

THIRTEEN SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

(New York, 27 September 2003)

1 Thirteen Session of the Commission was held in New York on 27 September 2003 with the participation of Egypt, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia and Turkey.

2. The Iranian Representative informed the meeting that the Special Session of the Commission was proposed to take place on the 10th December in Kish Island to discuss the revitalisation and enhancement of D-8 cooperation. The Commissioner of Turkey, referring to discussions taken place at the last session of the Commission stated that this meeting could be combined with the XIV. Session of the Commission designed to prepare the Summit. Responding to this idea, the Iranian Representative said that his authorities would consider to extend the duration of the combined meeting as proposed now and to advance the dates, taking into account the South-South Conference in Marakesh on 13-19 December 2003.

3. The Iranian Representative also informed the meeting that after consulting with the member countries, his authorities proposed to convene the Summit sometime in mid-February. He added that the following meetings are also to take place to proceed the Summit.

- XV. Session of the Commission
- Second Business Forum
- Council of Foreign Ministers

He also said that his authorities were considering to convene a meeting of D-8 Ministers of Economy and Trade alongside the Business Forum. It was agreed that this idea requires further consideration in the light of the decisions taken in the Dhaka Declaration on this matter.