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ON THE COOPERATION ON
LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND
SOCIAL PROTECTION AMONG
THE OIC MEMBER STATES
ADOPTED BY
THE SECOND ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF
LABOUR MINISTERS

“Decent Work for Sustainable Social Welfare”

BAKU, REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
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The Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, held from 15 to 16 Jumada II 1434H (25-26 April, 2013), in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan.

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Expressing appreciation to the OIC Secretary General for his visionary statement and overall efforts in scaling-up intra-OIC cooperation on labour matters,

Commending the efforts of Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) in the implementation of the various capacity building programmes within the framework of the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET); OIC Occupational Safety and Health Capacity Building Programme (OSHCaB); and OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET),

Also expressing appreciation to the SESRIC, Islamic Development Bank (IDB), International Organisation for Migration (IOM), and D-8 Organisation for Economic Cooperation, for their comprehensive presentations on Occupational Safety and Health; Reducing Unemployment; International Law on Migration; and the D-8 perspective on Foreign Migrant Labour respectively,

Taking note of the activities of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) towards the development of youth entrepreneurship as well as its efforts to address the problem of youth unemployment in the OIC countries, through the establishment of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN),

Having considered the interventions on the experiences and best practices in their member states,

- **Approves** the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection (hereinafter referred to as the Framework), and **calls upon** the OIC Member States and the relevant OIC Institutions to ensure its effective implementation;
- **Decides** to set up a Steering Committee charged with the implementation of the said Framework;

- **Highly values** the proposal of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan to establish an OIC Labour Centre, and **requests** the Secretary General to expedite the preparation of the necessary studies, given the urgent need for such an institution in view of the multiple problems faced by member states in the area of labour;
- **Endorses** the proposal of the Republic of Turkey to establish a Forum for public employment institutions among member states to promote the establishment of appropriate networks among their relevant national focal points;
- **Calls** upon member states to actively participate in the various OIC programmes within the framework of OIC-VET Programme, and to designate their respective focal points for these programmes, under the aegis of SESRIC, in particular; the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET);
- **Invites** member states and relevant OIC institutions such as IDB and ICCIA to closely work with ICYF-DC for the realization of the projects under ICYEN and the establishment of the Technical Vocational Education Center initiated by the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC;
- **Underscores** the need to accord priority to the State of Palestine in all OIC activities, especially in the field of manpower training as well as support for the Palestinian Employment Fund;
- **Invites** the IDB to expand its Youth Employment Support (YES) programme in elaboration of the second phase of the Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA);
- **Expresses** the desire to coordinate their national positions through regular meetings on the sidelines of other international conferences on labour;
- **Expresses** its profound gratitude to the Government and the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the successful conclusion of the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;
- **Also expresses its appreciation** to the Government of Indonesia for offering to host the Third Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers in 2015; and
- **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution.

Baku, Azerbaijan, 26 April 2013