



**Report of the
Senior Officials' Meeting on Trade of the D-8 Member States (D-8 SOM Trade)
In Preparation for the 4th Trade Ministers' Council (TMC)
Cairo, 1 December 2025**

The Senior Officials' Meeting on Trade of the D-8 Member States (D-8 SOM Trade) was held on 1 December 2025 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, in preparation for the Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers' Council (4th TMC). Delegations from the Republic of Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye participated in the Meeting. The List of Participants appears as Annex I.

Agenda Item 1: Opening

Dr. Amany Elwassal, Head of the Agreements and Foreign Trade Sector of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt as Chair of the D-8 SOM Trade, formally opened the Meeting. In her opening remarks, the Chair welcomed all Senior Officials and underlined the importance of coordinated preparations for the 4th TMC, particularly in advancing D-8 trade cooperation. Her Statement is attached as Annex II.

Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work

The SOM considered and adopted the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Work. The adopted Agenda and Programme of Work are attached as Annex III.

Agenda Item 3: Statement by the D-8 Secretary-General

H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization, delivered his statement. He provided an overview of progress in trade cooperation within the D-8 framework since the 3rd TMC, held in Dhaka on 5 March 2024. The SG reiterated the Secretariat's commitment to supporting Member States in implementing the D-8 PTA.

The D-8 SG stressed upon the SOM to conclude discussions on the Cairo Declaration on Trade for adoption by the 4th TMC. His Statement attached as Annex IV.

Agenda Item 4: Statements by Senior Officials of the D-8 Member States

Senior Officials from Azerbaijan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Türkiye delivered their respective statements. They briefed the Meeting on national developments in trade policy, reaffirmed their commitment to the full operationalization of the D-8 PTA, they also stressed the need for deepened cooperation, and expansion of the D-8 PTA into a more progressive instrument to increase intra-D-8 trade flows.

The country statements are attached as Annex V.



Agenda Item 5: Information Update on the Work of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA

Nigeria, in its capacity as Chair of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) for the period April 2024–April 2026, presented an update on the Committee’s activities and progress. Nigeria highlighted the successful convening of the Eighth Session of the Supervisory Committee, held in Abuja on 16 June 2025, during which Member States reviewed the status of PTA implementation, mandated the Secretariat to convene a Working Group to examine the possible expansion of the Agreement into a more progressive instrument—such as a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)—and exchanged views on broader D-8 trade cooperation.

Nigeria further informed the SOM of its ongoing preparations to host the Ninth Session of the Supervisory Committee in 2026, reaffirming its commitment to advancing the implementation agenda of the PTA.

Member States took note of and appreciated the update provided by Nigeria, and offered the following interventions:

- Pakistan encouraged full implementation of the 40% value-addition formula by all contracting Member States.
- Türkiye expressed its readiness to support the exploration of all options for expanding the D-8 PTA and emphasized the need for well-grounded analytical work in considering its transformation into a more progressive agreement.
- Indonesia encouraged the Supervisory Committee to engage with Azerbaijan to consider accession of the D-8 PTA.
- Malaysia welcomed the Committee’s decision to promote information exchange and data updates on trade conducted under the D-8 PTA. Malaysia noted that the current offer list is promising for the business community and reiterated the importance of revising the list.
- Egypt underscored the need for the Secretariat to effectively coordinate the exchange of data and information related to the utilization of the D-8 PTA.

Agenda Item 6: Information Update on the Work of the Experts Working Group on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 PTA to a More Progressive Instrument

Egypt, in its capacity as Chair of the Experts Working Group (EWG) on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) into a more progressive instrument, informed the Meeting that the D-8 Secretariat convened the first EWG meeting virtually on 12 November 2025.

At this meeting, Egypt was elected as Chair, Bangladesh and Indonesia as Vice-Chairs, and Türkiye as Rapporteur. The EWG discussed the draft Terms of Reference (ToR), which will be submitted to the SCPTA for consideration and adoption.



Member States took note of and appreciated the update provided by Egypt. Their comments were as follows:

- Malaysia recognized the long-term value of developing a modern and comprehensive economic framework, while emphasizing the importance of building such ambitions on a solid and effective foundation. Malaysia also underscored the need for strategic alignment between the expansion of the D-8 PTA and parallel regional processes, particularly the TPS-OIC.
- Türkiye reiterated its strong support for the work of the EWG and, based on the Group's recommendations, expressed its readiness to host the first negotiation meeting on the revisiting offer lists.
- Nigeria welcomed the discussion on expanding the D-8 PTA and encouraged Member States that have not yet implemented the Agreement to expedite their internal procedures.
- Indonesia, serving as Vice-Chair, reaffirmed its readiness to support the EWG. Indonesia recalled that the proposal for expansion was initially put forward by its Minister of Trade during the Informal D-8 Trade Ministers' Council in Istanbul in 2024. Indonesia further expressed its commitment to cooperate with Türkiye and other Member States in organizing capacity-building programmes on customs and other relevant areas. Indonesia also suggested that the EWG aim to submit its first report on the scoping exercise by 2026.
- Pakistan reiterated its call for full implementation of the current D-8 PTA and the revision of the existing offer lists prior to initiating discussions on the Agreement's expansion.

Agenda Item 7: Deliberation on the Provisional Agenda, Annotated Provisional Agenda, and Programme of Work of the 4th D-8 TMC

The SOM considered, reviewed, and finalized the Provisional Agenda, Annotated Provisional Agenda, and Tentative Programme of Work for the 4th D-8 Trade Ministers' Council to be held on 2 December 2025. The finalized documents will be submitted to the 4th TMC for consideration and adoption. The documents are attached as Annex VI.

Agenda Item 8: Deliberation on the Draft Cairo Declaration on D-8 Trade Cooperation

The SOM reviewed and finalized the Draft Cairo Declaration on D-8 Organization's Trade Cooperation. The SOM agreed to submit the finalized draft to the 4th TMC for consideration and its adoption. The draft Declaration attached as Annex VII.

Agenda Item 9: Any Other Business

There was no discussion under this agenda item.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the D-8 SOM Trade

The SOM reviewed and adopted the Report of the Meeting.



The adopted Report attached as Annex VII.

Agenda Item 11: Closing

The D-8 Secretary-General delivered brief closing remarks, expressing appreciation for the constructive contributions of all delegations and reaffirming the Secretariat's readiness to support the implementation of outcomes agreed during the SOM and the upcoming TMC.

The Chair thanked all delegates for their active engagement and officially adjourned the Meeting.

List of Delegates
D-8 Senior Officials for Trade,
Cairo, Egypt, 1 December 2025

Country	Name and Ministry
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	Mr. Dauda Yahi, Principal Trade Officer, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment
	Mr. Ishaya Garba, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Egypt
	Mrs. Zahra Mohammed, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Egypt
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	Ms. Ayşegül Demir, Trade Expert, Ministry of Trade

	Mr. Nurullah Asim Akbulut, Trade Expert
	Ms. Aylin Bebekođlu, Deputy Director General
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	H.E. Ambassador Mustafa Ozcan- Director, I, Administrative, Legal, and Internal Affairs.
	Mr. Bilal Khan- Executive Assistant
	Dr. Ismail Bello- Executive Assistant/Trade Cooperation Desk

Opening Statement (Senior Officials' Meeting – Trade, D-8)

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations Representatives of the Member States of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation,

His Excellency the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization,

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Cairo, on behalf of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of this preparatory meeting ahead of the Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council.

Our gathering today comes at a critical juncture, as the global economy undergoes profound transformations and faces rapid challenges impacting supply chains and international trade. This reality underscores the vital role of our Organization in advancing trade and economic cooperation among our eight countries.

In this context, strengthening our collective efforts to deepen economic cooperation and integration has become increasingly essential. Creating an enabling environment for trade, empowering micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and expanding their access to regional markets are key pillars for achieving sustainable and inclusive growth. Likewise, boosting intra-D-8 trade remains a strategic priority, serving as a driver of resilience, competitiveness, and shared prosperity across our Member States.

I must also emphasize that the primary objective behind expanding the scope of the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) is to enhance intra-regional trade

and foster integration among our countries. This goal must remain at the forefront of our negotiations as we work to further develop the PTA.

During our meeting, we will address several important issues, including:

- Reviewing progress in the implementation of the PTA;**
- Following up on the work of the Supervisory Committee;**
- Considering the outcomes of the Working Group of Experts on expanding the PTA into a more comprehensive economic instrument;**
- Finalizing documents and the program of work for the Ministerial Meeting;**
- Reviewing the draft Cairo Declaration on Trade Cooperation among the D-8 Member States.**

We are confident that your expertise and dedication will contribute to outcomes that reflect our shared interests and reinforce our collective economic cooperation.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the D-8 Secretariat for its continuous collaboration and the efforts made in preparing the documents and arrangements for this meeting.

Once again, I warmly welcome you to Cairo and wish our meeting every success.

Thank you.

The Senior Officials' Meeting on Trade of the D-8 Member States

(D-8 SOM Trade)

In Preparation for the 4th TMC

Cairo, 1 December 2025

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Statement by the Secretary-General of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, at the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) of the 4th Session of D-8 Trade Ministers' Council hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt, Cairo, 1 December 2025

Honourable Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour to join you today, at this Senior Officials' Meeting on Trade, in preparation for the Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers' Council.

I extend my sincere appreciation, to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, for the warm hospitality, and the excellent arrangements, made for our meetings here, in Cairo.

I also extend warm greetings, to all the distinguished Senior Officials, from our Member States. I thank you for your

commitment, to the shared vision of cooperation, and development, that defines our organization.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates

As we convene today, our primary task is to ensure that the 4th Trade Ministerial Council (TMC), is supported with clear and workable documents, that will guide the Ministers, in their deliberations, tomorrow.

In this regard, I wish to highlight two key submissions, before this Meeting, namely; **the draft Cairo Declaration on D-8 Trade Cooperation**, and the **Provisional and Annotated Agendas, for the 4th TMC**, together with the Programme of Work.

The Secretariat, in close consultation with the host, has developed these documents, to reflect, both the priorities of our

Member States, and the evolving strategic direction, of the D-8 trade agenda. Therefore, I appeal to the SOM, to finalize these texts, with the level of precision, and clarity, befitting our Ministerial session.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to provide a status update on our trade cooperation agenda, since the 3rd TMC, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 2023. Since the Dhaka meeting, the Secretariat, in close coordination with Member States, has intensified effort to support implementation of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA). Today, six of our member states, have commenced trading under the PTA, while others are in the process of ratification, and completing internal procedures.

Secondly, we successfully held an Informal Trade Ministers' Meeting, hosted by the Government of Türkiye, in Istanbul, in

June 2024. Our Ministers agreed on the need to expand the D-8 PTA, into a more progressive trade instrument. Also, while some member states signed the Protocol on the Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the D8 PTA.

Thirdly, we successfully convened the Eighth Session of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA in Abuja, on 16 June 2025, under the chairmanship of Nigeria. The meeting reviewed progress made, by Contracting Members, identified implementation gaps, and proposed practical steps, to enhance trade.

Fourthly, and in line with the directive of the 8th SCM to the Secretariat to convene an Experts Working Group, on the expansion of the D8 PTA, the D-8 Secretariat convened the first Meeting of the Experts Working Group, virtually, on 12

November 2025. The EWG adopted its nomenclature, Terms of Reference, and work timeline.

Also, during the period under review, **Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**, we successfully launched the D-8 SME Centre, in Abuja, Nigeria on 17, June, 2025. The centre is expected to, develop the capacity of SMEs, across its Member States and reinforce the participation of our SMEs, in preferential trade opportunities, under the D-8 PTA.

Furthermore, the Government of Nigeria, has appointed a substantive Director for the SME Centre, while arrangements are on-going to develop an Action Plan, which will guide its operations.

Also, Pakistan, through the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, (SMEDA)

hosted the 8th Meeting of D-8 SME Governmental Bodies, virtually on 10 September 2025.

Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates

I am pleased to note that, at the last 8th SCM of the D-8 PTA, member states agreed to enhance trade relations, through measures, such as, expansion of tariff offers, explore digital trade, e-commerce, and alternative payment systems, such as, counter-trade. Therefore, today's SOM offers an opportunity to build on this momentum, by ensuring that tomorrow's TMC, is anchored on actionable priorities.

As we review the draft Cairo Declaration, I encourage Senior Officials, to focus on deliverable commitments. Undoubtedly, this Declaration should serve as a practical roadmap, for a stronger, more efficient, and more integrated D-8 trading system.

In conclusion, **Mr. Chair, Distinguished Delegates**, please be assured that the Secretariat remains fully committed to supporting the implementation of the outcomes, of both the SOM and the 4th TMC.

I look forward to a productive deliberation, and I thank you all for your dedication.

Statement by the Head of Pakistan Delegation

**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is a privilege to represent Pakistan at the Senior Officials Meeting of the D 8 Trade Ministers Council in Cairo. Allow me to begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to the Government of Egypt for hosting this important gathering and for the generous hospitality extended to all delegations. We also acknowledge the diligent work of the D-8 Secretariat in preparing the documentation and arrangements that guide our discussions today.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The D-8 platform was created with a shared aspiration to enhance economic cooperation, deepen integration, and expand trade among member states. Over the years, this vision has remained clear, yet the progress in trade integration still falls short of our collective potential. Intra D-8 trade remains below its expected trajectory, which calls for renewed commitment and more decisive steps from all of us.

The Preferential Trade Agreement continues to serve as the core framework of our economic cooperation. Pakistan maintains its earlier position that the PTA must be fully implemented before any expansion is considered. Its effective execution is the most practical step toward boosting trade among member states. Pakistan remains committed to the PTA and emphasizes that it should evolve through fair, practical, and commercially meaningful tariff concessions. These concessions need to correspond with present trade realities, focusing on goods that are actively exchanged and updated under the latest HS codes. Such an approach will strengthen the relevance and attractiveness of the PTA for all members.

The Dispute Settlement Mechanism is a critical pillar of the PTA architecture. Its adoption by all member states will provide predictability and reassurance to businesses across member states and will help build trust in the trade framework that we are collectively shaping.

The draft Cairo Declaration is another significant outcome that can guide the future direction of our cooperation. It reflects shared priorities and signals our collective readiness to elevate the D 8 trade agenda. Pakistan supports the spirit of the declaration and sees it as a timely opportunity to reaffirm political will at the highest level.

As we move toward the Ministerial Meeting, Pakistan looks forward to productive exchanges and steady progress on the agenda before us. We remain optimistic that through collective resolve and coordinated action, we can transform the D-8 vision into tangible outcomes for our economies and people.

Thank you.



**Indonesia's Statement in the Occasion of
The Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)
in Preparation of
The 4th Session of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council (TMC)**

Cairo, 1 December 2025

Assalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh. May peace be upon us all.

H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation;

Distinguished delegates of the D-8 Member States;

Good morning,

- 1) Allow me at the outset to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements extended to all delegations. We are truly grateful for the care and attention provided throughout our stay. It is always a pleasure for us to visit Cairo—a city rich in history, culture, and gracious hospitality—and we thank our Egyptian colleagues for making us feel welcome.
- 2) We also extend our appreciation to the Chair and to the D-8 Secretariat for their efforts in preparing this important gathering, which serves as a key platform for our deliberations ahead of The Fourth Meeting of the Trade Ministers Council (TMC) tomorrow.
- 3) Today's SOM carries particular significance as it serves as the preparatory platform for the D-8 TMC. The discussions we undertake here will shape the direction and tone of the Ministerial Meeting, and more importantly, reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening trade and economic cooperation among D-8 Member States.

Distinguished Delegates,

- 4) As we continue to navigate an increasingly complex global economic landscape, the D-8 Organization holds an important role to unite our collective economic potential. With a combined market of more than one billion people and substantial productive capacity across key sectors, the D-8 has both the opportunity and the responsibility to enhance cooperation, promote resilience, and drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

- 5) Indonesia believes that deeper economic collaboration under the D-8 framework can bring tangible benefits for our peoples. The current global dynamics require that we work more closely to reinforce our intra-D-8 trade flows, enhance the competitiveness, and ensure that our businesses, particularly SMEs, can thrive within and beyond our region.

Distinguished Delegates,

- 6) Indonesia underscores the importance of strengthening the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) framework. While we recognize the progress made so far, we are also aware that many of its potential benefits remain untapped. A stronger cooperation framework will not only improve market access but will also encourage businesses to take full advantage of the Agreement.
- 7) In this regard, Indonesia reaffirms its support for the expansion of D-8 PTA cooperation through advancing toward a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), as previously proposed during the Informal Trade Ministers' Meeting in Istanbul in June 2024 and reiterated at the D-8 Summit in Cairo on 19 December 2024.
- 8) Furthermore, Indonesia views the ongoing work of the Expert Working Group (EWG) on the feasibility of expanding the PTA into a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) as a timely and strategic initiative. We believe that a CEPA—if carefully designed and mutually beneficial—can serve as an important instrument for deeper integration, enabling us to address modern trade issues, strengthen value chains, and support digital and services trade.
- 9) Such a transformation will allow us to address contemporary trade priorities, including trade in services, investment, the digital economy, halal value chains, and sustainable development. A CEPA will also enable us to adopt more ambitious and mutually beneficial commitments to foster dynamic economic integration.
- 10) At the same time, Indonesia emphasizes that this process must be guided by the development priorities and capacities of all Member States. We need to ensure that any expansion of the PTA is progressive, realistic, and supports balanced benefits for all parties. Indonesia stands ready to contribute constructively to this endeavour as it moves forward.

- 11) In this context, Indonesia also sees strong potential for halal sector cooperation to be incorporated into the scope of future PTA expansion or CEPA discussions. Halal products—ranging from food and beverages to cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, lifestyle services, and halal-certified supply chains—represent a growing global market. We believe that incorporating halal-related cooperation into our broader trade framework will support competitiveness, stimulate investment, and open wider market opportunities for our industries.

Distinguished Delegates,

- 12) As Senior Officials, we have the responsibility to lay the groundwork for a productive and outcome-oriented Ministerial Meeting. Indonesia hopes that today's deliberations will result in clear and actionable recommendations that will guide our Ministers tomorrow as they discuss how best to move the D-8 economic cooperation agenda forward.
- 13) Before concluding, allow me to reiterate our commitment to working hand in hand with all Member States to advance our cooperation in a manner that is inclusive, forward-looking, and responsive to emerging global challenges.
- 14) Lastly, we look forward to fruitful deliberations and to the successful convening of the Trade Ministers Council Meeting tomorrow.

Thank you.

Wassalamu'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

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**NIGERIA'S STATEMENT AT THE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
ON TRADE OF THE D-8 MEMBER STATES HOSTED IN CAIRO,
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT 1ST DECEMBER 2025**

Protocol

- Your Excellency the D-8 Secretary General,
- The Chair-in-Office,
- Delegates from Member States,
- Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to share this moment with you at this important engagement, the Senior Officials Meeting on Trade of the D-8 member state (D-8 SOM Trade). I would like to appreciate Arab Republic of Egypt for warm reception. Furthermore, let me commend the effort of D-8 Secretary-General and his team for facilitating this important gathering. I am optimistic this engagement provide valuable insights on our journey to achieve the objectives of D-8 Organisation for Economic Cooperation.

Distinguished guest, as we continue on our strategic move to expand the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement into Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), constructive dialogue among stakeholders is instrumental for the successful migration. This shift will encourage trade liberalisation among member states. It is crucial to note that CEPA requires multifaceted approach revolving from capacity building, stakeholders' engagement especially private sector as well as strong political will. In this regard, shared valuable experience, technology transfer and technical support to bridge skill gaps cannot be over emphasis.

Senior Trade Officials are expected to advance the progress of D-8 economic cooperation through policy formulation that support the successful implementation of D-8 PTA. Additionally, the Senior Trade officials complement the effort of the Supervisory Committee who also responsible for tasks such as private sector engagement, conducting sensitisation programs, conducting research on economic issues as well as further strengthen institutional mechanism to enhance economic cooperation among member states.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is important to note that the global economic trajectory has shifted from traditional to digital economy. The system allow Small and Medium Enterprises to access cross border market through e-commerce platform, in this regards we need to work closely with Small and Medium Enterprises to create supportive policies and regulations to facilitate e-commerce and digital economy to encourage SMEs' access broader markets.

Going forward, capacity building on digital literacy, e-commerce strategies, and online market access is key to enhance competitiveness.

Nigeria is making progress in finalizing the internal procedures for the implementation of D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA), in line with the D-8 objective to boost intra-trade. This move is part of Nigeria's commitment to enhancing economic cooperation and development among member states.

Thank you

STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA at the Senior Officials on Trade Meeting, 1 December 2025,
Cairo, Egypt

On behalf of the Malaysian delegation, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for graciously hosting this meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to us. We also wish to record our gratitude to the D-8 Secretariat and experts from the D-8 Member States for their tireless efforts and invaluable contributions in advancing the D-8 trade agenda.

The global trade landscape is undergoing profound transformation. Supply chains are shifting, competitive pressures are intensifying, and emerging sectors demand new and adaptive policy approaches. It is precisely for these reasons that the D-8 continues to serve as a vital platform for Malaysia, one through which we can strengthen our collective resilience, deepen cooperation, and enhance opportunities for our businesses.

At the centre of these efforts is the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (or D-8 PTA). We believe that this meeting provides a timely opportunity for D-8 Member States to discuss and review the current state of play, particularly with regard to the implementation and operationalisation of the D-8 PTA as well its proposed expansion. This meeting also serves as an important platform for experts from the D-8 Member States to engage productively, discuss pending issues, share their experiences and best practices to develop our trade cooperation that will benefit our economies in the long run.

The D-8 possesses tremendous potential for development, given the vast natural resources of its Member States, diversified human capital with a population of over 1 billion, and a massive economy spanning three continents. With a combined GDP amounting to USD5.1 trillion, the D-8 accounts for more than 5% of global GDP. The inclusion of leading economies from across the Islamic world further underscores the strategic significance of this Organisation.

In this vein, the implementation of the D-8 PTA is of paramount importance in bringing demonstrable benefits to D-8 Member States, owing to its critical role as a catalyst in intensifying intra-D-8 trade through the exchange of trade preferences among the D-8 PTA Contracting Members.

In the face of the changing dynamics of global trade and current global economic uncertainties, the D-8 PTA will also serve as a solid foundation for strengthening trade

links and cooperation among its Member States, which will generate significant economic benefits. Azerbaijan's anticipated participation in D-8 PTA will also further expand the coverage and economic potential of the Agreement, strengthening the integration of D-8 economies.

Malaysia further applauds D-8 Member States' unrelenting collective efforts in increasing intra-D-8 trade from USD135.15 billion in 2023 to USD149.85 billion in 2024. Malaysia remains steadfast in its support towards its Member States' aspirations to increase intra-D-8 trade to 10 per cent by 2030 as envisaged in the D-8 Decennial Roadmap 2020-2030, and is optimistic that the implementation and expansion of D-8 PTA, alongside the resilience of our economies will make it possible to meet the target.

To unlock the bloc's full potential, Malaysia supports elevating the D-8 PTA to a more comprehensive framework, namely the D-8 Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (D-8 CEPA) by 2027, after the PTA is fully implemented. This upgrade would involve revising the offer list and expanding cooperation to include trade in services, digital trade, and intellectual property rights, making D-8 more attractive, competitive, and resilient in the global economy. The scoping exercise for this upgrade, beginning in 2026, will mark an important step in modernising our economic cooperation. Malaysia hoped that other all Member States will participate actively in realising the benefits of this enhances agreement, opening new markets for mutual gain, and strengthening D-8 solidarity. Together, through collaboration and continued commitment, let us turn the D-8's immense potential into a reality, ushering in a new era in our economic relations and expanding our current cooperation.

To conclude, the Malaysian delegation acknowledges the significance of today's meeting as an inclusive decision-making platform and would once again like to thank the D-8 Secretariat and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting. Having said that, we are looking forward for an insightful discussion today.

**The Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council
The Senior Officials' Meeting
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Agenda Item 4: Statement by the Senior Official of the Republic of Türkiye

His Excellency Secretary General,
Honorable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,
Good morning,

It is a great pleasure for me to meet you all in Cairo. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for the esteemed authorities of Egypt for the excellent organization of this meeting and the warm hospitality. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to the D-8 Secretariat, for their hard work and dedication.

Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

More than two decades have passed since the idea for the establishment of this unique model of regional cooperation was put forward back in 1997 by our visionary leaders of the time. In 2022 we celebrated the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the establishment of the D-8 in İstanbul. Türkiye as the founding member of D-8 has always attached great importance to the improvement and perfection of the existing ties with the fellow countries.

D-8 was created to respond regionally to the global challenges of the time and of the coming decades by the members of this organization, which are not only all prominent actors in their region but also on a global scale.

Since its establishment, D-8 had to face a number of regional and global challenges. The unprecedented challenges we lived through in last 5 years were huge and had devastating impacts on our economies. Today, even though the world is recovering, crises continue to treat our economies and societies. It is more imperative than ever to stick to spirit of cooperation among our countries in these trying times where-in we also live through shifts in political and economic landscape. In order to better locate D-8 in the fast-changing world, we should be pro-active, fore-sighted and determined.

D-8 countries representing around 15% of the world population and for almost 5% of the global GDP, have a genuine role to play in re-shaping the future of their economies and societies. With their dynamic labor force, rich mineral, energy and agricultural resources, promising tourism capacities and competitive operational costs, D-8 countries should work harder and closer towards playing an effective role in the global economy incommensurate with their collective potential and capacities.

Trade, definitely is one of the major and most promising areas of such closer and stronger cooperation. In order to reach 10% intra-trade of total trade volume by the end of 2030, as was set by our Leaders, we should deploy all possible efforts and where necessary take all the steps decisively.

The most fundamental tool for achieving our common trade objectives is, to no one's surprise, the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement, PTA. In this vein we welcome the efforts of Egypt to ratify the PTA and call upon Nigeria to implement the PTA expeditiously. Taking this opportunity, we would like invite our newest member Azerbaijan to consider becoming a party to the PTA, we have no doubt that Azerbaijan's accession to the PTA will significantly boost intra-trade.

Distinguished Delegates,

As you are all aware, we have already embarked on the process of upgrading the PTA. Expanding the product coverage of the PTA and adding new disciplines has become indispensable in order to deepen our regional trade. We fully support the steps that will transform the PTA from a static tariff document into a dynamic, comprehensive, and future-oriented economic integration tool.

Concluding my remarks, I once again thank Egypt for their warm hospitality and thank all distinguished participants for their active and constructive engagements through our meetings today and tomorrow.

Thank you.

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to address this Senior Officials Meeting on behalf of the Republic of Azerbaijan. At the outset, I would like to convey our sincere appreciation to the host country for the excellent organization of this meeting and for the warm hospitality extended to all delegations.

For Azerbaijan, today's session represents an important opportunity to engage more closely with the trade cooperation dimension of the D-8 Organization. As a recently joined Member State, we attach significance to observing the ongoing processes, understanding the perspectives of fellow Member States, and aligning our engagement with the principles and strategic direction of the Organization.

Excellencies,

The D-8 framework brings together Member States that possess different economic structures, levels of development, and regional contexts. This diversity forms a valuable basis for constructive cooperation aimed at enhancing trade flows, strengthening connectivity, and supporting the resilience of our economies in a rapidly changing global environment.

We take note of the detailed updates presented under the various agenda items, including the work carried out by relevant committees, technical bodies, and expert groups. These efforts contribute to improving the coordination and clarity of the Organization's trade-related activities, and Azerbaijan acknowledges and appreciates the dedication shown by all participants involved in these processes.

In this regard, Azerbaijan underscores the importance of a systematic and well-coordinated approach to advancing trade cooperation. We believe that effective dialogue, analytical groundwork, and balanced decision-making are essential in supporting the long-term objectives of the Organization. Such an approach also ensures that Member States can consider developments in a manner consistent with their national priorities and broader economic strategies.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Azerbaijan recognizes the value of strengthening cooperation in areas such as trade facilitation, modernization of procedures, customs cooperation, and enhanced logistical connectivity. We consider these domains critical for improving predictability, reducing technical obstacles, and expanding practical opportunities for our business communities.

As a country that plays an increasingly important role in regional transport corridors and economic linkages, Azerbaijan sees potential for further dialogue and cooperation within the D-8 framework, particularly in supporting smoother trade flows and in contributing to more efficient regional supply chains.

At the same time, we believe that any future steps within the Organization's trade agenda should be guided by comprehensive assessments, inclusive consultations, and mutual understanding among Member States. Azerbaijan remains committed to approaching these discussions in a constructive, measured, and forward-looking manner.

Distinguished Delegates,

As a new participant in the D-8's trade mechanisms, Azerbaijan will continue studying the relevant instruments and proposals in depth and will seek to align its engagement with the shared interests of the Member States. We affirm our readiness to contribute to the work of the Organization wherever our participation can add value and support the advancement of common objectives.

In conclusion, we once again extend our gratitude to the host government and to the D-8 Secretariat for their leadership, professionalism, and efforts in preparing this meeting. We convey our best wishes for productive deliberations and successful outcomes.

Thank you.

Egypt opening remark for Senior Officials' Meeting – Trade, D-8

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
والصلاة والسلام على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه اجمعين

His Excellency the Secretary-General of the D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation,

Your Excellencies, Heads of Delegations Representatives of the Member States of the D-8,

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor to welcome you all to Cairo for the Senior Officials of the D-8. Hosting this gathering reflects our shared commitment to advancing economic and trade cooperation among member states.

Our meeting comes at a time of global economic transformation, requiring agile policies to deepen integration and foster sustainable growth. Intra-D-8 trade underscoring the urgency of activating the Preferential Trade Agreement and implementing the Trade Facilitation Strategy.

Egypt reaffirms its determination to finalize ratification procedures soon and highlights the importance of launching the Experts Working Group to raise intra-D-8 trade, in line with the Ten-Year Roadmap.

We call for joint initiatives to support SMEs and youth, establish the Regional Seed Bank, and expand cooperation in infrastructure, digital trade, and innovation.

I thank you for your participation and look forward to constructive discussions and tangible outcomes that strengthen our organization and serve our peoples.

Thank you and hope that you Enjoy your stay in Egypt.

**The Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council
(4th D-8 TMC)**

**Hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo, 2 December 2025**

Adopted Agenda

- Agenda Item 1: Opening**
- Agenda Item 2: Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda**
- Agenda Item 3: Progress Report by D-8 Secretary-General**
- Agenda Item 4: Statement by the Hon'ble Trade/Commerce/ Investment Ministers of the D-8 Member States**
- Agenda Item 5: Adoption of the Report of the 8th Session of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA**
- Agenda Item 6: Information Update on the Work of the Experts Working Group on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 PTA into a More Progressive Instrument**
- Agenda Item 7: Deliberation on Exploring Pathways for PTA Expansion**
- Agenda Item 8: Adoption of the "Cairo Declaration on Trade" by the D-8 Trade Ministers**
- Agenda Item 9: Signing of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM) Protocol of the D-8 PTA**
- Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business**
- Agenda Item 11: Date & venue of the 5th D-8 Trade Ministers Council**
- Agenda Item 12: Adoption of the Meeting Report on Silence Procedure**
- Agenda Item 13: Closing**

The Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council

(4th D-8 TMC)

Hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt

Cairo, 2 December 2025

Annotated Adopted Agenda

Agenda Item - 1: Opening Session

- The Honorable Minister of Investment and Trade of the Arab Republic of Egypt, as the Chair of the 4th D-8 TMC, will deliver opening remarks and officially open the Meeting.

Agenda Item - 2: Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Agenda

The Meeting will consider and adopt the draft agenda of the Meeting.

Agenda Item - 3: Progress Report by D-8 Secretary-General

The D-8 Secretary-General will present a progress report on the D-8 activities on trade cooperation since the previous 3rd Meeting of the TMC, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 5 March 2024. The Report will also cover trade statistics of the D-8 Member States.

Agenda Item - 4: Statement by the Hon'ble Trade/Commerce/ Investment Ministers of the D-8 Member States

The Honorable Ministers/Heads of Delegations from the D-8 Member States will deliver their respective national remarks in alphabetical order (7 minutes each).

Agenda Item - 5: Adoption Report of the 8th Session of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA.

The Supervisory Committee was established pursuant to Article 27 of the Preferential Trade Agreement among D-8 Member States (D-8 PTA) to review the progress made in implementing the D-8 PTA. The Government of Nigeria, as the Chair of SC PTA, hosted the 8th SC PTA on 16 June 2025 in Abuja, Nigeria. One of the notable outcomes of the 8th SC PTA was the mandate to the Secretariat to convene an Expert Working Group (EWG) to discuss the possibility of expanding the D-8 PTA to a more progressive instrument. The TMC is hereby invited to adopt the Report of the 8th Session of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA, Abuja, Nigeria, 16 June 2025

Agenda Item – 6: Information Update on the Work of the Experts Working Group on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 PTA into a more Progressive Instrument

On 12 November 2025, the Secretariat will facilitate the first meeting of the EWG on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 PTA into a More Progressive Instrument and finalize and adopt its Terms of Reference (TOR). The TOR provided a background on the current state of D-8 PTA, purpose and objectives of the EWG, composition, modalities, deliveries, timeline, funding, and outcome.

The representative from the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment of the Arab Republic of Egypt, in its capacity as the Chair of the Experts Working Group (EWG) on the Scoping Exercise to Expand the D-8 PTA into a more Progressive Instrument, will provide an information update to the SOM on the outcome of the EWG meeting, which was held on 12 November 2025.

Agenda Item – 7: Deliberation on Exploring Pathways for PTA Expansion

The TMC will deliberate on the way forward to further deepen and expand the intra-D-8 trade, particularly through the effective operationalization of the D-8 PTA.

Given the rising momentum of the need to expand the D-8 PTA, the TMC is expected to decide on the modalities for the expansion of the D-8 PTA, including weighing the options to i) expand the offer list and creating request list, ii) embark on scoping a free trade agreement, and/or iii) embark on scoping a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.

The TMC is also invited to encourage the D-8 Member States to host and organize capacity building programs on the implementation of the D-8 PTA, including the application of the D-8 Customs Agreement to supplement the PTA. In this regard, the TMC may request the Customs Officials of the D-8 Member States to resume their regular meetings to compare notes and share the best experiences in implementing the D-8 PTA.

Agenda Item - 8: Adoption of the “Cairo Declaration on Trade” by the D-8 Trade Ministers

The Meeting will consider and adopt the ‘Cairo Declaration on Trade’, which has been deliberated and endorsed by the Senior Officials’ Meeting.

Agenda Item - 9: Date & venue of the 5th D-8 Trade Ministers Council

The current Chair will invite the next Chair of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council to apprise the D-8 Member States about the tentative date and venue of the 5th D-8 Trade Ministers Council.

Agenda Item – 10: Signing of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism (DSM) Protocol of the D-8 PTA

The D-8 Member States, who haven't done so, may wish to sign the DSM Protocol during this Agenda Item of the 4th TMC.

Agenda Item - 11: Any Other Business

The Meeting will discuss any other issues raised by the Member States or the Secretariat, if any.

Agenda Item - 12: Adoption of the Meeting Report

The Meeting will consider and adopt the Report of the 4th D-8 TMC.

Agenda Item - 13: Closing Session

- The D-8 Secretary-General will deliver closing remarks.
- The Chair of the 4th D-8 TMC will deliver closing remarks and subsequently adjourn the meeting.



The Cairo Declaration on D-8 Organization's Trade Cooperation
Adopted at the 4th Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council
Cairo, 2 December 2025

We, the Ministers responsible for trade and commerce of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye, gathered in Cairo, Egypt, on 2 December 2025 for the Fourth Meeting of the D-8 Trade Ministers Council (TMC)."

Congratulate the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, particularly the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade led by His Excellency Eng. Hassan ElKhatib, for the excellent preparation and the successful hosting of the 4th D-8 Trade Ministers Council Meeting (D-8 TMC), and express utmost gratitude for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to all delegations. Also commend the D-8 Secretariat led by H.E. Ambassador Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam and the team for the hard work done to enhance collaboration among the Contracting Members to boost intra-D-8 trade, including preparing the relevant reports and documents to support our collective efforts to expand the D-8 PTA.

Reaffirming our commitments set out in the Summit Declarations held in Istanbul (1997), Dhaka (1999), Cairo (2001), Tehran (2004), Bali (2006), Kuala Lumpur (2008), Abuja (2010), Islamabad (2012), Istanbul (2017), Dhaka (2021), Cairo (2024), and to the D-8 Decennial Roadmaps for 2008-2018 and 2020-2030.

Strengthening our commitments made in our previous meetings in Abuja (2013), Islamabad (2016), Dhaka (2024), as well as our informal gathering in Istanbul (2024).

Recalling the Preferential Trade Agreement Among D-8 Member States (D-8 PTA) and the Multilateral Agreement Among D-8 Member Countries on Assistance in Customs Matters (D-8 Customs Agreement), both signed in Bali, Indonesia, on 13 May 2006 and entered into force in 2011.

Recalling also that the Decennial Roadmap 2020-2030 tasks this Council to lead discussions on the benefits of transforming the PTA into a free trade agreement in conjunction with the stipulation of the D-8 PTA for its review for further liberalization.

Bearing in mind that efforts must be redoubled to achieve the intra-D-8 trade target of at least 10 percent of the external trade value of all Member States by 2030, as stipulated in the D-8 Decennial Roadmap 2020-2030.

Being mindful of the tectonic shift in global trade and disruption in global supply and value chains, triggered by geo economic and geo political dynamics, which, in turn, necessitate strengthened resilience and self-sufficiency through economic and trade cooperation.

Recognizing the role of private-sector participation in facilitating and ensuring D-8 cooperation through enhanced trade and commercial activities; accordingly, we affirm the



importance of deepening the sectoral cooperation for deeper private sector involvement in all activities.

do hereby,

1. Take note of the advanced progress undertaken by the Arab Republic of Egypt towards the completion of its national procedures for the ratification of the D-8 Preferential Trade Agreement (D-8 PTA) and acknowledge that Egypt will duly notify the D-8 Secretariat and Member States upon the finalization of the required domestic processes.
2. Welcome the operationalization of the D-8 PTA by Pakistan starting on 1 January 2025, joining Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, and Türkiye, which have previously done so, signifying the broader application of the PTA within D-8 member states.
3. Encourage the remaining Contracting Members to undertake the necessary procedures in their respective national procedures, including submitting the offer list, issuing the gazette notification, the specimen of the Certificate of Origin, the specimens of stamps and signatures of authorized bodies for issuing the Certificate of Origin, and assigning contact points for the PTA implementation.
4. Encourage Azerbaijan, the latest member of the D-8, to consider accession to D-8 PTA via familiarization with Organization's legal framework and exchange of experience on D-8 PTA's Implementation.
5. Welcome the signing of the Protocol on Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the D-8 PTA by Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and Türkiye, and call upon the remaining D-8 Member States to sign the Protocol.
6. Adopt the outcome of the 8th Session of the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA (SC PTA), hosted by the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Abuja on 16 June 2025 and appreciates its efforts.
7. Commend the Supervisory Committee of the D-8 PTA in executing its mandate to ensure the implementation of the D-8 PTA, including embarking on the discussion to expand the D-8 PTA, and call upon the Committee to continue its work.
8. Remain in our conviction that the D-8 PTA must be expanded to a broader, more profound, and more comprehensive instrument, weighing all options such as an organization-wide free trade agreement or a comprehensive economic partnership agreement.
9. Task the Experts Working Group to expedite its actions on the Scoping Analysis to Expand the D-8 PTA into a more Progressive Instrument and report its progress regularly to the TMC through the SC PTA.
10. Take note of the outcomes of the Experts Working Group meeting on the proposed expansion of the D-8 PTA and agree that the expansion process shall be accompanied by a thorough analysis and assessment of the current situation, including the progress achieved thus far, the existing gaps, and the readiness levels among Member States.



11. Agree that the scope of the comprehensive instrument shall be refined to focus on a set of priority cooperation areas, to be identified based on the analytical and technical assessments to be undertaken by the Experts Working Group.
12. Task the SC PTA, based on the recommendation of the Working Group, to commence the negotiation process with a view to revisiting the offer list to better implement the D-8 PTA, and seizing the opportunity of the generous offer of the Republic of Türkiye to host the first negotiation meeting for the expansion of the offer lists.
13. Request the D-8 Secretariat, in collaboration with the D-8 Chambers of Commerce and Industry (D-8 CCI) to organize the D-8 Trade Fair and Investment Forum on the sidelines of the D-8 Summit Meetings, aimed at promoting intra-D-8 trade, facilitating business-to-business linkages, and attracting investment opportunities across Member States.
14. Encourage the customs officials of the D-8 Member States to meet regularly to facilitate trade by identifying challenges they face in facilitating and operationalizing the D-8 PTA, particularly in facilitating Customs-related administrative matters.
15. Encourage the Contracting Members to conduct awareness-raising campaigns to better disseminate the information about the D-8 PTA to the business communities, both large businesses and small and medium enterprises.
16. The Council welcomed Türkiye's offer, supported by all Member States, to host the Permanent Secretariat of the D-8 Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Istanbul, in collaboration with the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB).
17. Welcome the offer by Indonesia to host our 5th TMC, and note that the venue and time to be communicated later through the diplomatic channel.