**Report of**

**The Task Force on Standardization**

**26 January 2015**

**Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the Task Force on Standardization Meeting on 26 January 2015 Tehran. Delegates fromRepublic Arab of Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Turkey attended the meeting. The list of participants is attached in **Annex I**.

1. **Opening**

*Welcome Address by Host Country*

Dr. Alireza Khakifirooz, President of the National Accreditation Center of Iran and Dr.Mohammad Hossein Shojaee Ali Abadi, the Senior Scientific Advisor of ISIRI warmly welcomed all delegates to the Meeting.

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

* Dr. Mohammad Hossein Shojaee Ali Abadiwas elected as the Chairman of the Meeting.
* Mr. Kursat Yilmaz from TSE and Mr. Saeed Hasani from ISIRI were appointed as the Rapporteurs*.*
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 Standardization**

Representatives of TSE, TURKAK, Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology-Directorate General of Metrology and Standardization of the Republic of Turkey, Egyptian Organization for Standardization and Quality (EOS) of the Republic of Egypt made presentations of their relevant organizations. After deliberation, the following recommendations were made:

* Harmonization of standards among D-8 Member States through adopting the International standards such as ISO, IEC, OIC/SMIIC, etc as their national standards and communicate such adaptation with other Member States.
* Establishment of follow-up mechanism for the recommendations of D-8 meetings.
* Preparation of a five year Strategy Plan on Standardization, Accreditation and Metrology activities at the D-8 level. TSE, EOS and ISIRI are volunteer organizations to prepare the first draft and open to any other volunteers.
* Encouraging all the D-8 Member States to adopt the existing OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards as their national standards.
* Promoting mutual recognition of Halal certificates among the D-8 Member States based on OIC/SMIIC standards through peer evaluation of the D-8 Member States Accreditation Bodies.
* Achieving laboratory uniformity testing among the D-8 Member States through organizing D-8 Proficiency Testing Programmes that enable laboratories assuring their quality of test results.
* Encouraging the D-8 Member States to share their experiences in form of Capacity Building Programmes in the fields that they have more experiences and new emerging issues such as new fields in the management systems.
* Inviting the national Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation bodies of D-8 Member States who have not yet become member of SMIIC to join and actively participate in relevant meetings.
* Supporting each other at regional and International Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation organizations activities.
* Requesting D-8 Member States to have more cooperation in the fields of Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation.
1. **General Assessment on the details of Proposals of the Task Force on Standardization**

No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

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

No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

1. **Any Other Business**

No issue was raised under this Agenda Item.

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

**Islamic Republic of Iran** expressed its readiness to host the next Task Force meeting on Standardization. The date and venue of the next meeting will be communicated through the D-8 Secretariat in due course.

1. **Adoption of the Report**

The Report of Task Force on Standardization was unanimously 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 Dr. Mohammad Hossein Shojaee Ali Abadi, for his competent chairing.