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**REPORT  
OF THE  
4<sup>th</sup> ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF LABOUR MINISTERS**

**JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

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1. The 4th Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) under the theme “Developing a Common Strategy for Manpower Development” was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 22 February 2018 (6 Jumada Al-Akhirah 1439H). The Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), preparatory to the 4th ICLM, was held in Jeddah on 21 February 2018.
2. Ministers and Heads of Delegation from 43 OIC Member States, 3 Observer-Countries, 3 OIC institutions, 3 regional and international organizations participated at the Conference. List of participants is attached as *Annex-I*.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

3. Following the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur’an, H.E. Mr. M. Hanif Dhakiri, Minister of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia, in his capacity as Chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM), made his opening remarks, whereby he enumerated the various activities undertaken by his country and expressed appreciation for the support accorded his country during the tenure of Indonesia as the Chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> ICLM.

**ELECTION OF THE BUREAU**

4. The Conference unanimously elected members of its Bureau as follows:
  - 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.

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

5. In his opening address, H.E. Mr. Ali bin Nasser Al Ghafees, Minister of Labor and Social Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, welcomed all delegates to the Conference and confirmed Saudi Arabia’s strong support in advancing intra-OIC cooperation in the domain of labour, employment and social protection.

**SPEECH OF OIC SECRETARY GENERAL**

6. In his speech before the Conference, H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimen, Secretary General of the OIC, urged the Conference to give effect to the various projects and

activities envisaged in the Executive Programme for OIC Framework on Labour, Employment and Social Protection. He also underscored the need for enhancing intra-OIC cooperation on labour mobility among member states through putting in place relevant frameworks.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

7. The Conference adopted the Agenda, which is attached hereto as *Annex II*.

## **PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF SOM**

8. The Chairman of the SOM, preparatory to Ministerial Session, H.E. Dr. Abdullah Abuthnain, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, presented the report of the SOM, held in Jeddah on 21 February 2018. The Meeting accepted the report of the SOM, which is attached as *Annex III*.

## **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION**

9. A host of participating Ministers and Heads of Delegation addressed the Conference on their national experiences on improving employability, increasing productivity, welfare and social protection of workers, skills development and training systems, occupational safety and health, youth and women employment, employing people with disabilities, and movement of workers within OIC member states, among others.

## **APPOINTMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

10. The Conference designated the following OIC Member States as members of the Steering Committee of Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, which is mandated to follow-up the implementation of the decisions and resolutions of the Islamic Conferences of Labour Ministers, for the next two years (2018-2020):

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, Republic of Azerbaijan and United Arab Emirates.

## **DATE AND VENUE OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ICLM**

11. The Conference welcomed the gracious offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the Fifth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers in 2020.

## **ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND JEDDAH DECLARATION**

12. The Conference unanimously adopted the Resolution on the Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection among the OIC Member States, and Jeddah Declaration, which are attached as *Annexes IV and V*.

## **VOTE OF THANKS**

13. Ministers and Heads of Delegation expressed deep appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, His Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud for his continued support and high patronage of the Conference. They also expressed their gratitude to the Government and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to the delegates and for the excellent arrangements made to ensure the success of the Conference.
14. The Conference also commended the OIC Secretary General H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen for his dedicated efforts towards the realization of the objectives of the Conference.
15. At the end of the proceedings, the Conference congratulated H.E. Mr. Ali bin Nasser Al Ghafees, Minister of Labor and Social Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on his chairmanship of the Conference and commended his enormous contribution to the success of the Conference.

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