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**DAKAR DECLARATION 2005
"CONSOLIDATION STAGE"**

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We the Ministers in charge of Tourism and Heads of delegations of the OIC Member States, gathered in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, for the Fourth Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers,

Inspired by the Makkah Al-Mukarramah Declaration adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah/Taif, in January 1981;

Taking note of the OIC Action Plan aimed at reinforcing economic and commercial cooperation between Member States adopted by the 3rd Islamic Summit as well as the revised version of the Plan adopted by the 7th Islamic Summit held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, in December 1994, also taking into account the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summits and the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers aimed at strengthening cooperation among Member States in the area of Tourism;

Committed to the spirit and the letter of the Isfahan Declaration and to the resolution adopted at the First Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers held in Isfahan, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 3-4 October 2000;

Reaffirming the resolution on tourism development through the implementation of the Kuala Lumpur Program of Action adopted at the Second Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, held in Kuala Lumpur, on 12-13 October 2001;

Further reaffirming the Riyadh Declaration adopted by the 3rd Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 October 2002;

Encouraged by the continued increase in world tourism which further confirms this economic activity as a perfect channel towards the achievement of the millennium objectives and sustainable development;

In a desire to accommodate the peoples' hope for greater ease in the exercise of keenness to benefit from holiday travels under optimal conditions;

In a desire to ensure that tourism plays its role as an integration factor on our countries' economy as well as that of the economic sub-groups set up at the regional level;

Mindful of the pertinence of the conclusions and recommendations of the completed studies and of the initiatives in the fields of promotion, marketing, product conception, facilitation, preservation and dissemination of heritage, as well as of the Islamic countries civilizational values;

Hereby decide:

- 1- To do everything possible to translate into facts our common ambition to increase the tourism flow in the OIC space from both internal and external demand.
- 2- To stimulate, accordingly, the emergence of new national and inter-State tourism products and to ensure their optimal promotion through new communication technologies and on networks that are proper to our OIC region.
- 3- To strengthen, by means as may be defined by a study, cooperation in multi model destination services, particularly in favour of the least advanced countries.
- 4- To stimulate the emergence of a flow of public-private partnership on the basis of feasible projects which would involve the OIC specialized institutions as well as other funding sources.

Call on all Member States to:

- 5- Implement, with full resolve, individually or collectively, the findings of the studies carried out and the successful initiatives embarked on thus far.
- 6- Spread the word, through all possible means of dissemination, and facilitate the realization of every investment project in the sector of tourism and related activities.

Appeal:

- 7- To financing institutions, specialized and/or affiliated institutions, OIC subsidiary bodies and private sector to comment to and uphold our objectives for the contribution of tourism to the economic and social development of our respective countries.
- 8- To the international community to join efforts in favour of the greater undertaking among all cultures, based on mutual recognition of and respect for the specificities of each people.