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The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) Preparatory to the 12th Islamic Summit was held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 2-3 February 2013.

The Meeting was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by the statement made by Ambassador Doudou Lo, the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Senegal as Chairman of the 11th Islamic Summit. In his speech, he reviewed the achievements of his country in strengthening Islamic solidarity and Joint Islamic Action during its Chairmanship.

The Meeting was addressed by Ambassador Alim, OIC Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs, who expressed thanks and gratitude to the Republic of Senegal for its important achievements during its tenure as Chairman of the OIC 11th Summit. He also congratulated Egypt for assuming the Chairmanship of the 12th Islamic Summit and stated his conviction that it will further enhance Islamic solidarity as well as to expand fields of cooperation among Member States of the OIC during its tenure.

The Meeting unanimously elected the Arab Republic of Egypt, as the Chairman of the SOM and the rest of the members of its Bureau as follows:

Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Republic of Uganda
State of Palestine

Vice-Chairmen.

- Republic of Senegal } Rapporteur.

The Meeting decided that the same Members will constitute the Bureau of the 12th Islamic Summit.

H.E. Ambassador Amr Ramadan, Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister of Egypt for NAM, OIC, and Specialized Agencies assumed the Chairmanship of the SOM and delivered an acceptance speech, in which he conveyed appreciation to the Member States for the confidence reposed in his country by unanimously electing it as the Chairman of the Meeting. He also commended the Republic of Senegal for its leadership of the 11th

Summit.

The Meeting then proceeded to adopt its Agenda and Programme of Work.

The meeting considered the draft Cairo Final Communiqué to be presented to the Ministerial Meeting. After an exhaustive debate on the contents of the Communiqué which covered Palestine, political, economic, cultural, social, humanitarian, science and technology, Islamophobia, disarmament, human rights, family affairs, information, administrative, financial, and organic matters, the meeting decided to submit the draft for the consideration of the Ministers.

The delegations of Iran, Algeria, Lebanon and Iraq expressed their reservations on some paragraphs of the draft Final Communiqué.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the participants expressed their deep appreciation to the Arab Republic of Egypt for its generous hospitality and the excellent facilities provided to them and to the General Secretariat for their dedication and tireless efforts which contributed to the success of the meeting. They further commended the Chairman, H.E. Ambassador Amr Ramadan, for his patience, competent and wise steering of the proceedings. For his part, the Chairman expressed his thanks to all the participants for their understanding and cooperation throughout the discussions. He also placed on record his appreciation to the valuable assistance provided to him by the OIC General Secretariat. He made special tribute to H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation for his tremendous dedication to the objectives of the Organization and help raising its profile at the international level.

**Ambassador Amr Ramadan,
Chairman of the Senior Officials' Meeting
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