Concluding Statement

The heads and representatives of the following Joint Organisations Data Initiative (JODI) partners: Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF), the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Energy Forum, (IEF), Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), met in Delhi on 10 April, ahead of the IEF16 Ministerial to take account of progress made since the last heads of JODI partners meeting in Algiers in 2016.

The JODI Heads discussed how they can best collaborate with different stakeholders at various stages of the JODI data supply chain focusing on improving the quality and completeness of the released information. They also reviewed progress made on the Five-Year 2015-2020 JODI Action-Plan and commend that future JODI activities continue to be in line with the Plan. The JODI Heads asked that a plan to be developed covering 2020-2025 and to be presented in the next Heads of JODI Partner Organisations Meeting.

JODI Heads reaffirmed their commitment to improve the quality, reliability and timeliness of JODI data, address issues like confidentiality, and continue their efforts to extend JODI coverage to Africa and other regions missing from the JODI map. JODI Heads agreed to collaborate further to share know-how on issues such as communication strategy to strengthen the JODI process and enhance its visibility and reach.

JODI Heads supported efforts to improve efficiency of data reporting to achieve earlier JODI data release dates, and agreed on continuous efforts to reach data users through occasions such as JODI Conferences, Users Seminars, and Information Sessions.

JODI Heads noted and welcomed that JODI is matured and is seen as reference in the oil and gas industry. In addition, they welcomed that JODI data now appear on commercial data redistribution platforms and discussed further steps to cooperate with different entities to improve JODI visibility and reach.

JODI Heads took note on efforts to improve energy data transparency beyond the current data collection framework by increasing visibility and accessibility of currently available data such as coal on the JODI website, and to assess feasibility of extending JODI coverage to LNG trade flows and others as appropriate. JODI Heads agreed to open a new form of association with other relevant institutions so they are able to contribute to the journey of enhancing global energy data transparency.

The Heads of JODI partner organisations call on all JODI stakeholders in government and industry to continue their support for improving JODI data quality under the current framework. In doing so, JODI Partner Organisation equally call on the IEF Ministers to ensure that the necessary regulatory and institutional framework as well as adequate human and financial resources are available for providing comprehensive, reliable, and timely energy data.