

Annex

**Introductory remarks by Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama, Minister of
Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka and the Chair of the 8th ACD Ministerial
Meeting, 15th October 2009**

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Good afternoon.

As Chair of the 8th ACD Ministerial Meeting, may I once again extend a warm welcome, Your Excellencies and distinguished delegates, to the Retreat today. I wish all of you a pleasant and productive stay in Sri Lanka. I look forward to working closely with all of you, in keeping with the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

The Chair of the Prime and Co-Prime Mover Consultations has reported to me that the Group which met on Wednesday, 14th October 2009 had wide ranging discussions covering all areas of cooperation with particular emphasis on the areas of environmental education, energy, poverty alleviation, IT development, SME development and e-education.

In particular, they have agreed that in future when announcing projects in the ACD Calendar of Events, all aspects, including financial viability and implementability, should be fully considered.

They have also emphasized the need to promote trade and investment among ACD Member States, and in this regard, agreement has been reached 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.

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

Having briefed you on these developments, I wish now to take this opportunity to place on record my sincere appreciation to the senior officials of the Prime and Co-Prime Mover Consultations for the excellent work they have done in preparing the draft Colombo Declaration for our consideration. I am thankful to the Chairman of Prime and Co-Prime Mover Consultations, Mr. C. R. Jayasinghe, Foreign Secretary of Sri Lanka for steering consultations to a successful conclusion.

I also would like to commend the members of the Coordinating Group comprising of Thailand, Kazakhstan, Iran and Sri Lanka for their constructive engagement and dedicated work.

I would be failing in my duty if I do not thank the Coordinator, the Royal Thai Government, for their unstinted support and guidance, which made our preparations for this Ministerial Meeting in Colombo smoother. My thanks also go to the Republic of Kazakhstan for sharing their experiences.

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Delegation List

	Country	Name	Designation & Organization
01	Bahrain	Ambassador Karim Ibrahim Al-Shakar (Head of MM and SOM)	Under-Secretary Department of International Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs Bahrain
02	Bangladesh	H. E. Dr. [Ms] Dipu Moni (Head of MM)	Minister of Foreign Affairs Bangladesh
		Mr. Mohamed Mijarul Quayes (Head of SOM)	Foreign Secretary Bangladesh
03	Bhutan	H. E. Mr. Tshering Dorji (Head of MM)	Ambassador of Bhutan to Thailand Royal Bhutanese Embassy Bangkok
		Ms. Tshering Lhadn (Head of SOM)	First Secretary Royal Bhutanese Embassy Bangkok
04	Brunei	H. E. Pehin Dato Suyoi Osman (Head of MM)	Minister of Health Brunei Darussalam
		Mr. Sheikh Fadilah Ahmad (Head of SOM)	Director Political I Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Brunei Darussalam
05	Cambodia	H. E. Mr. Ouch Borith (Head of MM)	Secretary of State Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation Royal Government of Cambodia [Secretary of State is equal to the rank of Deputy Minister]
		Mr. Bun Sokhen (Head of SOM)	Assistant Director/ACD Ministry of Foreign Affairs Cambodia
06	China, PR	H. E. Mr. Hu Zhengyue (Head of MM)	Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs, PR China
		Ms. Ma Jia (Head of SOM)	Director Asian Department [SOM] Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PR China
07	India	H. E. Mrs. Preneet Kaur (Head of MM)	Minister of State for External Affairs
		Mr. Ajay Bisaria (Head of SOM)	Joint Secretary [MER] Ministry of External Affairs New Delhi

08	Indonesia	H. E. Mr. Triyono Wibowo Head of (MM)	Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Republic of Indonesia [Leader]
		Mr. T. M. Hamzah Thayeb (Head of SOM)	Director General/Asia-Pacific & African Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs Indonesia
09	Iran	H. E. Mr. Manouchehar Mottaki (Head of MM)	Minister of Foreign Affairs Islamic Republic of Iran
		H. E. Mr. Hadi Soleimanpour (Head of SOM)	Director General International Economic Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs Islamic Republic of Iran
10	Japan	H. E. Ms. Chinami Nishimura (Head of MM)	Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Japan
		Mr. Masayuki Taga (Head of SOM)	Counsellor Embassy of Japan Colombo
11	Kazakhstan	H. E. Mr. Yerlan Baudarbek- Kozhatayev (Head of MM)	Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Singapore
		Mr. Marat Kalizhanov (Head of SOM)	Head All Asia Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kazakhstan
12	Korea	H. E. Mr. Yong Joon Lee (Head of MM)	Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Republic of Korea
		Mr. Sang Seung Man (Head of SOM)	Head All Asia Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
13	Kuwait	Mr. Mohammed Ahmad Al-Rumi (Head of MM)	Director Asia Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kuwait
		Mr. Rashed Al-Hajri (Head of SOM)	Minister Counsellor Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kuwait
14	The Kyrgyz Republic	H. E. Mr. Ermek Ibraimov (Head of MM)	Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Kyrgyz Republic

		Ms. Samargul Borbieva (Head of SOM)	Director Department of Eastern Countries Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kyrgyz Republic
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		Mr. Latsamy Keomany (Head of SOM)	Head, Director General Economic Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Lao PDR
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		Mr. Zainol Abidin Omar (Head of SOM)	Deputy Secretary General-II Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia [Head of SOM]
17	Mongolia	H.E. V. Enkhbold (Head of MM and SOM)	Ambassador to Sri Lanka in New Delhi
18	Myanmar	H. E. Mr. Nyan Win (Head of MM)	Minister of Foreign Affairs Union of Myanmar [Leader]
		Mr. Win Naing (Head of SOM)	Director Ministry of Foreign Affairs Union of Myanmar [SOM]
19	Oman	Ambassador Talib Al Raisi (Head of MM and SOM)	Chief Economic & Technical Cooperation Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs Oman
20	Pakistan	H. E. Nawabzada Malik Amad Khan (Head of MM)	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Pakistan
		Mr. Iftikhar Jamshaid (Head of SOM)	Director General , (EAP) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan
21	Philippines	H. E. Ms. Zenaida Tacorda- Rabago (Head of MM and SOM)	Ambassador of Philippines to Sri Lanka [Residence in Dhaka]
22	Qatar	H. E. Ahmad Bin Abdullah Al- Mahmoud (Head of MM)	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Qatar
		H. E. Mr. Saed Abdulla H Q Al- Mansoori (Head of SOM)	Ambassador of Qatar to Sri Lanka Embassy of Qatar Colombo

23	Russian Federation	H. E. Mr. Alexey Borodavkin (Head of MM)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Foreign Affairs [Leader]
		Mr. Barskiy Krill (Head of SOM)	Deputy Director Ministry of Foreign Affairs
24	Saudi Arabia	H. E. Dr. Nizar Bin Obaid Madani (Head of MM)	State Minister of Foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
		Mr. Ahmad Bin Yunus Al-Barrak (Head of SOM)	Director General Department of International Economic Relations Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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		Mr. Raymond Chow (Head of SOM)	Assistant Director Southeast Asia Ministry of Foreign Affairs Singapore
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		Mr. C.R. Jayasinghe (Head of SOM)	Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sri Lanka
27	Thailand	H. E. Mr. Kasit Piromya (Head of MM)	Minister of Foreign Affairs Thailand [Leader]
		Mrs. Chitriya Pinthong (Head of SOM)	Deputy Permanent Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thailand [SOM]
28	United Arab Emirates	H. E. Dr. Anver Mohamed Qarqash (Head of MM)	State Minister for foreign Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs UAE
		Ambassador Ahmed Abdullah Al-Musally (Head of SOM)	Director Department of Asian Affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs UAE
29	Uzbekistan	H. E. Mr. Inagamov Salikh (Head of MM and SOM)	Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Sri Lanka New Delhi
30	Vietnam	H. E. Mr. Doan Xuan Hung (Head of MM)	Deputy Foreign Minister Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vietnam
		Mr. Nguyen Hoai Nam	Director

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