

The Eighth Meeting of the BRICS Industry Ministers

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JOINT DECLARATION

by

Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation,

Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services, of the Federative Republic of Brazil,

Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China,

Ministry of Industry and Transport of the Arab Republic of Egypt,

Ministry of Industry of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia,

Ministry of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India,

Ministry of Industry, Mine and Trade of the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Competition of the Republic of South Africa,

and

Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology of the United Arab Emirates

We, the Ministers responsible for Industry of the Russian Federation, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the People's Republic of China, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the

Republic of South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates, herein after referred to as the Participants of the 2024 BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting, met in Nizhniy Novgorod (Russia) on 16th August 2024, under the BRICS Russian Federation’s Chairmanship theme “*Strengthening multilateralism for equitable global development and security*”.

UNDERSTANDING that BRICS countries represent almost 45% of the world's population and account for almost a third of the world's GDP.

BRICS shows itself as a bulwark for stable mutually beneficial relations and a strong driver of global economic growth, with special emphasis on equality of countries, respect for mutual interests and strategic partnership.

REAFFIRMING the need to encourage BRICS countries to deepen industrial cooperation and accelerate economic recovery and growth through the collective creation of an open, fair, dynamic, and resilient environment, and to encourage BRICS cooperation for the enhancement of the global multilateral system and building resilience against the impact of global transformative change, and for the achievement of a universally beneficial and inclusive economic growth.

EMPHASISING the role of the United Nations system in the implementation and review of the 2030 Agenda, with its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), associated targets and means of implementation, and in particular the emphasis of SDG 9 on the issues of resilient infrastructure, inclusive and sustainable industrialization and innovation.

RECOGNIZING the role of innovation and digital technologies in Industry 4.0 as a major driver of sustainable development, a critical source of economic growth and diversification, and a means to address major global challenges such as job creation and social inclusion, supply chain development and food, health and energy security, infrastructure support, capacity building, efficient and responsible uses of resources and energy, as well as pollution control and climate change mitigation.

CONFIRMING that the PartNIR serves as a guiding platform for BRICS cooperation within the framework of the New Industrial Revolution to identify interests, challenges, and opportunities in the rapidly evolving industrial landscape and capacity building in the field of industry. PartNIR ensures

the continuity of BRICS industrial cooperation in a structured framework for sustained collaboration.

RECALLING

the BRICS Industry Ministers agreements and decisions of their previous meetings to deepen BRICS cooperation in digitalization, industrialization, innovation, inclusiveness and investment,

The XV BRICS Summit Johannesburg II Declaration of 23 August 2023 agreements and decisions on strengthening intra-BRICS cooperation:

agree to intensify the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) and create new opportunities for accelerating industrial development and

to continue discussion on the establishment of the BRICS Center for Industrial Competences (hereinafter – BCIC) in cooperation with UNIDO to jointly support the Industry 4.0 skills' development among the BRICS countries and to promote deepened partnerships and increased productivity in the New Industrial Revolution

to support intra-BRICS cooperation in human resource development on new technologies through the BRICS Centre for Industrial Competences (BCIC), BRICS PartNIR Innovation Centre (BPIC), BRICS Startup Forum and collaboration with other relevant BRICS mechanisms, to carry out training programmes to address challenges of NIR for Inclusive and sustainable industrialization.

THEREFORE, the Participants of the Meeting declare:

Their agreement in principle to launch the BRICS Center for Industrial Competences in cooperation with United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to jointly support the development of Industry 4.0 skills development among the BRICS countries and to promote partnerships and increased productivity in the New Industrial Revolution.

Their endorsement of the decision by the PartNIR Advisory Group to create under it seven working groups, i.e.:

Working group on Chemical Industry;

Working group on Mining and Metals;

Working group on Digital Transformation of Industry;

Working group on SMEs;

Working group on Intelligent Manufacturing and Robotics;

Working group on Photovoltaic Industry;

Working group on Medical Devices and Pharma.

Their strong commitment to cooperate in and continue discussing the key areas of the industrial policy development with the aim of achieving SDG 9 of the UN 2030 Agenda, including:

1. New Industrialization Development Strategies

2. Green Industrial Development

3. Industrial and Supply Chains

4. Innovation Capacity

5. Application and Development of Digital Technologies

6. Development of SMEs

7. Enabling Environment for Industrial Development.

Their appreciation of the efforts of the BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center (BPIC) in organizing events including BRICS Forum on PartNIR 2024, BRICS Industrial Innovation Contest 2024, BRICS Exhibition on New Industrial Revolution 2024, and the BPIC Training Programmes. We encourage all BRICS countries to actively participate in the above events and exchange views and experiences in addressing the challenges of the New Industrial Revolution.

Their appreciation of the efforts of the BRICS Startup Forum in realizing start-ups projects that play crucial role in driving innovation and economic growth in the era of New Industrial Revolution. We look forward to deepening engagements with BRICS countries to participate in future events and activities of the BRICS Startup Forum.

Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates commend Russia's chairmanship in 2024 and express their appreciation for the successful organization of the 8th BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting.

China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates extend support to Brazil for hosting the 9th BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting in 2025.