

**Report of the 3rd Ministerial Meeting
On Industry
10 October 2012
Dhaka, Bangladesh**

The Third session of the Ministerial Meeting on Industry was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 10 October 2012. The meeting, was chaired by H. E. Mr. Dilip Barua, Minister of Industries of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and was attended by the representatives of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Turkey.

The list of Heads of Delegations attending the Meeting is contained in **Annex I**.

Chairman made a brief introductory statement (**Annex II**).

Agenda Item I: Adoption of the Agenda

The Meeting adopted the Agenda for the Ministerial Meeting as circulated previously.

Agenda Item II: Statements by Ministers /Heads of Delegations

Under this agenda item, D-8 Ministers of Industry and Heads of Delegations made their statements (**Annex III**).

Agenda Item III: Adoption of the Report of Senior Officials Meeting

The Report of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), annexed to the Reports of 12 Task Forces and the text of the Dhaka Declaration, as discussed and agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting on 9 October 2012, was presented to the Meeting by the Chairman of the SOM Meeting, Mr. A.B.M. Khorshed Alam, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh (**Annex IV**).

a- Adoption of the Report of Task Forces

The Meeting adopted the report of the 12 Task Forces under the Working Group on Industrial Cooperation (WGIC) – as agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting (**Annex V**).

b- Adoption of the Dhaka Declaration

The text of the Dhaka Declaration, as agreed by the Senior Officials Meeting (**Annex VI**) was adopted by the Meeting. However, before the Chairman's announcement of the decision, Minister Ghazanfari (Iran) took the floor and expressed reservation with regards to Operative Paragraph 18 of the Declaration; stating that since all the Member Countries were not on equal footing with respect to the provisions of the Paragraph, he wished to register his reservation. On the same matter, Mr. Kavranoglu, Head of the Turkish Delegation, also took the floor and reiterated his proposal for the establishment of a Permanent Committee of the D-8 Organization to look into issues of difference of opinion on standards and norms and resolve them.

The Meeting, having listened to and taken note of the statements by Iran and Turkey, adopted the Dhaka Declaration as agreed by the SOM.

Agenda Item IV: Any Other Business

Under this Agenda Item, the following remarks were made:

Mr. Ghazanfari (Iran): Emphasis on the need for facilitating the active participation of the private sector and entrepreneurs in the D-8 activities, including the D-8 meetings (e.g., Dhaka Meeting).

D-8 Secretary-General: Drawing attention to the appointment of the new Secretary-General of the D-8 Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (D-8 FCCI), stated that he was personally committed to assisting D-8 FCCI become engaged in the D-8 activities and play a bigger role in the future, including through active participation at the upcoming Islamabad Summit (November 2012).

Mr. Kavranoglu (Turkey): Reiterating the point made in his statement under Agenda Item II, he proposed that all Member Countries assign a Permanent Representative, in the form of a Focal Point, to the D-8 Secretariat to assist with the monitoring and supervision of the

implementation of the decisions made by various bodies/meetings of the Organization. Iran supported the proposal for the designation of a Focal Point by the Member Countries – even if not stationed in Istanbul.

Subsequently, Turkey proposed to the Meeting to decide on his proposal and make it a decision of the Ministerial Meeting. The proposal carried without any further deliberation and the Chairman announced its adoption.

Agenda Item V: Date and Venue of the Fourth Ministerial Meeting

The Head of Delegation of Egypt expressed the willingness of his Government to host the fourth Ministerial Meeting on Industry in 2013. He underlined that the official proposal would be submitted at a later stage. The exact date and venue of the meeting would be decided and communicated later through diplomatic channels.

Agenda Item VI: Closure of the Meeting

Under this Agenda Item, the Chairman asked the D-8 Secretary-General to make closing remarks. Dr. Pratikto expressed his gratitude and that of the Secretariat to the Government and People of Bangladesh, especially Minister Barua and all his colleagues in the Ministry of Industries for gracious hosting and successful, effective directing of the Meeting. Referring to decision of the Meeting under Agenda Item IV, Secretary-General emphasized that, while welcoming the content of the proposal, the matter needs to be brought to the attention of the Commission and the Council for further discussion and appropriate decision.

The Chairman also made closing remarks and expressed gratitude to all delegations for their attendance and active participation at the Dhaka Meeting.

The Head of Delegation of Pakistan, on behalf of the Meeting, stated the vote of thanks to the Chairman, Ministry of Industries, and the Government and People of Bangladesh.