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Message

On the momentous occasion of the 28th BIMSTEC Day, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Governments and peoples of the BIMSTEC Member States. I also express my deep appreciation to the Secretary General and his team for their dedication and hard work in advancing the vision of a peaceful, prosperous, and inter-connected Bay of Bengal region.

This year, we celebrate BIMSTEC Day with renewed energy and optimism following the successful conclusion of the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok. The Summit reaffirmed our collective commitment to regional cooperation and solidarity. I congratulate the Member States for their active engagements and strong political will that led to the signing of the BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Cooperation Agreement, MoUs with UNODC and IORA. We also adopted the 'BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030', the Eminent Persons' Group (EPG) Report and the BIMSTEC Rules of Procedure. These milestones reflect the growing maturity and evolving purpose of BIMSTEC as a dynamic platform for regional cooperation.

It is indeed a great honour for Bangladesh to assume the Chairmanship of BIMSTEC at this exciting juncture while the interim Government of Bangladesh is simultaneously entrusted to put forth collective resolve to rebuild and reform our Nation. Along that line, deeply inspired to the core by the true commitment and conscience of the July uprising, to reconstruct many of the institutions and address deep-rooted issues. Bangladesh, as the incumbent BIMSTEC Chair, will remain deeply committed to working hand in hand with all our fellow Member States to deliver on our shared aspirations.

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We believe, BIMSTEC must now move decisively toward implementation. The time has come for impact-driven cooperation that delivers real benefits to the people of our region. Let us further strengthen our existing mechanisms, foster meaningful engagements in the identified areas of cooperation and work in unison towards realizing a BIMSTEC that truly reflects the hopes and aspirations of our nearly 1.8 billion people. As we move forward in our collective journey, Bangladesh will continue to champion a vision grounded in human dignity, partnership, and sustainable development.

On this special day, let us celebrate our journey so far—and commit ourselves anew to the path ahead. Together, with unity of purpose and strength of will, we can make BIMSTEC a shining example of regional cooperation.

May this auspicious occasion inspire us to redouble our efforts to pursue our shared goals and aspirations!

Long live the BIMSTEC spirit!



(Professor Muhammad Yunus)