

**Report of the
17th Session of the D-8 Council
19 October 2017
Istanbul, Turkey**

The 17th Session of the D-8 Council was held on 19 October 2017 at the Lütü Kırđar International Convention and Exhibition Center in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Delegates from all the Member States. The list of participants is attached as **Annex I**.

Agenda Item 1: Opening of the Meeting

H.E. Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General invited H.E. Mr. Khwaja Muhammad Asif, Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to deliver his opening statement.

Agenda Item 2: Opening Statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Khwaja Muhammad Asif, Foreign Minister of Pakistan delivered opening statement and expressed hope that the 9th Summit which marked the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the D-8 Organization would further consolidate cooperative partnership. His statement is enclosed as **Annex II**.

Agenda Item 3: Handover of Chairmanship to the Republic of Turkey

Foreign Minister of Pakistan handed over the Chairmanship of the D-8 Council to Foreign Minister of Turkey.

Agenda Item 4: Statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey

H.E. Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşođlu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, delivered his statement. His statement is attached as **Annex III**.

Agenda Item 5: Consideration and Adoption of the proposed Agenda

The Council considered and adopted the agenda of the meeting as per **Annex IV**.

Agenda Item 6: Presentation of Report of Activities by the Secretary-General

H.E. Dr. Seyed AliMohammad Mousavi, D-8 Secretary-General, delivered his statement by welcoming the Ministers, Heads of Delegation and other members of Delegation. The statement is attached as **Annex V**.

Agenda Item 7: Statements by Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegation

Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegation delivered their statements. Available statements are attached as **Annex VI**.

Agenda Item 8: Consideration of outcome documents and recommendation to the Summit

The Secretary-General presented the draft Istanbul Declaration 2017 and D-8 Istanbul Plan of Action for consideration as outcome documents in the next Summit.

The Council agreed to the recommendation made by the Commission on the draft Istanbul Declaration 2017 and the D-8 Istanbul Plan of Action. The Council recommended to the Summit the adoption of these documents. The draft Istanbul Declaration 2017 and the D-8 Istanbul Plan of Action are attached as **Annex VII** and **Annex VIII**, respectively.

Agenda Item 9: Consideration and Adoption of the Reports of 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th and Special Sessions of the D-8 Commission

The Council considered and adopted the reports of Commission held in its 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th sessions and special sessions held on 10-11 October 2015, 6-7 September 2016 and 2-3 October 2017. The reports are attached as **Annex IX**.

Agenda Item 10: Consideration and endorsement of the proposed Agenda of the 9th D-8 Summit

The Council reviewed the draft 9th D-8 Summit Agenda proposed by the Commission in its 39th Session and endorsed the same for consideration of the 9th D-8 Summit.

Agenda Item 11: Date and venue of the 18th Session of the D-8 Council of Ministers

Foreign Minister of Turkey informed that the 18th Session of the Council would be convened in Antalya, Turkey either at the end of October or the beginning of November 2018. He mentioned that exact date would be conveyed to the Secretariat in due course.

Agenda Item 12: Any Other Business

The Council thanked the current Secretary-General for his excellent work and dedication towards the Organization during his term in office. The Council welcomed the Secretary-General-designate and assured him of full cooperation in advancing the interests of the Organization.

Agenda Item 13: Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the 17th Session of the D-8 Council

The Chair tasked the D-8 Secretariat to prepare a factual report on the proceedings of the meeting and circulate as soon as possible.

Concluding Remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman expressed his deep appreciation to all the Delegates and thanked them for productive and fruitful discussion. He also commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation thanked the Government of the Republic of Turkey for their generous hospitality and appreciated the excellent arrangements in hosting the 17th Session of the Council. They also appreciated the Secretariat for its excellent work.

The 17th Session of the Council was closed on 19 October 2017.