**Annex II**

**Officiated Speech Draft of 3rd Ad-hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association (D8 FA)**

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**Assalammualaikum WarrahmatullahiWabarakatuh, Good Morning and Salam 1Malaysia.**

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Director General of Malaysian Farmers Organization Authority

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Chairman of National Farmers Organization (NAFAS)

Mr. Nordin bin Ibrohim,

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Mr. Hosein Zamani,

Head Delegation from Iran

Mr. Kamrul Ashraf Khan,

Head Delegation from Bangladesh

Representative from Malaysia especially from Wisma Putra, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Farmers Organization Authority, and NAFAS,

Members of delegation from D8 countries, ladies and gentlemen.

1. Alhamdulillah, by the grace to Allah SWT, I am pleased to be with all of you in the 3rd Ad-hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association (D8 FA). As a host country for this occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our warm welcome to all delegates from the D8 member countries to Malaysia.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

2. Malaysia, nicknamed ‘Truly Asia’ offers unique and majestic scenery with many interesting places to visit and explore. Here, in Kuala Lumpur itself, there are several places of attractions such as the PETRONAS Twin Tower, KLCC and the National Mosque. As for the new and modernise federal government administrative centre, Putrajaya, located 45 minutes from Kuala Lumpur, is a must visit place. Therefore, since 2014 is “Visit Malaysia Year”, I would like to promote and suggest to all of you to spend more time here and enjoy the fascinating destination before going back to your home country.

Distinguished Guests,

3. In accordance with the core objectives of D8, I sincerely hope that the objectives of its establishment can be reached in all areas agreed by this movement, especially in the field of fertilizers. Malaysia through NAFAS will take an active role and certainly, we are willing to share resources, knowledge, technologies and expertise to support this initiative.

4. This is because we are aware that the fertilizer sector plays a very crucial part for the survival of the world food sufficiency, especially among the D8 country members. With the massive growing population, limited arable land and global uncertainty on climate change issues, we need an adequate and appropriate fertilizer formulation to boost up the food production.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

5. In June, 2013, United Nations Departments of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division estimated that as of 2010, the world population is amounted to 6.916 billion people. In the other hand, The United States Bureau estimated that the world population exceeded 7 billion on March, 2012. From that recorded estimation, 23% from the world population which is 1.6 billion people are Muslim adherents. Also as D8 member countries, we represent a total of 23% from total world population which made us a significant and relevant contributor to the world economy.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

6. I wish to quote a proverb taken from one of Islamic Country in Western Africa, Burkina Faso which read as follows ‘*If we want to walk fast, walk alone but if we want to walk far, walk together*.” This proverb literally have the consistent meaning with Allah S.W.T says in verse 2 Surah Al-Maidah which means ‘*And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah, indeed, Allah is severe in penalty*’.

7. Therefore ladies and gentlemen, it is our hope that this cooperation will continue to strengthen our Muslim Nation to achieve economic capability. It is our responsibilities and jihad to ensure the prosperity and development of each D8 countries members. It is my hope that the meeting will achieve its objectives and will benefit tremendously from the active participation across the floor, leading to a meaningful discussions in the pursuit of a better tomorrow for the ummah.

8. Finally, I would like to congratulate NAFAS for taking the time and effort to initiate the event. On behalf of the host, I wish all of you have a very pleasant stay in Malaysia and a fruitful day ahead.

On that note, it is my pleasure to officially open the 3rd Ad-hoc Meeting to Consider the Formation of D8 Fertilizer Association.

Thank you.