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آزاد چابهار 30-31 اردیبهشت ماه 1395  
1st Conference of IORA Free Trade Zones Authorities  
Chabahar Free Trade-Industrial Zone 19-20 May 2016

## **THE CHABAHAR DECLARATION**

**On**

### **First IORA Free Trade Zone Authorities Meeting Chabahar, Islamic Republic of Iran 19-20 May, 2016**

*The First IORA Free Trade Zone Authorities Meeting was held on 19-20 May, 2016 at Iran Chabahar Free Trade-Industrial Zone (CFZ).*

*The meeting was organized by the Supreme Council of Iran's Free Trade, Industrial and Special Economic Zones in collaboration with Sistan and Baluchestan Governor General's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the IORA Secretariat, and the IORA Regional Centre for Science and Technology Transfer. The meeting was attended by representatives from Member States including, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Oman, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Arab Emirates and Dialogue Partners including Egypt, Germany and Japan. The meeting was inaugurated on May 19, 2016 by Dr. Ishaq Jahangiri, First Vice President of I.R. Iran as well as several Government Ministers and Secretary of Iran's Supreme Council of Free Trade-Industrial and Special Economic Zones.*

**WHILE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE** to Iran's Supreme Council of Free Trade, Industrial and Special Economic Zones, Sistan and Baluchestan Provincial Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran for jointly supporting and hosting the First IORA Free Trade Zone Authorities Meeting during May 19-20, 2016 in Chabahar, Iran;

**RE-AFFIRMING** the importance of continued cooperation and exchange of information on Free Trade Zones in IORA region.

**EXPRESSED** unanimously that the Meeting certainly would contribute to deeper understanding among Free Zones in IORA region and lay down the foundation for economic cooperation especially in the fields of trade, investment, tourism, hi-tech knowledge-based production and technology among the IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners for the benefit of all the involved countries.

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**The participants recommended the following to the relevant IORA bodies:**

1-To continue cooperation through organizing Workshops, Conferences and/or Expert Meetings on Free Zones in the IORA region. These events could be organized annually each time hosted by one country which is voluntarily selected in the previous meeting.

2-To endorse in principle to establish a regional mechanism for the IORA free zones. The IORA RCSTT is asked to follow up on the procedure to establish this mechanism based on the comments and feedbacks from the member states and report it to the IORA Secretariat in order to be adopted by the IORA CSO and COM.

3-To nominate national Focal Points for operationalizing the Regional Mechanism suggested above.

4-To support networking among Free Zones of the IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners, the participants agreed to conduct joint collaboration in:

- Establishing a Regional Network on Free Zones
- Holding Conference/Training programs and expo/ exhibitions in Free Zones of IORA region
- Promoting investment and technology transfer including establishment of joint hi-Tech and knowledge-based industries;

**THUS RESOLVED AND ADOPTED IN CHABAHAR, I.R. IRAN ON MAY 20, 2016.**