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Opening Address

JODI Information Seminar- India

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates from Governments, the industry and, International Organizations and members of the Media

Let me **welcome you all** to this Joint Organisations Data Initiative (JODI) Information Seminar, being held here in the beautiful city of Delhi ahead of the IEF16 Ministerial.

The intention of this JODI Information Seminar is to give you information about JODI since its inception and the way forward. Speakers from the JODI Partners will highlight the challenges faced in data collection and shared solutions on improving the JODI Database to be more reliable, timely, and completeness, as a paramount to achieve energy transition and sustainable development goals, including the challenge of living up to SDG7, "ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all" and the need for reliable data to support market research and forecasts.

The Seminar is part of our efforts to increase visibility of JODI.

I am happy that 5 of the JODI Partners Organization are with me today, as a testimony for our concrete collaboration as part of the Producer-Consumer Dialogue that makes JODI possible. **They are: APEC, GECF, IEA, OLADE & OPEC.**

Let me first **thank the Government** of India for their outstanding hospitality and support hosting the IEF Ministerial itself as well as this JODI Seminar. This is a **clear testimony to India's commitment to Producers-Consumers Dialogue**, in general and to Global Energy Data Transparency in specific.

For those of you who do not yet know us – the IEF – or International Energy Forum -- is the global facilitator of inclusive, open, and informed energy dialogue among and between government officials, experts, and representatives from industry– of 70+ producer and consumer countries – that together account for 90% of the global supply and demand for oil and gas.

In early 2000 -- IEF Ministers collectively recognized the need to exchange and freely disseminate timely and accurate energy market data from official sources to improve market transparency -- and

thereby to help lessen uncertainty which affect producing and consuming countries alike.

To deliver upon the Ministers' aspirations for global data-sharing, **JODI was born**. JODI Partnership is now a well-established collective of 8 International Organisations that cooperate on an unprecedented level.

Each month the **JODI Partners collect and disseminate almost 10,000** key oil and gas supply and demand data points from over 100 countries. JODI is **a unique source for national data**.

As Secretary General of the IEF, I **am proud to be the coordinator of this great initiative and its world databases** that is becoming a reference for market analysis and forecasts and ultimately decisions making. We are truly achieving our motto **"Better data, better decisions"**.

But, **JODI success has not been achieved by the IEF alone**. It is about tireless efforts and remarkable cooperation among all of us. **Our JODI Partner Organisations: APEC, Eurostat, GECF, the IEA, the IEF, OLADE, OPEC, and the UN Statistics Division-UNSD--** regardless of differences in their institutional mandates – all work tirelessly under the JODI banner to achieve greater energy data transparency in the common interest.

Also, over the years, there has been increasing calls for improved visibility of the JODI World Databases and enhanced data accessibility. We are delighted to announce to you today that JODI Data begins to be featured by reputable data re-distribution agency platforms. They are **Argus Media, Bloomberg, and Thomson Reuters**. I am happy that Bloomberg is able to join us today and to showcase how JODI appears at their platform.

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Let me say that **Data transparency is also important if we are to achieve energy transition and sustainable development goals**, including the challenge of living up to SDG7 - “Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”. These issues are currently high on the agenda of energy policy-makers and other decision-makers world-wide.

With this note, **let me wish you all good luck in deliberating the way forward** - on the challenge to improve Global Energy Data Transparency.