**Report of**

**The Task Force on Energy**

**26 January 2015**

**Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the Task Force on Cement Meeting on 26 January 2015 Tehran. Delegates from the Islamic Republic of Iran Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Turkeyattended the meeting. The list of participants is attached in **Annex I**.

1. **Opening**

*Welcome Address by Host Country*

The representative from Niroo Research Institute (NRI) affiliated to the Ministry of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran welcomed the delegates attended the Meeting.

1. **Election of the Chairman and Appointment of the Rapporteur(s)**

* The representative from Niroo Research Institute (NRI) affiliated to the Ministry of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran was appointed as the Chairman of the meeting.

1. **Adoption of Agenda**

After consideration amongst the delegates, the Meeting adopted the agenda as attached in **Annex II**.

1. **Review on the Work Programme and Development Based on the Previous Task Forces Meetings Under Task Force on Cement**

The meeting reviewed the work programme that was agreed in the previous meeting.

1. **General Assessment on the details of Proposals of the Task Force on Cement**

The meeting members discussed the proposals and among other recommended the followings:

* + Emphasizing on nomination of the D-8 member countries’ Focal Points in order to enhance recognition of the most feasible energy project opportunities in the member countries and facilitate the cooperation among them with the aim to implement and realize these projects with maximum utilization of the know-how and capacities of the member states’ companies.

Among the D-8 countries focal points, for the year 2015, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey was selected as coordinator. From 2016 onward, the coordinating focal point will be selected on yearly basis and countries alphabetical order or to the next volunteer.

* + Introducing the most capable and professional consultants, contractors and Research companies of each member states in the field of energy projects in the D-8 website.
  + Recognition of the certificates issued by the Reference Laboratories of the D-8 member states for the equipments used in energy industry assuring their quality and compatibility with acceptable standards.
  + Promoting collaboration and establishment of Joint Ventures among the Research Institutes of the member states for R&D projects in the following fields:
* Know how transfer/Commercialization of Research projects,
* Environment Protection,
* Renewable Energies,
* Energy Outlook Planning,
* Energy Efficiency,
* Energy Conservation and Auditing,
* Smart Grid,
* Electric Vehicles,
* Loss Reduction,
* Electric Power Market Design,
* Residual Life Estimation,

1. **Discussion on Common Project/Programme(s)**

The meeting discussed and among others suggested the followings**:**

* The Niroo Research Institute (NRI) affiliated to the Ministry of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran ([www.NRI.ac.ir](http://www.NRI.ac.ir)) and National Center for Energy and Environment from Nigeria , stated their readiness to share their experience and achievements in the energy field and establish the JVs with interested counterparts among the D-8 member states for further research and development as well as commercialization of the feasible energy projects for all the member countries. The research centers of the remaining member states are most welcome to participate in the suggested JVs.
  + Emphasizing the organization of workshops, seminars and short term training courses in the field of renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy auditing and waste management with the aim to train the energy managers and specialists in the D-8 member states and improve the efficiency and capability of energy sector of these countries. The member states are encouraged to provide technical site visits in order to share experiences and investigating opportunities for further cooperation.

In this respect, the Energy Efficiency Organization (IEEO) affiliated to the Ministry of Energy of the Islamic Republic of Iran ([www.ieeo.org.ir](http://www.ieeo.org.ir)) stated his readiness to organize the related workshops and training courses in the field of energy efficiency and auditing with the coordination of D-8 secretariat. The other member states are encouraged to organize such workshops, seminars and training courses for the representatives of D-8 countries.

* + Recommending establishment of a fund or credit lines (according to member states laws and legislations) for enhancing the implementation of the renewable and energy efficiency projects in the D-8 member countries with the maximum use of the in-house companies’ know-how and capacities.
  + With the aim to enhance the rural electrification and environmental protection, great importance and priority will be given to the research projects for solar panels cost reduction and improving the efficiency, viable renewable alternatives as well as recycling and waste management specially the batteries and lamps to be conducted by the member states research centers.
  + Regarding the good experience, know-how and having good technical and commercial solutions of some of the D-8 members’ companies on the below mentioned fields, informing such companies of the international tenders organized by the member states through D-8 portal, is emphasized;
* Construction, commissioning, O&M, rehabilitation and technical services of thermal power plants (Gas, Steam and Combined Power Plants) and manufacturing and supplying the spare parts,
* Wind and Solar CSP power plants and photovoltaic panels,
* Onshore and Offshore oil and gas field development,
* EPD and drilling projects,
* Midstream and downstream process units,
* Utilities and offsite,
* Pipeline and gas compression stations,
* Oil tank farms and manufacturing of pressure vessels,

1. **Any Other Business**

No issue was raised under this agenda item.

1. **Date & Venue of the Next Meeting**

The members considered holding the next Task Force Meeting on Energy to take place side line with the next 5th Senior Official Meeting on Industrial Cooperation.

1. **Adoption of the Report**

The Report of Task Force on Energy was adopted.

1. **Closing**

The Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

The participating delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude to The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Meeting, and thanked the Chairman for his competent conducting the meeting.