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**WORK PROGRAM FOR THE SIXTH SESSION OF
THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF TOURISM MINISTERS
DAMASCUS – SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
1-2 JULY, 2008**

Day One

Tuesday, 1 July 2008

- 09:00–09:20 Arrival and seating of delegates and guests.
- 09:25 Arrival of H.E Eng. Mohamed Naji Otri, the Prime Minister
(Representing H.E. the President of the Syrian Arab Republic)
- 09:30 Presentation of a Documentary about Tourism in Syria
- 09:30-12:00 Opening ceremony
- Opening of the Session by the Chairman of the Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers.
 - Recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.
 - Statement by the Chairman of the Fifth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, H.E. Mr. Abdulfas Garayev, Minister of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Azerbaijan
 - Statement by H. E. Dr. Taleb Al Rifai, Deputy Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization.
 - Vote of thanks by the Regional Representatives of the African, Arab and Asian Groups
 - Statement by H.E. Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

- The opening speech of H.E. Eng. Mohamed Naji Otri, Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic (Representing H. E. Mr. Bashar Al Assad, President of the Syrian Arab Republic)
- The Prime Minister of the Syrian Arab Republic meets the Ministers and Heads of Delegation at le Meridien Hotel.

12:00-12:15 Coffee break

12:15–14:15 Working Session (closed)

14:30–16:30 Lunch at the Orient Club

17:00–19:00 Working Session (closed)

21:00 Social event

- Dinner in honour of Ministers and Heads of Delegation at the Art House.
- Dinner for delegates at "Le Jardin" Restaurant in Meridien Hotel.

Day Two:

Wednesday, 2 July 2008

10:00-12:00 Working Session (closed)

12:00-14:30 Visit to the National Museum and Handicraft Market

14:30-17:00 Lunch at the Noble Palace

18:00 – 20:00 Adoption of the Report, Resolutions and Damascus Declaration, and Closing ceremony of the conference

21:00 Dinner at Sheraton Damascus (for all delegates)

Thursday, 3 July 2008

The departure of delegations and guests