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Speech

Of

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**Your Excellencies,
Brothers and colleagues,**

I would like, at the beginning, to express thanks and appreciation to the Government of Korea for hosting this meeting in its beautiful capital city Seoul, and for the warm reception, generous hospitality and excellent preparations for our meetings.

This meeting comes after our former meeting in Doha, which we consider as a chance for dialogue and exchange of views on issues and topics of concern to the member countries. This is why the Doha Declaration came out as a true expression of that meeting, and we really moved from the stage of identifying the goals and vision to the stage of application and implementation, on which we hope to focus our efforts in this important gathering.

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I also have the pleasure to express satisfaction with the meetings held in New York, on the side lines of the United Nations General Assembly, between the permanent representatives of the Member Countries of the (ACD), which took further steps towards making our cooperation process a success.

I also would like to note that our previous meetings confirmed that cooperation requires stability and settlement of disputes by dialogue and peaceful means, and that development cannot be realized without first ending the causes of threat to the security of our region. Therefore, we should establish strong foundations of peace among our countries and in our continent, and end all kinds of violence and racial, religious and sectarian conflicts, and also put an end to terrorism and nuclear threat.

I believe that whenever we move a step forward on the path of dialogue, we will be establishing the appropriate and healthy environment for cooperation, and this will be positively reflected on efforts to end the conflicts and establish the foundations of peace and security in our region. Only then the peoples of the region will gain the fruits of that cooperation.

In conclusion, I would like to wish His Excellency the Korean Foreign Minister, all the best during his chairmanship for the coming period, assuring him our full assistance and cooperation.

Thank you,,