Joint Statement on Cooperation in Digital Infrastructure

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Information-technology Promotion Agency, Japan (IPA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and the Indian Software Product Industry Roundtable (iSPIRT) *have shared common views that (i) our society will be transformed into a new digital society where due to the rapid and continued development of new digital technologies and digital infrastructure including digital public platforms, real-time and other data would be utilized for the benefit of people's lives and industrial activities, (ii) there are growing necessities that digital infrastructure, together with social system and industrial platforms should be designed, developed and utilized appropriately for ensuring trust in society and industry along with a variety of engaged stakeholders and (iii) such well-designed digital infrastructure, social system and industrial platforms could have a great potential to play significant roles to improve efficiencies of societal services, facilitate businesses, realize economic development and solve social issues in many countries.*

Today, we affirm our commitment to launching our cooperation and collaboration through the bringing together of different expertise from each institution in the area of digital infrastructure, including mutual information sharing of development of digital infrastructure, in particular, periodic communication and exchange of views to enhance capability of architecture design and establishment of digital infrastructure. We further affirm that as a first step of our cooperation, we will facilitate a joint study on digital infrastructure, such as (i) the situation of how such digital infrastructures have been established and utilized in India, Japan and/or other countries in Africa or other Asian regions (the Third Countries) as agreed among the parties, (ii) how the architecture was or can be designed for digital infrastructure as a basis for delivering societal services in the Third Countries and (iii) what kind of business collaboration could be realized, to review and analyze the possibility of developing digital infrastructure in the Third Countries through Japan-India cooperation. We may consider arranging workshop or business matching as a part of the joint study to figure out realistic use cases.

Our cooperation is consistent with the "Japan-India Digital Partnership" launched between Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry, Government of Japan and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India in October 2018. We will work closely together and may consider working with other parties to promote and accelerate our cooperation if necessary.