

**4th Meeting of Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Coordination
Authority (APTTCA)
October 8-9, 2013
Kabul, Afghanistan**

1. The Afghanistan-Pakistan Transit Trade Coordination Authority (APTTCA) held a meeting from October 8-9, 2013 in Kabul, Afghanistan. The meeting was inaugurated jointly by H.E. Mozammil Shinwari, Deputy Minister for Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Afghanistan and H.E. Qsim M. Niaz Secretary Commerce, Ministry of Commerce, Pakistan. A list of the members of the delegations of both the countries is given at **Annex- I**.
2. In his inaugural address, the H.E. Mozammil Shinwari, Deputy Minister for Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industries of Afghanistan, extended a warm welcome to the Pakistani delegation and wished them an enjoyable and pleasant stay at Kabul. He pointed that both countries shall focus on resolving the outstanding issues related to the implementation of APTTA. He hoped that the both sides would try their best to resolve the outstanding issues.
3. In his opening remarks, Mr. Qsim.M. Niaz Secretary of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce of Pakistan thanked Afghanistan for extending warm hospitality to his delegation and expressed determination to resolve the outstanding issues and facilitate Afghan traders & businessmen. He mentioned that Afghanistan being Pakistan's neighbor, it is natural to have a close trading relationship and highlighted the importance of APTTA; its bilateral and regional dimensions. He expressed his hope that the 4th meeting of APTTCA would enable both the countries to overcome the ground problems to enhance our bilateral & transit trade.

The meeting discussed the issues and made the following decisions:

4. Implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) connectivity and its utilization for release of financial guarantee:

Both side reviewed the progress made by the Joint Working Group on EDI and agreed as under:

- The EDI Pilot Project will be launched by both the sides at the border of Torkham with effect from 1st November, 2013.
- System audit of EDI Project shall be initiated with effect from 1st January, 2014 by a third party under Afghanistan Pakistan Consultative process (APCP).

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