AGREED MINUTES
OF THE SECOND SESSION
OF VIETNAM-PAKISTAN JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION
Islamabad June 2-3, 2010

The Second Session of the Vietnam-Pakistan Joint Ministerial Commission, established in accordance with the Agreement signed by the two countries in Islamabad on April 18th, 2002, was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on June 2-3, 2010. The Vietnamese Delegation was led by H.E Mr. Le Duong Quang, Vice Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade. The Pakistani Delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Sibtain Fazal Halim, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Statistics. Composition of the two delegations is listed at Annex I and II.

2. During the Plenary Session, the Heads of the two Delegations made comprehensive statements on the economic situation of their countries and reviewed the trends in overall economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Vietnam. The head of Vietnamese delegation expressed his thanks for the warm reception and hospitality extended to him and his delegation during their stay in Pakistan.

3. During the meeting, various issues of mutual interest were discussed and the results of these deliberations are summarized as follows:

Bilateral Trade

4. Two sides highlighted the increasing trend in the volume of Bilateral Trade and recognized that the level of bilateral trade is still below the actual

potential exist in the two economies. In this respect, the two sides agreed to take following measures to further enhance the level of bilateral trade:

i. First meeting of the Joint Trade Commission shall be held in Hanoi in 2010. The exact date to be mutually agreed through diplomatic channels. Pakistani side proposed that the Joint Commission will study the prospects of concluding FTA between the two countries.

ii. List of fairs and exhibitions will be exchanged and exhibitions to be held annually in each country. Business enterprises of the two countries shall be encouraged to actively participate in these fairs and exhibitions. Both sides agreed to facilitate holding a Single Country Exhibition of Pakistani products in Vietnam during the visit of the FPCCI delegation for participation in FPCCI-VCCI Business Council to be held in Hanoi.

iii. Develop closer collaboration between Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency (VIETRADE) for exchange of information on trade opportunities. Pakistani side handed over a draft of MoU for cooperation between TDAP and VIETRADE for consideration by Vietnamese side. The Vietnamese side agreed to respond expeditiously.

iv. Develop trade promotion programmes and conduct a joint study for determining the potential sectors to be included in the scope of this programme.

v. Promote reciprocal visits and meetings between Pakistani and Vietnamese businessmen.

5. Both sides welcome the Vietnam trade delegation of 16 delegates from different industries and places of the country to take part to the Vietnam-

Pakistan Business Meeting in Karachi from 3rd to 6th of June, 2010 as result of trade promotion.

6. In order to promote the bilateral economic and trade relations, Vietnamese side has requested Pakistan to recognize Vietnam as a full market economy and to not apply paragraph 255 of the Report of Working Party on the accession of Vietnam to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The Vietnam side will send formal proposal to Pakistan through diplomatic channels.

7. It was informed by Pakistani side that Pakistan – ASEAN Joint Study has been concluded where there is sufficient empirical evidence that the Pakistan – ASEAN FTA will be beneficial. Vietnam being the Chairman of ASEAN was requested to support the initiation of FTA negotiations between Pakistan and ASEAN based on the findings of the Joint Study.

Investment and Industrial Cooperation

8. The Joint Commission reviewed the status of draft Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Investment, handed over by Vietnamese side to the Pakistani side in the last JMC. Pakistan side informed the meeting that the proposed agreement is under consideration and will notify the Vietnam side as soon as it is ready. Both sides agreed to negotiate and conclude the agreement within shortest possible time.

9. For enhancing cooperation in SME and industrial sector both sides agreed to take following measures:

i. Pakistani side proposed to sign an MoU between Small & Medium Enterprise Development Authority of Pakistan (SMEDA) and SME

Development Department of Vietnam. Pakistan side will provide the draft of MoU.

ii. Both sides will encourage investment initiatives in each other's country.

iii. The two sides will exchange information and create favourable conditions for enterprises of the two countries to make contacts, visits and arrange meetings for self introduction and discussion on possibilities of cooperation in fields of engineering, mechanical, chemicals, research and development and other areas of mutual interest.

Banking & Finance

10. Pakistan side reiterated the invitation to the Governor State Bank of Vietnam to visit Pakistan. Vietnamese side appreciated the offer and informed that a date for the visit will be communicated through diplomatic channels.

11. Pakistan side offered training to Vietnamese bankers at National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF). The Vietnamese side appreciated the offer and expressed their readiness to avail the offer extended to Vietnamese bankers.

Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

12. Both Sides agreed to encourage their concerned authorities to get into closer contacts with a view to strengthening the bilateral cooperation in the fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The following proposals were highlighted for cooperation:

i. Initiate a programme for exchange of agricultural production technologies and germplasm for crops like rice, maize, sugarcane, pulses, fruits and vegetables.

ii. Pakistani side invited Vietnamese side to study investment opportunities in Pakistan available for corporate farming, cold chain and food grain storages.

iii. Special emphasis on cooperation in the fields of rice, fruits, cotton and potatoes.

iv. Cooperation in the fields of crop improvement and integrated pest management.

v. Exchange of information and experts in the field of plant quarantine.

vi. Cooperation in up-gradation of processing facilities for value added dairy products.

vii. Fisheries research and development, shrimp farming.

viii. Culturing technology along with brooder and seed pangusis.

ix. Both sides agreed to constitute a Joint Working Group on Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries to deliberate on the above issues and to work out an action plan. Both sides will convey the composition of their working group to each other and convene the first meeting of the JWG during fourth quarter of the year 2010.

Education and Cultural Affairs

13. Pakistani side reiterated the offer of long-term educational facilities, including six fully funded scholarships in various disciplines as well as short term training facilities in the fields of railways, banking and postal services under Pakistan Technical Assistance Programme (PTAP). Vietnamese side appreciated the gesture and assured to fully utilize all the long-term and short-term facilities.

14. For cultural cooperation it was agreed to work out a cooperation mechanism indicating detailed plan of actions to be implemented by the two sides. Both sides will forward the proposals to each other as soon as possible.

Science and Technology

15. The Pakistani side requested that in pursuance of Article-6 of the S&T Cooperation Agreement, a Sub-Joint Committee on S&T to be constituted with Co-Chairperson from each side.

16. Pakistan side informed that Secretary, M/O S&T will be the Co-Chairman of the Sub-Joint Committee on S&T from Pakistan side along with 3-4 members to be selected from scientist's community, keeping in view the filed/areas of cooperation. The Joint Scientific Adviser (IL) in the Ministry of S&T will act as focal point for interaction with counterpart in Vietnam. Pakistan side also proposed convening the first meeting of Pak-Vietnam Sub Joint Committee on Science and Technology during 2010 in Vietnam. The Vietnamese side was requested to convey composition of the Sub-Joint Committee on S&T from their side. Vietnamese side took note of the proposal and will response through diplomatic channels as soon as possible.

Sports

17. Pakistan side requested Vietnam side to expedite the response on the draft agreement sent by Pakistan for mutual cooperation in sports between the two countries. Vietnam side promised to convey their position on the proposed agreement at the earliest possible time. Both sides agreed to finalize and sign the Agreement as early as possible.

Youth Exchange Programme

18. Pakistan side proposed to exchange 20 member youth delegation for a period of ten days on reciprocal basis. It was also clarified that return airfare would be borne by the nominating government whereas boarding and lodging expenses would be borne by the host country. Vietnamese side accepted the proposal in principle and it was decided that detailed programme in this regard would be prepared and shared by the relevant ministries of both the countries with each other through diplomatic channels as soon as possible.

Health

19. Both sides stated their readiness to develop cooperation in the following fields:

i. Joint collaborative research in specialized areas like public health and pharmaceuticals.

ii. Development of laboratory diagnostic kits

iii. Organizing short term training courses, workshops and study courses in the priority areas of mutual interest in the field of medicine, medical science and public health for master trainers and training for trainers.

iv. Collaboration between the drug regulatory authorities to enhance volume of exports of pharmaceuticals from Pakistan to Vietnam and to ensure exports of only quality products.

20. Both sides agreed to notify focal persons from their respective ministries of Health for above cooperation.

Telecommunications

21. Both sides agreed to encourage their concerned authorities and private sector organizations to get into closer contacts with a view to further strengthening the bilateral cooperation in the field of telecommunications. Pakistan side made following proposals for collaboration:

i. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) has established International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Asia Pacific Center of Excellence for Policy & Regulations and conducts training workshops. Vietnam government can take benefit from the experience of PTA in managing regulatory affairs and obtain consultancy/trainings from PTA.

ii. Cheap labor and technically skilled manpower is available in abundance in Pakistan due to the presence of number of well reputed universities and colleges. Vietnam government can get talented and skilled manpower from Pakistan for proliferation of telecommunication infrastructure/services in Vietnam.

iii. Vietnamese companies can also get benefit from the investor friendly policies of Government of Pakistan for broadband penetration/proliferation.

22. Vietnamese side noted the proposals and assured to take up with the relevant authorities in Vietnam.

Information Technology

23. Both sides discussed cooperation in the following areas:

i. To enhance relationship between IT companies, Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB) will interact with the Vietnamese companies by exchanging information.

ii. Pakistani IT companies have been providing world class products and solutions to Middle East countries. These solutions are tested and approved internationally. Pakistan offered its support to Vietnamese companies with niche areas, but not limited to animation and gaming, retail banking and finance, mobile content, medical transcription, industry-specific ERP, document management and call centers.

iii. Pakistan offered joint ventures on different IT projects.

iv. Pakistan offered Vietnamese IT companies to participate in IT related exhibitions held periodically in Pakistan.

24. The Vietnamese side noted the offer for dissemination to the concerned authorities and companies in Vietnam.

Services by National Database & Registration Authority

25. Pakistani side made a comprehensive presentation on state of the art National ID and passport registration and certification system. National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA) is one of the leading System

Integrators in the global identification sector having extensive experience in designing, implementing and operating solutions for corporate and public sector clients. NADRA offers its clients a portfolio of customizable solutions for identification, e-governance and secure documents. The Joint Ministerial Commission was also informed that NADRA has successfully implemented the Multi-Biometric National Identity Card & Multi-Biometric e-Passport solutions for Pakistan, Passport Issuing System for Kenya, Bangladesh High Security Driver's License, and Civil Registration Management System for Sudan. Vietnamese side noted the offer for taking response of the concerned authorities.

Preventing and Combating Crimes

26. Pakistani side offered to sign the MOU between Pakistan and Vietnam on Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Crimes. The draft of the MOU was forwarded by Pakistan to the Vietnamese Government in June 2006 through diplomatic channel. The Vietnamese side noted the proposal. A response in this regard will shortly be sent through diplomatic channel.

Convening the third Session of Pakistan-Vietnam Joint-Ministerial Commission

27. Both sides agreed to hold meeting of the third Session of JMC in Hanoi in 2012. The exact date will be agreed upon by the two sides through diplomatic channels.

28. Done and signed in Islamabad on June 3, 2010 in two English originals.

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