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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh presents its compliments to the D-8 Secretariat and with reference to latter's communication no. MIN/09/103 dated 27 March 2009, has the honour to forward the views of the Energy and Mineral Resources Division of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on "The Plan of Action of Working Group on Mining and Minerals".

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the D-8 Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Subject: Comments on Plan of Action of Working Group on Mining and Minerals.

Introduction

Minerals are necessary in maintaining today's modern life. Minerals can, therefore, enhance economic growth potential and social development of a country. Rapid growth in economic activity and industrial production in the past four decades have resulted in a significant increase in the demand of mineral resources worldwide.

D-8 countries are rich with natural resources-especially mines and minerals. In recent years, increased global consumption has further boosted demand and prices of minerals. This has created unique incentives and opportunities for D-8 countries to commercialize their mineral reserves.

Under the aforesaid situation, members of D-8 countries decided to establish cooperation in the fields of mining and minerals. The Working Group of Mining and Minerals Chalked out a plan of action in its first meeting held in Bali, Indonesia during 11-12 December 2008.

Objective:

The objective of the D-8 Minerals Cooperation Action Plan (DMC/AP), prepared by the Working Group is well defined and envisages sustainable minerals development among the members countries. Bangladesh will be highly benefited from this plan of activities.

Time Frame

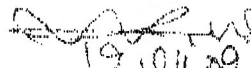
The Action Plan must have Tentative Programme, Projects and Activities with suggested timelines. The Working Group who prepared this Action Plan provided a table showing strategy-wise 'Suggested Timelines' against 'Programme/Projects' with detailed 'Activities'. However, following comments may be considered towards implementation on Action Plan:

Strategy I: Facilitating and Enhancing Trade and Investment in Mineral

- TI Establishment of a one-stop
 2ii) mineral trade and investment
 promotion/facilitation center
 in each D-8 member country.

This is an important activity in relation to its completion for the strategy of the other activities, as such special consideration is to be made for the commencement of this Action.

Comments on D-8 Action Plan


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- ii) Establishing a web based
- iii) Directory On Trade and Investment in Minerals.

Strategy 2: FSI to ESo on Promoting Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mineral

Strategy 3: Strengthening Institutional and Human Capacities in the DS Minerals Sector

The following activities are suggested to be implemented during the period 2009-2013. These activities would be helpful to facilitate a more efficient information

Suggested Timeline for all the above activities are to be completed within 2009 - 2011, 2012 & 2013, where Time Frame could be shortened by integrating few programmes into one programme e.g. ES2, ES3, ES5 & ES6 into one programme with detailed activities.

No comments

Conclusion

Successful implementation of any Action Plan depends on the steps to be taken as per set time frame. There are some activities, which are supposed to be implemented during 2009-2013. Bangladesh is committed to supporting implementation of those activities and take initiative to maintain schedule towards sustainable development of minerals.

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