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## **OF THE**

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTERS (ICYSM)

"Solidarity in action for Youth Development"

**BAKU, REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN** 

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- 1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 17-19 April 2018.
- 2. The Conference opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by the statement delivered by H.E. Osman Aşkın Bak, Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey in his capacity as the Chairman of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers in which he expressed his Government's appreciation for the contributions and cooperation of the Member States and the General Secretariat.
- 3. The Conference unanimously elected its Bureau of 4<sup>th</sup> ICYSM as follows:

- Republic of Azerbaijan	Chairman
- Republic of Niger - State of Palestine - Republic of Sudan	} Vice-Chair
- Republic of Turkey	} Rapporteur.

- 4. In his opening statement as Chairman of the session, H.E. Azad Rahimov, Acting Minister of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan underscored the full commitment of the Republic of Azerbaijan to collaborate with the OIC General Secretariat and all OIC institutions active in the field of youth and sports in ensuring the success of the Conference and the diligent implementation of its resolutions.
- 5. The Conference received the goodwill message of His Excellency, Ilham Aliyev, President of Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 6. In his statement, His Excellency Dr. Yousef Bin Othaimeen, the OIC Secretary General, congratulated President Ilham Aliyev on his re-election as President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, commending his sterling efforts towards the socio-economic transformation of Azerbaijan. He, thereafter expressed his appreciation to all Member States as well as OIC institutions, emphasizing that their presence was a great testimony to the special attention given to the issues of youth and sports in OIC Member States. Tracing the importance of youth affairs to the OIC, the Secretary General stated that the youth account for one third of the Islamic World population, a substantial demographic dividend and a great driving force for comprehensive and sustainable development in Member States. He stressed that the OIC General Secretariat would work with relevant institutions to strengthen youth involvement in decision-making at various levels.
- 7. The Conference was also addressed by H.E Dr. Mohamed Al-Garnas, Secretary General of Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) on behalf of HE Turky Bin Abdulmohsen Al-

Sheikh, the ISSF President. This was followed by the statement of Ambassador Elshad Iskandarov, President of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC). Their addresses focused on the progress achieved by their respective institutions since the previous ICYSM session as well as their planned activities.

- 8. The Conference adopted the Agenda and Programme of Work of the Session as annexed to this Report.
- 9. The Conference also received reports on the activities of ISSF and ICYF-DC on their various activities, including the implementation of their respective Plans of Action.
- 10. Participating member states as well as invited OIC institutions briefed the Conference of their national and institutions' priorities respectively. The Conference proceeded to debate the various issues arising from these briefings.
- 11. The Conference Heads of Delegation were received by the President of Azerbaijan during which they discussed various aspects pertaining to the expected outcome of the Conference. They expressed their deep appreciation to the President for the audience and for his keen interest in promoting youth and sports activities in OIC member states.
- 12. The Conference adopted the following documents:
  - a. The OIC Youth Strategy
  - b. The Resolutions on Youth Issues
  - c. The Resolutions on Sports Issues
  - d. The Baku Declaration
- 13. The Conference welcomed the gracious offer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.to host the 5<sup>th</sup> ISCYM in May 2020 and took note of the gracious offers of the State of Libya and the Republic of Indonesia to host the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> ISCYM in 2022 and 2024 respectively.
- 14. The Conference took note of Libya's desire to implement the OIC Youth Capital 2022 Programme, jointly with the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers in Tripoli in the same year.
- 15. Delegations expressed their deep appreciation to the Chairman for his efficient steering of the meeting, while also commending the OIC General Secretariat, and the relevant OIC institutions for their valuable contribution to the success of the session.

Baku, 19 April 2018