

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF D-8 COMMISSION  
13-14 OCTOBER 2011  
ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

The Government of the Republic of Turkey organized the Special Session of the D-8 Commission in Istanbul, Turkey from 13-14 October 2011. The meeting was attended by delegates from 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 Turkey. The list of participants is contained in **Annex I**.

The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Dr. Martin Uhomoibhi, the D-8 Commissioner and the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria . H.E. Mehmet Gücük, D-8 Commissioner for Turkey and Deputy Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, host of the Session, made an opening statement. Dr. Widi Pratikto, D-8 Secretary-General made a statement on the draft agenda and programme of work on the Session (Statements are contained in **Annex II**).

**1. Draft Agenda** **Consideration and Adoption of the**

The Commission considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting, without any changes (**Annex III**).

**2. Consideration of the New Proposed Organizational Chart and the Annual Budget for 2012**

The Secretary-General presented an oral report on the necessity of a new D-8 Organizational Structure, along with the proposed increase in annual budget. The Commission discussed the matter in detail. All D-8 Commissioners made statements, concurred with the necessity of change in the current structure of the Secretariat and the need for increased budget, and expressed views on various aspects of the proposed organogram. The Secretary-General made further explanatory statements and addressed the concerns raised from the floor.

Having discussed the matter, the Commission considered the Secretary-General's proposal for the new organizational Chart of the Secretariat and have agreed to the new organogram taking into account the provisions of the *Statutory Document for Future Status of the Secretariat* and a 10.83% increase in the annual budget. The new organizational Chart and budget 2012 are contained in **Annex IV**.

The Secretariat agreed to provide to the Commissioners detailed job description for each position within the new organisational structure, including the designation of the officer in charge of accounting.

### Consideration of the Paper on the D-8 Global Vision

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The Secretary-General made introductory remarks on the Paper entitled “D-8 Global Vision: Cooperation, Competition, and Integration”, which had been provided to the Commissioners as part of the documentation for the Session. Dr. Madzli bin Harun (University of Terengganu, Malaysia) gave a powerpoint presentation on the Paper. The presentation also proposed future strategy for the Organization as part of Global Vision.

The Commissioners welcomed the provisions of the thematic, conceptual paper by the Secretariat and expressed appreciation to Dr. Madzli for the presentation.

Based on a proposal by the Turkish delegation, the Commission agreed to adopt the D-8 Global Vision during the Summit marking the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the D-8 Organization in 2012.

In light of the presentation of the paper and other views expressed by the Commissioners, it was agreed that the Secretariat will prepare the draft of the Global Vision, to be circulated to all members for their views. The draft will be adopted by the Commissioners at the next meeting.

Following further exchange of views, the Commission agreed on the following timetable for the further consideration of the paper on the D-8 Global Vision, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

	2011				2012							
	November		December		January				February			
DATE	20	30	1	15	30	1		20	30	1	15	28
1 Preparation of Draft Global Vision	█		█									
2 Circulation of draft to Member Countries				█								
3 Submission of national feedback from Member Countries			█									
4 Finalisation of the draft (by Secretariat)									█			
5 Circulation of the final draft to Member Countries										█		
6 Consideration of the draft Global Vision at the Commission											█	

### 4. Consideration of the Proposed D-8 Charter

The Secretary-General made introductory remarks on the discussion of the draft D-8 Charter, and presented the compilation text which had been prepared by the Secretariat inclusive of the views received from the Member Countries. Following detailed discussion on the compilation text, and also considering new proposals submitted in the course of the Meeting by a number of Member Countries, it was agreed that the Secretariat will subsequently submit (by the end of December 2011) a revised compilation text - to be considered by the Member Countries with a view to its finalization at the next Commission Meeting (expected to take place around mid-February 2012 in Abuja).

### 5. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Special Session of the Commission

The Report of the Special Session of the Commission was adopted.

## **6. Closing**

In his Closing Remarks, the Chairman expressed his profound thanks and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey, in particular the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the excellent arrangements and generous hospitality for the Special Session. He also expressed appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcomes of the deliberations.

The D-8 Commissioner of Turkey, as host, also made closing remarks and expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Turkish delegation to the Chairman, D-8 Commissioners, all delegates as well as the Secretariat for their constructive and fruitful efforts for and during the Special Session.

**Annex I**

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**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY. AMBASSADOR (DR.) MARTIN I. UHOMOIBHI,  
PERMANENT SECRETARY AND D-8 COMMISSIONER OF NIGERIA ON THE OCCASION  
OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE D-8 COMMISSION. ISTANBUL. 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER. 2011**

**Protocol**

It is always a great pleasure to be in this historic and enchanting city of Istanbul, particularly among special friends for the common good of our great countries and peoples.

On behalf of members of my delegation, I wish to express my deepest appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Turkey for the wonderful hospitality and arrangements made for this Special Session of the D-8 Commission.

During the next three days, we have a great opportunity to collectively prepare an enduring framework that will ensure the progress of the D-8 Organization, and enable Member Countries to collaborate more effectively in the pursuit of mutually beneficial programmes, as envisaged by the founding fathers of our Organization in this same historic city fourteen years ago.

**Excellencies.  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.**

There is no doubt that our presence in Istanbul for this important Session is a clear demonstration of our collective desire and commitment to move the D-8 forward and achieve the objectives of the Organization.

Indeed, the four issues scheduled for discussion during this session, namely: the Organizational Structure of the D8 Secretariat; the 2012 Budget, Global Vision of the D-8; and the Organization's Charter, are very crucial matters that require deep reflection and objective analysis. Fortunately, our Organization is blessed with distinguished personalities from the eight member countries who possess the wealth of experience to undertake this very important assignment.

**Excellencies.**

Only three months ago, we gathered in Abuja, Nigeria to have a stocktaking of the progress made since the Summit meeting in Abuja in July 2010. It is worth recalling therefore, that it was at the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission held in Abuja in July, 2011 that the decision to hold this Special Session was taken and the intervening three months since then has afforded Member Countries opportunity to prepare their views or make proposals on the important agenda items, some of which discussions commenced on during the last Session in Abuja.

For my country, Nigeria, I wish to reiterate our unflinching commitment and support to the noble objectives of the D-8 Organization. Indeed, this was underlined in my President's inaugural address last May when he declared Nigeria's readiness to forge economic cooperation with countries and international organizations that will ensure economic growth, job creation, eradication of poverty and generate enduring happiness for our people, in the spirit of South-South cooperation. As I always like to say, the main objective of the D-8 can be summed up as: *"How to put food on the table of our people."*

**Excellencies.  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.**

In demonstration of our belief in the principles of the D-8 and the ability of the Organization to create the

enabling environment for industrial growth and economic development among Members, Nigeria recently established the Office of the Country Representative to the D-8 Organization in Istanbul. This is a practical demonstration of our resolve to raise the profile of the Organization. In the same token, Nigeria is committed towards increasing its financial contributions to the D-8 Organization. We have said this much in recent past, and I am reiterating the point at this meeting that our Organization's budget of about Euro 500,000 does not reflect the importance we have collectively entrusted to the Secretariat to execute. In this regard, we need to fully support the Secretariat both financially and materially to achieve its mandate.

**Excellencies,  
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Once again, I will like to use this opportunity to express my appreciation for the valuable support and solidarity that my country, Nigeria, has received from members, as Chair of our Organization since 2010.

Let me also convey our gratitude to the Secretary-General of the D-8, Dr. Widi Pratikto, and his dedicated staff in the Secretariat, for their tireless efforts in ensuring that our Organization stands firmly on the ground.

I thank you for your attention.

**Speech delivered by Turkey's Commissioner Ambassador Mehmet Gücük**

Distinguished Commissioners,

Mr. Secretary General,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you all in Istanbul, on the occasion of the Special Session of the D-8 Commission.

Since the very establishment of the D-8, Turkey has attached utmost importance to the cooperation within the framework of the D-8 and remains committed to the goals and objectives of the Istanbul Declaration. The D-8 countries, bonded by the cooperative spirit reflected in the Declaration, came together around the common goals of strengthening their economies and increasing the welfare of their people through concerted action.

In fact, in the face of the recent global developments, the concerted action should be regarded as a valuable asset more than ever. The crisis once more bitterly demonstrated the interconnectedness of the world economies. Therefore, it is absolutely vital that the like-minded countries such as the D-8 act in harmony and pool their resources. The global financial institutions and countries are now in the process of



adjusting themselves to the new realities and necessities. Likewise, the D-8, too, should devise a new vision in order to align itself with the new global system.

Within this framework, during the Kuala Lumpur Ministerial Council, in 2009, H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, had proposed that a workshop be organized in Istanbul, so as to draw a vision to lead the D-8 into the future. Our Ministry had made necessary preparations for such a workshop, however, due to the departure of the former Secretary General of the D-8, Mr. Dipo Alam, it was decided that the workshop be postponed until the appointment of a new Secretary General. The holding of the Inter-governmental group meeting on the D-8 Charter and the Action Plan was also postponed for the same reason. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey then drafted a paper entitled “The new vision of the D-8:

Developing the Future” and shared it with the with the Secretariat to be further enhanced at the workshop which was to be organized after the appointment of the new D-8 Secretary General.

I am extremely pleased that H.E. Mr. Widi Pratikto, as the new Secretary General of the D-8, had taken this project at heart and deployed every effort for its realization. His personal commitment has been of great help in bringing us together for this special Commission Meeting, today .

Given its rich natural resources, industrial and economic potential and young and dynamic human resources of nearly 1 billion population, the D-8 is one of the successful examples of South-South cooperation. Turkey, as the initiator of this process attaches great importance to the cooperation among D-8 members and remains committed to the objectives of the Istanbul Declaration. Geographical distance among our countries thus far has not posed an impediment for cooperation and political wills of the member countries have surpassed all the physical barriers.

Although it was established in 1997, close to the end of the 20 the century, the D-8 needs structural transformation in order to live up to the unique conditions and challenges of the 21st Century.

As we are all aware, the global economic order is going through radical changes. We need a new paradigm based on justice to properly address the new challenges that the developing countries and in particular the LDC s are faced with. We need to come up with innovative ideas and new modalities of cooperation that would help us to shape this new order.

Owing to the unique character of its member states, their rich natural resources and huge economic potentials, and as a model of integration of the countries from three continents, namely Asia, Africa and Europe, the D-8 has a historic mission to play in this regard.

As member states, it is natural to have differences, however, what is most important for all of us is to identify the areas of joint interest and embark on concrete cooperation.

We believe that the priority areas such as trade energy, transportation, shipping, tourism should be on the focus of attention of D-8. The increase of trade will be a driving force for further enhancing our cooperation. However, despite of the fact that half of the member countries (such as Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Turkey) are cited amongst the top 25 merchandise exporters of the world and two of them (Indonesia and Turkey) are member of G-20, furthermore all the D-8 Countries are considered as important players in their regions, regrettably the contribution of the D-8 member countries to the global trade remains insignificant. More regrettably, the percentage of the intra-D-8 trade of the members stands at around 5% of their total trade figure.

In view of the global economic crisis and sweeping political transformation in our neighborhood and the world at large, economic and commercial cooperation and solidarity among D-8 members should be regarded as a more valuable asset than ever. In this regard, devising feasible areas of cooperation and developing long term perspectives and policies are of vital importance with a view to responding to the challenges of today's world.

In this context, this special meeting of the D-8 Commission is of historic importance. The global vision, charter and organizational structure of D-8 which we will deliberate on during this meeting should embrace the realities of the 21th century and set a down to earth medium and long term vision for the organization.

To sum up, in order to be more effective and viable the D-8 needs to have a more institutionalized structure. We are convinced that signing of the D-8 charter and the establishment of new organizational set up would increase and strengthen the efficiency of the organization.

I am confident that our special meeting today will be very useful in devising a new global vision for the

D-8 and with our common efforts and hard work will give the necessary impetus for our Organization to move forward.

I thank you all.

**Statement**  
**by**  
**Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto D-8 Secretary General at the Special Session of the Commission Istanbul,**  
**October 13 - 15, 2011**

Honorable Chairman,  
Distinguished Commissioners,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Developing Eight Countries Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), I would like to welcome you all to this important event, the Special Session of the Commission.

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to be with you at the opening of this important Meeting. First of all, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Turkish Government, especially to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for this well-prepared Meeting, providing us with this wonderful venue in the beautiful and historical city of Istanbul. I would also like to express my appreciation to the Commissioners and all delegates for their efforts in the arrangement of this Meeting.

We may recall that during the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission, July 12 - 13, 2011, the issue of the proposed Chart of Organization and the budget of the Fiscal Year 2012 was brought as one of the agenda. However, as the discussion was not fully concluded, it was then decided that these particular agenda shall be discussed in the first day of the Special Session of Commission.

*Excellencies,*

Please allow me to give you a glimpse of how the wheels of our organization runs daily through the Secretariat, in carrying out a vast range of duties to execute, monitor, follow-up and implement programs and targets set up to reach our roadmap goals. As the forefront of the Organization that handles heavy-loaded daily and long-term operational activities with alarmingly limited manpower—as well as financial resources, the Secretariat has often fulfilled its duties with serious challenges.

Archaic in its nature, the Secretariat's current structure has proved to be a major impediment to that end, and it naturally demands a transformation in the way it daily functions. Therefore we endeavors

to propose a feasible and efficient new organizational structure of the Secretariat, along with the required budget, with the objective of managing all D-8 programs, activities and projects more efficiently. It is also imperative for me to reiterate that during the year of 2011, the programs and activities of D-8 Organization has *almost doubled* those of the previous year, which consequently calls for the modest increase of its operational budget. *Excellencies,*

In this age of globalization and inter-dependence, governments throughout the world, both developed and developing, are revitalising their national economies through various strategies, policies, and measures, including through establishing or joining group or collective arrangements. The D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation, as an example of collective effort towards achieving economic progress and development, would also move in a manner commensurate with the requirements of development and the pace of change surrounding its individual members as well as the entire Organization. Current dramatic developments in various parts of the world, in the Middle East and North Africa in particular, underline the imperative of democratic governance and home-grown political stability as prerequisites for a smooth process of long-term development and mutually-beneficial relations with other countries, regional groups, and in a sense, the outside world. These factors play a critical role as well in the external relations of countries or states. The global economic crisis (2008) that started in the North and came to affect, to varying degrees, the bulk of the developing world (South), especially the more vulnerable, less-developed countries, brought home the message of inherent instability and institutional weaknesses in the structure of the world economy. The phenomenon of climate change, more frequent recurrence of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis, drought, and other natural or man-made disasters, have added to the level of risk and uncertainty all countries, particularly the developing societies, while on the other hand they still have to deal with the quest of achieving growth and sustainable, long-term development.

The list are long: the scarcity and the high price foods, the soaring prices of oils and gasolines will hamper all human being budget arrangements. The still on-going economic recession in the United States, and the current state of economic crisis in a number of European countries have confronted the powerful EU with quite a serious challenge - all point to the critical importance of the economic factor - both national and international. With this in mind, it goes without saying that it is critical for D-8 Organization for Economics Cooperation to put put more energy and effort to strengthen the Organization as well as increasing the quality of Partnership of Its member countries.

*Excellencies,*

Another important point of this meeting is the proposed Charter. Charter, is described as the bounds of the Organization. To become a full-fledged and highly reputable International Organization, there is no doubt that we need the Charter as a codification of all adopted legal instruments in one legal framework document. Just to give you a very vivid picture, no International Organization can promote a major cooperation or interact seriously with the other without the existence of its Charter.

Therefore, I truly expect that this Special Session will have a dynamic meeting and deliberations, which can lead to productive outcomes to shape our Organization into a more advanced, full-fledged Organization in which its Member Countries reflect cooperative and partnership manners for mutual benefits.

In conclusion, Dear Excellencies, I take the opportunity to express, once more, on behalf of the D-8 Secretariat, our deep appreciation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey for their excellent work, contribution, and hospitality. I wish you all success in your endeavors and deliberations.

Thank you very much for your attention.

**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION 13-15  
OCTOBER 2011, ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**Wednesday, 12 OCTOBER 2011**

**Arrival of delegations**

*A shuttle service will carry delegations from the airport to the Hotel.*

**19:00 Dinner**

*Open buffet dinner will be served at the hotel.*

**13 OCTOBER 2011 - Thursday**

**09:30**

**Introduction of the Meeting by the D-8 Secretary-General**

*Brief introduction words by the D-8 SG*

*The Meeting will be chaired by Nigeria - D-8 Commissioner*

**Welcoming Remarks by the D-8 Commissioner of Turkey**

*D-8 Commissioner of Turkey will make an introductory statement.*

**09:45**

**Consideration and adoption of the Draft Agenda**

*Commissioners will consider and adopt draft agenda, with amendments, if any. **Statement by***

**09:50**

**D-8 Secretary-General**

*D-8 Secretary-General will make a statement on the programme of the 3-day Meeting and the substantive agenda items to be discussed.*

**10:00**                    **Presentation of the new proposed Organizational Chart and the annual budget for 2012**

*The Secretary-General will present a report on the necessity of a new D-8 Organizational Structure. The proposed organizational chart endeavors to present a feasible and efficient organizational structure, along with the required budget, with the objective of managing all D-8 programs, activities and projects more efficiently.*

*Given the close link between the new D-8 Organizational Structure and the Recommendation emanating from the Audit Report 2009-2010, the Commissioners are expected to present their views on the improvement of the accounting system of the Secretariat.*

**10:30**                    **Discussion of Organizational Chart and annual budget 2012.**

*The Commissioners will discuss the new Organizational Chart and the proposed budget for 2012 with a view to their adoption.*

***11:30 -11:40 Coffee will be served***

**13:00**                    **Lunch Break**

*Open buffet lunch will be served at the hotel.*

**14:00**                    **Discussion continued.**

***16:00-16:15 Coffee will be served***

**18:00**                    **Adoption of Organizational Chart and annual budget 2012.**

*Organizational Chart and annual budget of 2010 will be discussed to be adopted.*

**19:00**                    **Dinner to be hosted by the Government of Turkey**

*Dinner will be served at a restaurant in the vicinity of the Bosphorus Strait. A shuttle bus will take the participants from the Hotel to the boat at 18:30.*

(\*) H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of Turkey, is expected to address the Session during this day - the exact time of which will be communicated by the Foreign Ministry in due course.

**14 OCTOBER 2011 - Friday**

**09:30                    Introductory remarks by Secretary-General on the D-8 Global Vision Paper**

*Secretary-General will make introductory remarks on the D-8 Global Vision Paper - to be subsequently presented by Dr. Madzli Harun*

**09:35                    Presentation of the "Background Paper on the D-8 Global Vision"**

*Based on the idea initiated by the Turkish Foreign Minister, H.E. Ahmet Davutoglu, at the D-8 12<sup>th</sup> Council of Ministers meeting in Kuala Lumpur in late 2009, the time has arrived for the D-8 Organization to define a new paradigm for its future. The Secretariat has already distributed the text of the paper on D-8 Global Vision, originally prepared by Dr. Madzli bin Harun of the University of Terengganu, Malaysia.*

**10:30                    Consideration of D-8 Global Vision Paper**

*The Commissioners will discuss the matter with a view to convergence of outlooks on the D-8 Global Vision.*

**11:30-11:40 Coffee will be served**

**13:00**

**Lunch Break**

*Open buffet lunch will be served at the hotel.*

**14:30**

**14:35**

**Introductory remarks by Secretary-General on the D-8 Charter**

*The Secretary- General will make short introductory remarks on the discussion of the draft D-8 Charter.*

**Presentation of the draft D-8 Charter**

*The Charter is needed as the overarching legal instrument for the existence and functioning of the Organization with its Headquarters in Istanbul. It also serves to codify all the adopted legal*



*instruments into one document. Secretary-General will present the Draft Charter as prepared by the Secretariat, inclusive of the feedback received from a number of Member Countries.*

**Discussion of the D-8 Charter**

**14:30**

*Member Countries will present their views on the Draft Charter and discuss the text with a view to its finalization by the Commission.*

***16:00-16:15 Coffee will be served***

**17:30**

**Closing of Day Two**

*(Discussion to be continued on the following day)*

**19:00**

**Dinner**

*Open buffet dinner will be served at the hotel.*

**15 OCTOBER 2011 - Saturday**

**09:30**

**Further Discussion of the D-8 Charter (continued).**

***11:00-11:15 Coffee will be served Lunch Break***

**13:00**

*Open buffet lunch will be served at the hotel.*

**Adoption of the Report of the Special Session.**

**14:30**

*The Commissioners will consider and adopt the Report of the meeting, inclusive of the relevant annexes.*

**Closing Museum Tour**

**15:00**

*A museum tour (Dolmabahce Palace) will be arranged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. A Shuttle bus will transport the delegations to the venue.*

**15:30**

**Departure**

*A shuttle service will carry the participants from the Hotel to the airport.*

Annex IV



