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**THEME:
MAINSTREAMING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH (OSH) IN OIC MEMBER STATES**

We, the Ministers of Labour of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the heads of delegation participating in the Third Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia on 28-30 October 2015,

Being committed to pursue policy of transparency and close cooperation with relevant international organizations operating in the field of labour, employment and social protection, such as the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Arab Labour Organization,

Inspired by the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action, adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005,

Underlining the Cairo Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Cairo, Egypt on 6 and 7 February 2013, General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among member states of the OIC adopted by the 8th ICFM, held in Tripoli, Libya, in May 1977, as well as the relevant resolutions and declarations adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences, the Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers and Islamic Conferences of Labour Ministers aimed at strengthening cooperation among the Member States in the area of labour, employment and social protection,

Referring to the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment, and Social Protection, which was agreed upon by the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 25-26 April 2013, including the Executive Programme for its implementation,

Noting the Report of the First Steering Committee Meeting for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 17-18 June 2014,

Reiterating that Islam is a religion of peace and advocates such principles as appreciation of human values and tolerance with regard to religion and races and peaceful coexistence of all nations,

Recalling that OIC Member States play an important role in ensuring the rights of workers and employers in supporting societal well-being, as well as to create a peaceful coexistence, which is a precondition from sustained economic and social prosperity and good governance,

Realizing that all countries today are affected by international migration, either as origin, transit or destination countries,

Recognizing the significant number of expatriate workers from OIC Members States working in OIC Member States as well as other countries,

Recognizing the importance of decent work, productive employment and safe work places as a fundamental principle in Islam to ensure the sustainability of societies and combating poverty,

Hereby urge the Member States to:

1. promote collaboration in reducing unemployment among OIC Member States through increasing capacity building, skill recognition and transparency in labour market and labour capacity information,
2. request SESRIC to initiate and submit a Labour Market Strategy proposal which is beneficial to all OIC Member States to the next ICLM,
3. further improve the protection of workers within OIC Member States, including their social protection through relevant national laws and regulations,
4. promote international principles and practices of labour for the protection of workers,
5. strengthen the implementation of occupational safety and health of the workers,
6. promote fair, safe and orderly labour mobility through relevant national laws and regulations in accordance with ILO principles,
7. support any effort to lower the remittance fees for expatriate workers and to streamline remittance procedures,
8. promote policies to maximize the benefits and minimize the risks of work-based mobility and to eliminate identifiable impediments to labour,
9. improve conditions of, and reduce obstacles faced by, the youth, women and people with disabilities in finding and maintaining decent work,
10. elaborate and execute national programmes to improve the employability of youth by developing their skills,
11. realize the Executive Programme for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for cooperation on labour employment protection, by, *inter alia*, exchanging information and conducting joint research/study, workshops, seminars related to the issue of expatriate

workers to support the establishment of the Forum for Research and Study on Islamic Concepts and Practices concerning Labour Matters,

12. provide all forms of support for the cause of Palestine, including training and capacity building for Palestinian workers to improve their livelihood.

Jakarta, 30 October 2015