REPORT OF

THE FIRST D-8 TASK FORCE MEETING ON IRON-STEEL

4 October 2011, Istanbul, Turkey

The first Task Force Meeting on Iron-Steel was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 4 October 2011. The meeting was attended by 26 participants. List of participants is attached as **Annex (1)**.

**Agenda Item No 1: Election of the Chair.**

Veysel YAYAN, President of Secretary General of Turkish Iron and Steel Producers’ Association was elected as a chairman by the consensus.

**Agenda Item No 2: Adoption of the Agenda**

Under this Agenda Item, the proposed agenda was adopted.

**Agenda Item No 3: Election of Rapporteur**

Şeyma BARLAS, Mete CANKAYA from Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology of Republic of Turkey were assigned by chairman.

**Agenda Item No 4: Presentation of Country Report on Status of Iron-Steel Industry**

Under this Agenda Item, Turkey and Iran made a presentation on the current status of Iron-Steel industry and highlighted their areas of particular interest.

**Agenda Item No 5: Review of the work Programme and Progress Report based on the previous meeting**

ToR which was prepared in the meeting organized in Iran, has been confirmed by the participants and according to needs changes are done by the participants.

**Agenda Item No 6: New projects and areas of cooperation in Iron-Steel Industry**

The working group members requested from D-8 secreteriat whether new mechanisims such as free trade agreements can be implemented among D-8 members.

Steel task force of D-8 countries agreed on condisering the big potential of D-8 countries in terms of trade capacities, in order to promote ferrous and non-ferrous metals trade, all kinds of non-tariff barriers should be eliminated and customs duties among the D-8 members should be reduced. To achieve this goal, the time period can be put on target and this decision can be take on a ministiral level.

**Agenda Item No 7: Date and Venue of the Next Meeting**

**Agenda Item No 8: Any Other Business**

NA

**Agenda Item No 9: Adoption of the Report**

The Report was adopted by unanimity.

**Agenda Item No 10**

Task Force Chairman Dr. Veysel YAYAN appreciated the Government of Republic of Turkey for hosting the meeting.

Annex 1

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7. Salih ÖZTÜRK
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9. Mehmet ZEREN
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13. Ahmet CENGİZ CAN
14. Cem TÖNÜK
15. Şerafettin CECELİ
16. Aybars GÜVEN
17. Cihangir ERGÜN
18. M. Ali AKAY
19. Ahmet TEPİROĞLU
20. M. Ertuğrul ERGRU
21. Cenk ELİTOK
22. Güçlü Galip AVŞAR
23. Phd. Veysel YAYAN
24. Erdoğan GÜÇLÜ
25. Merve TUFAN
26. M. Ali SELİM