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Theme: Promoting Regional Integration through Tourism

The Meeting of the Senior Officials preparatory to the Tenth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers was held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 5 February 2018.

2. Senior Officials from 24 OIC Member States, the General Secretariat and representatives of seven OIC Institutions, namely: COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, IRCICA, ICDT, SMIIC and ICYF-DC, as well as representatives of (UNWTO) and Arab Tourism Organization (ATO) attended the Meeting (list of participants is attached as Annex-I).

3. Following recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, the Head of the delegation of Niger, H.E. Mr. Karidio Zataou Kato, Director General of Tourism and Hotels of the Ministry of Tourism and Handicrafts of the Republic of Niger, in his capacity as the Chairman of the 9th ICTM, welcomed all delegations and highlighted the various achievements realized during his country's chairmanship of ICTM.

Election of the Bureau

4. The Meeting unanimously elected the following members of the Bureau:

- Chairman: People's Republic of Bangladesh;
- Vice Chairman: Kingdom of Bahrain;
- Vice Chairman: Republic of Cameroon;
- Vice Chairman: State of Palestine;
- Rapporteur: Republic of Niger.

Adoption of Agenda and Work Programme

5. The Meeting adopted its Agenda and Work Programme as contained in Annex II.

Opening Statements

6. Ambassador Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Economic Affairs addressed the Meeting on behalf of H.E. Dr. Yousef A. Othaimen, Secretary General of the OIC and drew attention of the Meeting to the need for the implementation of the OIC programmes, including the need to give prominence to infrastructure development, cross-border projects, private-public partnership and regional and international cooperation. Emphasizing the role of the Private Sector, he

suggested that some editions of the OIC Tourism Fair should be held on the sidelines of each ICTM.

7. In his opening statement, upon assumption of the chairmanship of the Tenth ICTM Mr. S. M. Ghulam Farouque, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, expressed Bangladesh's commitment to the activities and programmes of the OIC, emphasizing its readiness to continue to work for the promotion of the Islamic joint action towards the development of tourism and socio economic development of OIC Member States.

Progress Report on Implementation of OIC Framework on Tourism

8. The Meeting considered the Progress Report of the General Secretariat, which embodied the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism between OIC Member States as well as its recommendations. The presentation dwelled on the various activities accomplished under the Plans and Programs of the Framework as well as last ICTM Resolution, including implementation of the OIC City of Tourism and Seal of Excellence and Handicrafts Awards project. This Report is attached as Annex- III.

Reports by Relevant OIC Institutions

9. The Meeting received the activity reports and presentations made by the following OIC Institutions: COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, ICDT, IRCICA, and ICYF-DC on their various contributions to the implementation of the OIC Framework document on tourism. The reports and presentations by these Institutions are attached as Annex IV.

Presentations by Relevant OIC Member States

10. The Meeting considered the following presentations made by the relevant OIC Member States (attached as Annex V):

- Tourism Occupational Skill Standards (TOSS) by Republic of Turkey;
- Human Resource Development on Tourism by People's Republic of Bangladesh;
- Islamic Tourism and Heritage by Republic of Indonesia;
- Islamic Culture and Heritage project by People's Republic of Bangladesh;
- Investment opportunities in Tourism Sector, private sector representative from Bangladesh.

Development of Islamic Tourism

11. The Meeting considered the Draft Strategic Roadmap for Development of Islamic Tourism, and the Study on Muslim Friendly Tourism Branding in the Global Market, presented by SESRIC and ICDT respectively, and agreed to submit these documents to the consideration of the Ministerial Session -Annex VI.

Tourism Infrastructure Projects by OIC

12. The Meeting reviewed the presentation by Bangladesh on the Human Resource Development on Tourism and the Islamic Culture and Heritage projects and agreed to recommend these for implementation by Secretary General in coordination with relevant OIC institutions and international partners. The Meeting considered the recommendations on the tourism infrastructure projects received from the Member States and the OIC institutions.

Review on the progress and challenges on Organizing OIC Tourism Fairs

13. The Meeting received the Report of the ICDT on the challenges and problems on organizing the OIC Tourism Fairs and welcomed the offer of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 3rd OIC Tourism Fair in Cairo, 28-29 October 2018. The Meeting agreed to host OIC Tourism Fairs with the participation of OIC Private Sector on the sidelines of each ICTM.

OIC City of Tourism Award

14. The Meeting considered the Decision of the 6th Coordination Committee Meeting on Tourism, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 5 February 2018, on the selection of the Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh (2019) and Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan (2020) as OIC City of Tourism- Annex VII.

Reconstitution of the Coordination Committee on Tourism for the implementation of the Framework for Development and Cooperation in the domain of Tourism among OIC Member States (2018-2022)

15. The Meeting approved the following members of the Coordination Committee for the next 4 years (2018-2022):

- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Republic of Iraq
- Republic of Indonesia
- Republic of Cameroon
- State of Palestine
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of Turkey
- Republic of Uganda
- Chair of ICTM 2020

Consideration of the Draft Agenda and Draft Work Programme

16. The Meeting discussed and recommended the attached Draft Agenda and Draft Work Programme for the Ministerial Session- Annex-VIII.

Consideration of the Draft Resolution of the 10th Session of ICTM on Tourism development and the Dhaka Declaration

17. The Meeting also recommended the attached Draft Resolution and the Draft Dhaka Declaration for the consideration of the Ministerial Session – Annex-IX

Venue of 11th ICTM

18. The Meeting commended the Republic of Azerbaijan for its offer to host the 11th Session of ICTM in 2020 and urged Member States to actively participate in the Session.

Vote of Thanks

19. The Meeting expressed its appreciation to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for the warm reception and generous hospitality accorded to all delegates as well as the excellent arrangements made for the successful hosting of the Meeting. The delegates also expressed their appreciation to the Chairman of SOM for his leadership and wisdom, which facilitated the smooth conduct of the Meeting. Similarly, the Meeting thanked the OIC Secretary General and members of the OIC General Secretariat and OIC Institutions for their invaluable contributions and support for the Meeting.

Dhaka, 5 February 2018.