

Report
of the
D-8 Task Force on Textile and Garment

27-28 October 2011
Jakarta, Indonesia

Introduction

- 1) The First Meeting of the D-8 Task Force on Textile and Garment was held from 27-28 October 2011 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The meeting, chaired by Mr. Harjanto, Director of International Industrial Cooperation, Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia, was attended by the delegations from the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey. The list of participants is contained in **Annex I**.

Opening Session

- 2) Mrs. Dyah W. Pudjiwati, Secretary, Office of Directorate General of International Industrial Cooperation, Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia, opened the Meeting and made welcome remarks. Ambassador Bagher Asadi, Director, D-8 Secretariat, and Mr. Panggah Susanto, Director General for Manufacturing Industry, Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia, also made opening remarks. The full texts of the remarks are contained in **Annex II**.

Election of Chairman

- 3) Mr. Harjanto, Director of International Industrial Cooperation, Ministry of Industry of the Republic of Indonesia, was elected as Chair of the Meeting. Ms. Seda Çotuk also assisted the Chair during the morning session.

Adoption of the Agenda

- 4) The Meeting adopted the agenda as distributed previously (**Annex III**).

Presentation of National Reports

- 5) Delegations from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan presented national reports on the status and performance of their textile and garment industries (Agenda item 4). The full texts of the presentations are contained in **Annex IV**.

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- 6) Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran presented the Report of the Task Force on Textile and Garment at the 5th Meeting of the WGIC, 28 February - 1 March 2010, Tehran, Iran (Agenda item 5). The full text of the statement is contained in **Annex V**.

Discussion on Priorities and Expectations

In the course of the afternoon session on Agenda item 6, the participants exchanged views on the priorities and expectations for the future activities of the Task Force, especially in light of the Terms of Reference adopted at the last Meeting. The delegations from Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Turkey presented the following concrete proposals:

Indonesia

Representatives of the Ministry of Industry of Indonesia presented two separate proposals (**Annexes VI and VII**) and Chairman of Indonesian Textile Association also presented a proposal (**Annex VIII**).

Malaysia

The delegation of Malaysia emphasized the vital importance of the establishment of a mechanism for information sharing among the Member Countries, with a view to highlighting their respective priorities. The importance of capacity-building, SME development, and the utilization of advanced technologies and practices were also underlined.

Pakistan

Enhancement of intra-D8 capacity-building through, inter alia:

- Joint ventures by R&D institutions, also with the participation of various stakeholders, including public and private sectors, academics and researchers;
- Building information-sharing mechanisms relating to the capabilities of the textile industry in the Member Countries, including through joint conferences, workshops, and seminars, as well as through the establishment of website; and
- Promotion of specialized training programs between and among the Member Countries.

Turkey

- Preparation of a guide book on academic/research capabilities of the Member Countries, with special focus on R&D and innovation cooperation (as recommended in the Istanbul Declaration, October 2011).
- Designation of the Task Force future priorities on the basis of the identified interests of the Member Countries.

Based on a proposal by the delegation of Pakistan, it was decided that the Member Countries would submit their respective set of concrete proposals for cooperation to the D-8 Secretariat within 45 days. The Secretariat would subsequently distribute the proposals received among the Member Countries, to be further refined in an interactive process.

The delegation of Indonesia also proposed a matrix for the articulation of a plan of action for the future activities of the Task Force, which can also serve as a mechanism for further articulation of the activities of the Task Force (**Annex IX**).

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting of the Task Force

The delegation of Pakistan expressed interest in hosting of the next meeting of the Task Force. Considering that the 7th Meeting of WGIC will be held in Bangladesh in 2012, the date and venue of the next meeting of the TF on Textile and Garment will be pursued through further diplomatic exchange and will be communicated to the Member Countries as soon as decided.

Closing Session

Delegations expressed their gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality for the Meeting. The Chairman also expressed appreciation for the active participation of delegations in the course of deliberations and wished them a pleasant stay in Jakarta, Indonesia and safe journey back home.