

POINT OF INTERVENTION

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Assalamualaikum Wr. Wb,
Good morning,

1. At the outset I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Republic of Turkey for warm welcome and hospitality extended to my delegation and me. On behalf of H.E. Andi Amran Sulaiman, Minister of Agriculture of Indonesia, I would like to express his apology, for unable to come to this important meeting, due to his tasks to consolidate Ministry of Agriculture and other related domestic stakeholders measures to achieve national food-self sufficiency in the path directed by the new President.
2. Second, I would like to cite the directions of D-8 Leaders in the Islamabad Declaration in 2012 on the principles of the D-8, which supports South-South Cooperation, Energy, Agriculture and Food Security, and cooperation with the private sector. The main objectives of cooperation D-8 are to improve the bargaining position of developing countries in the world economy, expand and create new opportunities in trade, especially through the increased focus on D-8 intra-trade, developing economic and commercial cooperation among the D-8 member countries, and improve the welfare for the D-8 member countries.
3. Next, I would like to stress the importance of the D-8 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security as an effort to achieve food security and economic growth in the D-8 region. Taking into account previous initiatives of D-8 Agriculture Ministerial Meeting on Food Security, **namely, Kuala Lumpur Initiatives, Tehran Initiatives, Mataram Initiatives, and Abuja Initiatives** that support the development within five (5) areas of cooperation included in the Food Security Cooperation of D-8: seed bank, animal feed, fertilizer, marine affairs and fisheries, and standards for trade, it is crucially important to facilitate the role of national focal points to follow up and ensure the implementation of the agreements that have been reached by the Working Groups, Senior Officials and Ministerial meetings, encouraging the involvement of private institutions and businesses to participate in creating a

framework for cooperation through **Public-Private Partnership** among others in the development of an effective food supply chain, and expedite efforts on exploring feasible ways to promote nutrition and food system transformation.

4. As we know that food security is a multi-dimensional and complex issues consisting social, economic, environmental, physical, and political factors. I am aware that cooperation in food sector affects and must involve a large number of smallholder farmers therefore, the development of trade and investment, especially in agriculture in the region of the D-8 should not harm their livelihoods. Food security will play important role of balancing provision of sufficient food to feed world-growing population, with improving small holders farmers livelihoods. Moreover, the issues addressed in cooperation D-8 agriculture food security needs to be reviewed in order to avoid overlap among cooperation under the D-8.
5. Trade and investment are crucial to the attainment of food security. Therefore, we should reaffirm our pledge to roll back protectionism and trade-distorting measures. We should be able develop mechanism and modality that guard unfair treatment to a certain food commodities. Moreover, food safety and nutrition education were cited as important issues that should be explicitly included. So, today and in the future, food has become highly nutritious, and food safety becoming very important issue, therefore, we have to consider collaboration in ensuring standards and system that are integrated a cross regions to assure food safety and reduce technical barriers to food trade in the D-8. As well, D-8 member countries should promote cooperation in agriculture, one of which is through promoting foreign direct investment (FDI).
6. With that I end my intervention. I thank you very much.