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(Apex Business Organization of SAARC)

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SAARC BUSINESS LEADERS CONCLAVE

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NEW DELHI



The Delhi Conclave: Themes

Conference focused on the following themes:

Improving Competitiveness and Growth
in South Asia

South Asia in Global Economy:
Regional and Global Integration

Doing business in South Asia

How to improve Technology Skills and
innovation in South Asia?

Strengthening Co-operation on
Infrastructure & Development

SAARC Melting Pot: South Asia's Soft
Power

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CONCLAVE DECLARATION

The first ever SAARC Business Leaders Conclave presented by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and organized by its Indian constituent, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has achieved a lot in the last two days. It has arrived at a consensus to take concrete action for promoting regional integration and growth.

1. In order to deepen this process, we have decided to hold the next SAARC Business Leaders Conclave in February 2007. We expect that the SAARC Business Leaders Conclave 2007 will be even larger in scope, greater in depth and wider in scale.
2. From now till February 2007, the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, supported by each of the apex national chambers of member countries from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, will work towards an actionable and result oriented agenda which emerged out of the deliberations of the last two days.
3. The President and Vice Presidents of SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry alongwith the Presidents of its apex national federations in all member countries shall meet the Prime Ministers of each of our countries to promote the following agreed agenda:

A- Integration of regional infrastructure to facilitate the movement of goods, services and people across the SAARC region for:-

- road connectivities
- port connectivities
- rail connectivities
- open sky policy for air travel



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B- We resolve to work towards Trade facilitation by

- harmonizing the customs regulations
- quality standards
- easy visa regulations specially to eliminate visa by cities and police verification
- open new transit routes and refurbish current transit routes
- allow cross border movement without trans-shipment (not unload into warehouse and reload)
- improved exchange of market information
- introduction for dispute settlement mechanism.

4. We are thankful to the World Bank for its support to this event by being a Knowledge Partner. We are happy that the World Bank has offered to continue their support for this event in future. FNSI, which has promoted SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry since its very inception has also committed itself towards supporting this event in future too.

5. This Conclave has galvanized the process of regional integration, economic growth and poverty reduction for SAARC countries but we have a long way to go. We have defined concrete actions to be taken between now and the next SAARC Business Leaders Conclave and hope to come back to you at the next Conclave with some tangible results. Needless to say, we need the full support and cooperation from the business community of the entire SAARC region for achieving our goal.



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