**Report of**

**The Task Force on Cement**

**26-27 January 2015**

**Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran**

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran hosted the Task Force on Cement Meeting on 26-27 January 2015 Tehran. Delegates from the Islamic Republic of Iran 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 Iran, Mr. A. Sheikhan,welcomed the delegates attended the Meeting

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

* Mr. A. Sheikhan, Secretary of Iranian Cement Employer Association was elected as the Chairman of the Meeting.
* Mr. Bakhshi, from Iranian Cement Employer Association was appointed as the Rapporteur(s).
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**

Base on the anticipated 45 million metric tonnes Cement and Clinker export market for 2025, we as Iranian Cement Industry Employer Association suggest to the D-8 countries especially Republic of Turkey-Islamic Republic of Pakistan to establish a union Cement Association between big cement producers of D-8 countries with Secretariat in Tehran for following goals:

* Exchange of commercial and technical information;
* Dividing the target export cement market for better price and reducing the negative competition
1. **General Assessment on the details of Proposals of the Task Force on Cement**

Turkish delegate accepted this idea to be discussed on future sessions.

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

The Turkish delegate present a speech about Turkish Cement Industry and Mr. Sheikhan also presented a speech about Iranian Cement Industry. Both parties exchanged views about countries.

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 Cement to take place in next one (1) year. 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 Cement 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 Mr. Sheikhan for his competent chairing.