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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR
OF THE PRIME AND CO-PRIME MOVERS CONSULTATIONS
14th October 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka, as the Chair of the 8th Ministerial Meeting convened the Coordinating Group and Prime and Co-Prime Movers Consultations of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue on 12th October and 14th October 2009 respectively. The Prime & Co-Prime Mover Group Consultations comprised senior officials from 30 of the Member States, out of 31 Member States. The list of delegates is at **Annex I**. The Consultations was chaired by Mr. C. R. Jayasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka.

Adoption of the Indicative topics

The list Indicative Topics of the Prime and Co-Prime Mover Consultations as contained in Document No. **ACD/ P/CPM /2009/01**, were adopted for discussion.

Consideration of the Programme of the 8th Ministerial Meeting and Indicative Topics for the Retreat

The Programme, and the Indicative Topics for the Retreat contained in the Doc. Nos. **ACD/AMM/2009/01** and **ACD/AMM/2009/03** respectively, were also adopted by consensus.

The Chair invited the Chairperson of the Coordinating Group Consultations to present the Summary Report of the Coordinating Group Consultations held on 12th October 2009. Accordingly, Mrs. Deen read out the Chair's Summary Report (Doc. No. **ACD/CG/2009/03**) and it was adopted by the delegates.

Progress Report of the 20 ACD cooperation areas

Thailand, as the Coordinator, presented the Progress Report, which is at Doc. No. **ACD/P/CPM/2009/09**. It was observed that only six cooperation areas had seen active progress since the Kazakhstan Meeting; namely, environmental education, energy, poverty alleviation, IT development, SME development and e-education. The Coordinator further informed that future ACD activities would include, among others, China's proposed *Seminar on Theory and Practice of International Development for Asian Countries*, India's *ACD Meeting of Think Tanks Network and 4th ACD Tourism Business Forum by India*, Kazakhstan's *ACD Transport Forum* and Pakistan's *ACD Energy Forum*".

The Chair then invited comments from the delegates on progress in the areas of cooperation. The list of Calendar of Events for the period November 2009 to October 2010, which is based on the detailed discussion that took place in respect of each of the twenty sectors of cooperation is at **Annex II**.

Progress Report for the period September 2008 - July 2009 and recommendations by Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan, in the capacity of the past Chair, informed the Meeting that they have called for Progress Reports from the Member States. However, it was regretted that only three countries have provided the Reports.

In this regard, it was recognized that the designated Prime and Co-Prime Movers need to review and monitor more closely the effective implementation of agreed projects.

It was further agreed that in future when including projects in the ACD Calendar of Events, all aspects, including financial viability and implementability would be considered.

Introduction of the theme – “*Spirit of Asia: Global Economic Recovery and Development Prospects*”

Introducing the theme the Chair noted that the Concept Paper which was circulated among the Member States during the ACD Ministerial Breakfast Meeting in New York in September 2009, was well received.

The Meeting unanimously agreed that the world is becoming increasingly Asia-centric with the main platform for economic activity moving to the East, further demonstrating that our economies and societies are becoming inter-linked and inter-dependent.

Delegates commenting on the Concept Paper highlighted that there are certain values which are intrinsic to Asia, such as entrepreneurship, innovation and unity in diversity. They also emphasized the need to promote trade and investment among ACD Member States. Giving due recognition to these suggestions, there was agreement on paying special attention to the following:

- ACD Trade and Investment Forum could be formed to encourage private sector involvement in stimulating trade and investment. This Forum where Chamber representatives of ACD Member States will be participating among others, could meet at the time of the ACD Ministerials.
- ACD should play a role in asserting Asia's regional space at this time when the rest of the world is eagerly observing Asia's rapid economic recovery and the lead provided by the region for the global economic recovery process.
- ACD should look for inclusive global institutions and an economic structure that would make the world less vulnerable to global economic downfalls.
- ACD should help convening a Forum or Meeting of Banking Professionals and Financial Experts to discuss Management of Financial Crises and Regulatory Issues.

Strengthening the Cooperation framework to facilitate trade, tourism and transport

The Meeting took note of the potential for co-operation in Tourism, Transport and Trade to promote people-to-people contact.

In this background, Sri Lanka agreed to be the coordinator for the tourism cluster, and similarly Iran for trade and Kazakhstan for transport. The Concept Papers presented by the Member States of the coordinators in this regard, namely, Concept Paper on “Regional Tourism in the Prospect of Marketing Promotion” (Doc. No. **ACD/AMM/2009/06**), Concept Paper on “Mechanism for Institutionalization of the Trade Sector in ACD” by Republic of Iran (Doc. No. **ACD/AMM/2009/07**), Concept Paper on “Development of Transport of Linkages between countries of Asia Cooperation Dialogue” (Doc. No. **ACD/AMM/2009/08**) and ‘Merged’ ACD Working Concept Paper on “Transport Linkages “ circulated by India on 14th October 2009 (Doc. No. **ACD/AMM/2009/08 (i)**).

Discussion on future direction of the High Level Study Group (HLSG)

The Group unanimously agreed that the mandate of the HLSG should be renewed. However there was no consensus on some of its tasks and its reporting levels.

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14th October, 2009, Colombo, Sri Lanka

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