**Report of**

**The Task Force on Food Industries**

**26 January 2015**

**Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the Task Force on Food Industries Meeting on 26 January 2015 Tehran. Delegates from Islamic Republic of Iran and Republic of Turkey attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached in **Annex I**.

1. **Opening**

*Welcome Address by Host Country*

The representative from Iran, Mr. Mahdi Sadeghi Niaraki , Manager Director of Food, Medicine and Hygiene Industries from Ministry of Industry Mine and Trade, warmly welcomed all delegates to the Meeting

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

Mr. Mohammad Reza Mortazavi, Chairman of Iranian Food Confederation, was elected 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 Program and Development Based on the Previous Task Forces Meetings Under Task Force on Food Industries**

Under this Agenda Item, the Meeting reviewed the important points of Food Industries Task Force in Dhaka meeting.

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

The Meeting discussed and shared abilities, potentials achievement in food industries of Iran.

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

Participants exchanged views on various aspects of the issue under discussion, and the following issues, inter alia, were highlighted in the course of the Meeting deliberations:

* Country report;
* Iranian food confederation association report;
* Famous companies report ( KAleh, Minoo, Rojintak, Shirin asal, Mihan);
* Presentation of the board member Standard Organization of Turkey.
1. **Any Other Business**

No issue was raised under this agenda item

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

The meeting members proposed that the next Task Force meeting on Food Industries to be held as a side line to the next 5th SOM meeting on Industrial Cooperation.

1. **Adoption of the Report**

**The food industry committee agreed on the following recommendations:**

* To establish the specialized food industry web site among D-8 Member States by the Task Force in order to present their abilities, potentials, innovation & achievements, trade & production information, regulation and other areas of food industries .
* In order to facilitate *Halal* trade, the member states agreed to adopt the required measures on the basis of common procedures.
* In the area of supply the required raw materials of their food industries, to give priority to the Member States.
* To establish an effective mechanism in order to follow the D-8 decisions in the area of food industries for the implementation by the Task Force.
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 chairing.