In the name of God

Inauguration of D8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)

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Welcome Speech

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Distinguished representatives of the science and technology organizations and institutes from D8 countries,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great honor for me, to welcome you all to the First Meeting of High Council of D8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN), and to have the opportunity to address this honorable assembly here.

As you are aware, D8 Organization has been established with the objectives of improving member states’ position, in the global economy, diversifying and creating new opportunities in trade relations, enhancing participation in decision-making at international level and improving standards of life on June 15, 1997.

To accelerate achieving, the mentioned objectives, member countries shall focus on science and technology, as one of the most important elements of creating wealth at both macro (governments) and micro (enterprises) levels. Accordingly, appropriate emplacement of D8 member countries in the new system of international division of labor, as well as, entering the key areas of international production, and trade are considered as the main requirements for future development of D8 member countries. Therefore, one of the main components of economic development is to develop science and technology cooperation among the cooperative countries. This cooperation yields to increase in generating science and technology, through knowledge-based companies, while influencing development of foreign markets for such companies.

To move from the economies, based upon the sales of raw materials to knowledge-based economy, D8 member countries need structures to enable them to direct knowledge-based companies and enterprises to generate wealth and increase social welfares through science and technology.

Our Studies, suggest that economic, industrial, scientific and technological capacities and capabilities of D8 member countries, enjoy global competitive advantages in some arenas. Through correct and scientific management of these potential capacities and balanced and purposeful cooperation among these countries, invaluable opportunities can be created in the field of providing knowledge-based products and services to the international markets. Therefore, in the first step, it is required to activate the mechanisms of intra-organizational D8 trade and cooperation.

Based on the aforementioned approach, Pardis Technology Park, has proposed establishing *D8 Technology Transfer and Exchange Network (TTEN)* as an effective and important tool and followed it up for four years up to its approval in the Third D8 Ministerial Meeting on Industry held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on October 9th 2012.

TTEN will offer the following services to its members;

1. Introducing and exchanging scientific and technological information among D8 member countries.
2. Providing the possibility of sharing and employing technology commercialization models and experiences for its member countries.
3. Providing a platform to meet technical and industrial needs of D8 member countries.
4. Providing the possibility of introducing joint science and technology projects
5. Participating in global markets within the framework of D8 member countries’ joint enterprises

TTEN website has been established by Pardis Technology Park to inform member countries of one another’s capabilities and all D8 countries can use this website as D8 technology exchange database, as well.

TTEN is comprised of the following four main sections;

1. **Policy making Council;**

As the highest level in TTEN, this council is in charge of adopting main policies. All TTEN activities shall be in line with the council’s adopted policies.

1. **TTEN focal points, as their Regional Offices, in D8 Member Countries;**

Organizations based in D8 member countries to work as TTEN focal points.

1. **Portal and Databases;**

Marketing technologies, as well as, technological needs of the member countries which is registered by countries’ representatives.

1. **Secretariat**:

TTEN secretariat is in charge of implementation and follow-up of the TTEN adopted resolutions.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to reiterate my sincere thanks to all of you for allocating time to participate in this important meeting. I’m confident that honorable representatives of D8 countries attending this meeting as TTEN beneficiaries and supporters would seriously follow up the resolutions of D8 Ministerial Meeting in their respective countries, while interacting continuously with the secretariat to help implementing this project to reach its aims.

As you are better informed, success of this network is only achieved by active participation of its members and all member countries will enjoy its strategic benefits, InshaAllah.

We cordially hope this network can create a new horizon to promote collaboration among D8 countries.

We are looking forward to receiving your constructive ideas and kind assistance.

Finally, regarding the technological capacities of D8 member countries, I want to cite the suggestion of establishing a new group in D8, to be in charge of technology cooperation’s. I hope the D8 secretariat confirm this suggestion.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.