

Agenda Item 5 - Presentation and discussion
on the current state of the implementation of the PTA

*Madam Chairperson,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

PTA signed in 2006 has entered into force between Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Turkey (25 August 2011), Indonesia (4 October 2011) and Pakistan (8 February 2012). All Contracting Members (Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey) have submitted their Revised Offer List (transposed to HS Code 2012) to the Secretariat and subsequently the Secretariat circulated the documents. All Contracting Members have submitted their specimen signature(s) and impressions of stamps to the Secretariat and the documents have been circulated to Member States. A table showing status of implementation of the PTA is annexed with this statement.

So far, Malaysia has announced the “Malaysia’s Federal Government Gazette on goods under the D-8 PTA” as approved by the Parliament of Malaysia on 5 December, 2013. The Secretariat circulated this information to Member States for their reference.

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Full implementation of the PTA has yet to take effect. Two issues, in my view, must be immediately addressed and resolved in order for the PTA to be fully operational. These are, finalization and adoption of the ‘Dispute Settlement’ document and completion of national legal procedure for operationalization of the Offer List. In addition, as I mentioned in my speech this morning, expansion of the Offer Lists will attract sufficient attention among D-8 business community and create a significant momentum for intra-trade. I hope this meeting will address these critical issues and show flexibility in the course of deliberations so we may immediately operationalize the PTA.

I thank you.