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The Conference participants on their part conducted extensive discussion on the papers

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businesses to the private sector,

Moreover, the participants voiced satisfaction with the Government's acceptance of the views and opinions they presented at the First National Investment Conference and the decision it subsequently made to take practical action in 2013. They further asserted that such action would give added impetus to their investment ventures.

Meanwhile, the Conference has concluded with the adoption of recommendations.