

**Your Excellencies ,  
Dear Colleges ,  
Ladies & Gentlemen ,**

**On behalf on ACD Ministers, would like to thank you for your warm remarks. We wish to pay tribute to the Government of Qatar for hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> ACD Ministerial Meeting and government's warm welcome and thoughtful arrangements. Our thanks also go to Thailand as the coordinator of the ACD.**

**At the moment, regional cooperation is surging ahead in Asia. As the only Asia wide forum for inter-governmental dialogue, the ACD ties made important progress. It now has 28 members and encompasses 19 areas of cooperation. Regional dialogue is now taking place among foreign Ministers and of ACD Countries Senior officials. More important still, ACD countries now have an enhanced Asian identity.**

Asia is our common home. Against the backdrop of intensifying globalization and regional integration, Asia is faced with both opportunities and challenges. Therefore we all have stake in Peace, stability and development in Asia. Should strengthen dialogue and cooperation, and engage in and push forward the Asian cooperation process. We should also seize the opportunities, rise to the challenges and strive for mutual benefits and win-win results, only in this way we can build a new Asia of durable peace and common prosperity.

We are happy to learn that, under the leadership of your Excellency, Qatar has witnessed fast economic growth and is experiencing tremendous change. Your country plays a positive role in international and regional affair. We have confidence in and look forward to even greater progress by your government and people in the work you are embarked on .

Let us all do our best to make the 5<sup>th</sup> ACD Ministerial Meeting a great success.