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1. Under the theme: “Developing a Common Strategy for Manpower Development” the Senior Officials’ Meeting, preparatory to the Fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 21 February 2018 (5 Jumada Al-Akhirah 1439H).
2. The Meeting was attended by the Senior Officials from 43 Member States, 2 Observer States and representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB Group, SMIIC, Executive Bureau of the GCC Councils of Ministers of Labour and Social Affairs, Arab Labour Organization and ILO. List of participants is attached as *Annex-I*.
3. Following recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, Maruli Apul Hasoloan, Director General of Manpower Placement Development and Job Opportunity Expansion of the Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia, addressed the meeting in his capacity as the Chairman of the Third Session of ICLM, expressing appreciation for the support received from all Member States throughout the tenure of the Indonesia’s chairmanship.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

4. The Meeting unanimously elected the following members of the Bureau:
 - Chairman : Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
 - Vice Chairman : People’s Republic of Bangladesh;
 - Vice Chairman : Republic of Senegal;
 - Vice Chairman : State of Palestine;
 - Rapporteur : Republic of Indonesia.

OPENING STATEMENTS

5. In his capacity as the Chairman of the Senior Officials’ Meeting of the Fourth Session of ICLM, H. E. Dr. Abdullah Abuthnain, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomed the delegates and expressed his country’s appreciation for the confidence which the OIC Member States have placed in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through its election as Chairman of the Session.
6. Speaking on behalf of H.E. the OIC Secretary General, Ambassador Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General (Economic Affairs), requested the meeting to consider initiating new projects to reinforce the Executive Programme for OIC Framework on Labour, Employment and Social Protection.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

7. The Meeting adopted its Agenda and Work Programme as contained in *Annex - II*.

DRAFT OIC LABOUR MARKET STRATEGY

8. The Director General of SESRIC presented OIC Labour Market Report, and the Draft OIC Labour Market Strategy, outlining areas of intra-OIC cooperation in line with the inputs received from a number of Member States.
9. Following discussion on the draft, the Meeting welcomed the strategy and recommended its operationalization by member states, the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions and organs. It also urged member states to provide their feedbacks on the strategy in a timely fashion.

DRAFT OIC AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT (MRA) OF SKILLED WORKFORCE, AND DRAFT OIC STANDARD BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF MANPOWER

10. The representative of the General Secretariat presented the drafts of:

- (i) OIC Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of Skilled Workforce; and
- (ii) OIC Standard Bilateral Agreement on Exchange of Manpower.

11. The Meeting took note of inputs made by a number of OIC Member States on the drafts of the above mentioned two agreements and recommended the attached amended drafts for the consideration of the Conference.

12. The Meeting also emphasized the importance of these agreements for facilitating admission and movement of workforce within OIC member states.

PRESENTATIONS

13. SESRIC and Delegation of Turkey have made presentations on activities within the frameworks of OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET).

14. On its part, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) briefed the Meeting on the execution of its Youth Employment Support (YES) Programme and other initiatives in the area of economic growth and employment generation in OIC Member States.

VENUE AND DATE OF THE 5TH ICLM

15. The Meeting requested the General Secretariat to consult with Member States on the venue and date of the Fifth Session of ICLM in 2020.

COMPOSITION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

16. The Meeting also decided to recommend the composition of the Steering Committee of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers for the next two years (2018 -2020) as follows:

Chairman: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Members: Republic of Indonesia, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Senegal, State of Palestine, Republic of Djibouti, Republic of Cameroon, and Republic of Azerbaijan and host country of the 5th ICLM.

DRAFT AGENDA AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION, DRAFT RESOLUTION AND DRAFT JEDDAH DECLARATION

17. The Meeting examined the above documents and decided to submit them for the consideration of the Ministers of Labour during the Ministerial Session.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18. The Meeting received a presentation by the Delegation of Palestine on Israeli violations against Palestinian workers. The meeting formulated a relevant decision on the matter for submission to the Ministerial Session.

VOTE OF THANKS

19. The Meeting expressed its profound gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Government and people of Saudi Arabia for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to all delegates and for the excellent arrangements made for the success of the meeting.

20. The Meeting also expressed its thanks to the General Secretariat of the OIC under the leadership of its Secretary General H.E. Dr. Yousef A. Othaimen, for their dedicated efforts towards ensuring the success of the Meeting.

21. The Meeting further expressed its gratitude to the Member States, which accepted to serve on the Steering Committee.

22. At the end of the proceedings, the participants addressed their gratitude to the Chairman of the Senior Officials' Meeting and congratulated him for his leadership and the excellent direction of the meeting.

Jeddah, 21 February 2018