrohim, Deputy General Manager of National Farmers Organization (NAFAS) of Malaysia, was elected as the Chairman and delivered welcoming address to the meeting. The text is as in **Annex III**.

The representatives from the D8 Secretariat and National Farmers Organization (NAFAS), was appointed as the Rapporteurs.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda**

After consideration amongst the delegates, the Meeting adopted the agenda of the meeting as in **Annex IV.**

1. **Review of the Work and Development on consolidation of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and draft Articles of Incorporation of D8FA**

Participants exchanged views on the work and development of the consolidation of draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and draft Articles of Incorporation of D8FA. The following issues, inter alia, were highlighted in the course of the Meeting deliberations:

* The Meeting reviewed and updated the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on D8 Fertilizer Association (D8FA) as in **Annex V**. The meeting also agreed that the updated MoU will be circulated to all D8 Member States through the D8 Secretariat for their further consideration.
* The Meeting reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on D8 Fertilizer Association (D8FA) as in **Annex VI** without any updated / additional input.
* Mr. Kamrul Ashraf Khan, Chairman of Bangladesh Fertilizer Association was appointed as the D8FA Focal point / fertilizer stakeholders’ representative for Bangladesh.
* In order to fully implement the MoU and its Article of Incorporation of D8FA, the meeting reiterated their concerned on the submission of fertilizer stakeholders’ representative of D8 Fertilizer Association from D8 Member States. In this regard, the Meeting agreed on the issue of setting a new deadline for submission of fertilizer stakeholders’ representative of D8 Fertilizer Association from the remaining member countries, at the latest by 10 December 2014.

1. **New Projects and Areas of Cooperation**

Malaysia proposed an idea of collaboration between D8 Member States in the development of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) plant that will be based in Samalaju Industrial Park, Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia. The proposed plant will have a capacity to produce 250,000 MT or more of semi-true compound fertilizer and phosphatic fertilizer (DAP and Mono-Ammonium Phosphate (MAP) as proposed in **Annex VII**.

Iran proposed the setting up of Chamber of Commerce on fertilizer, from D8 Member States in the field of fertilizer, which is to cover the following as in **Annex VIII**:

1. Basic administration infrastructure should be established before D8FA move forward.
2. Initial leader should be selected among the Member States.
3. Mission statement should be accepted by all Member States.
4. Financial strategy such as Member States fee, donation to maintain the viability.
5. Marketing and Public Relation (PR) strategy should have a proper media and PR department.
6. Research department to collate all information and ideas.
7. **Date and Venue of the next Meeting**

The meeting noted with gratitude, the gracious offer from the People's Republic of Bangladesh to hold the 4th Ad Hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association in April 2015.

1. **Any Other Business**

The meeting encouraged D8 Member States to introduce their project proposals in the field of production, distribution and trade of fertilizers prior to and during the 4th Ad Hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association and / or the 5th D8 Working Group on Fertilizer.

The meeting highlighted that efforts under the works of D8 Fertilizer Association should be strengthened without any further delay in order to expedite the process of the formation of D8 Fertilizer Association and any other business.

1. **Consideration and Adoption of the Report**

The Report of the 3rd Ad Hoc Meeting to Consider Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association was considered and adopted by the Meeting.

1. **Closing**

The Chairman expressed his gratitude and appreciation to all delegates for the constructive ideas and fruitful discussion during the meeting. Subsequently, the participating delegates also conveyed their deep gratitude to Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry of Malaysia and National Farmers Organization (NAFAS) of Malaysia for hosting the meeting with excellent venue and arrangements.