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***REPORT  
OF THE INAUGURAL SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY***

***ASTANA, REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN***

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The inaugural session of the General Assembly of Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 28 April 2016. The inaugural session was preceded by the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) on 26 April 2016. Delegations from 39 OIC Member States, which 25 signed the IOFS Statute, attended the meeting. Representatives from 2 Observer States, 4 relevant OIC institutions as well as 2 regional and 2 international organizations also attended the meeting as observers. List of participants is attached hereto as *Annex-I*.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

2. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, H.E. Mr. Assylzhan Mamytbekov, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates to the meeting.

3. On this occasion, H.E. Mr. Karim Massimov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, delivered the message of H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In his message, H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev underscored the importance of IOFS as a newly created specialized institution of OIC for the agricultural development and enhancing food security of Member States.

4. While emphasizing the importance of intra-OIC cooperation in the domain of agriculture and food security, H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General of the OIC, expressed his conviction that newly established specialized OIC institution (IOFS) will be very instrumental in enhancing agricultural productivity, in order to address food insecurity in OIC Member States.

5. On his part, H.E. Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, the President of IDB Group, also made a statement, in which he unveiled the many opportunities available for mutually-rewarding cooperation among OIC member states, enumerating equally the many areas of intervention of IDB Group towards promoting sustainable agricultural development as well as enhancing food security in OIC Member States.

***Signing ceremony for IOFS Statute***

6. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation of People's Republic of Bangladesh, State of Qatar, Republic of Mozambique, Republic of Tajikistan and Republic Cameroon signed the IOFS Statute on behalf of their respective Governments.

7. Similarly, the head of delegation of the State of Kuwait informed the meeting about the completion of ratification procedures for accession to IOFS Statute by his country.

***Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the General Assembly***

8. The meeting unanimously elected the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the General Assembly as follows:

1. Republic of Kazakhstan – Chairman;
2. State of Palestine – Vice-Chairman;
3. Republic of Cote d'Ivoire – Vice-Chairman.

**WORKING SESSION**

***Agenda and Work Programme***

9. The meeting approved the agenda and work programme as recommended by SOM.

***Statements by Regional Groups***

10. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Republic of Mali addressed the meeting on behalf of the Asian, Arab and African OIC Regional Groups respectively.

***Presentation of Report of SOM***

11. The Chairman of the SOM, preparatory to General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Yermek Kosherbayev, Vice-Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, presented the report of the SOM, held in Astana, on 26 April 2016. The Meeting accepted the report of the SOM, which is attached as ***Annex II***.

***Election of Chairman and Members of IOFS Executive Board***

12. The meeting, pursuant to Article 10 (2a) of the IOFS Statute, elected the Chairman and Members of the Executive Board for a term of three years as follows:

1. People's Republic of Bangladesh;
2. Burkina Faso;
3. Republic of Turkey;

4. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
5. Republic of the Sudan;
6. Republic of Kazakhstan;
7. Republic of Niger;
8. Director General (IOFS).

13. The meeting also elected Dr. Saad A.Khalil Esa, Director-General of Department of International Cooperation and Overseas Agricultural Investment, Ministry of Agriculture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as Chairman of the Executive Board of IOFS.

***Appointment of Director General of the IOFS***

14. The meeting, in accordance with the Article 10 (2.e) of the IOFS Statute and upon recommendation of SOM, appointed Mr. Yerzhan Jalmukhanov, a national of Kazakhstan, as the Director General of IOFS for a term of four years.

**ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS AND THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

15. The meeting unanimously adopted both the Resolutions and the Report of the General Assembly as attached hereto in the *Annex-III*.

***Messages of appreciation from Chairman of IOFS Executive Board and Director General of IOFS***

16. The newly elected Chairman of IOFS Executive Board, Dr. Saad A.Khalil Esa and Director General of IOFS Mr.Yerzhan Jalmukhanov addressed the General Assembly and expressed appreciation for the confidence accorded to them.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

17. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation expressed appreciation to H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, for his support and high patronage of the meeting and for all the facilities accorded all delegations since they arrived in the city of Astana. The meeting also expressed its gratitude to the Government and people of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to the delegates and for the excellent arrangements made to ensure the success of the meeting.

18. The Meeting also commended the OIC Secretary General H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani and the entire personnel of the OIC General Secretariat, IDB and other OIC institutions for their respective support towards the successful outcome of the General Assembly.

**Adopted in Astana, 28 April 2016 (21 Jumada Al-Akhir 1437H)**