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The Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 3-6 October 2011. A total of 216 delegates participated at the Conference, comprising Ministers and Heads of Delegation from 33 OIC Member States, 2 Observer-Countries, 12 International Organizations and Institutions. The Senior Officials Meeting was held on 3-4 October 2011, while the Ministerial segment was held on 5-6 October 2011.

OPENING CEREMONY

2. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, H.E. Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Alloba, Minister of State for Agriculture of the Republic of Sudan in his capacity as chairman of the Fifth Ministerial Conference delivered his opening statement.

SPEECH OF OIC SECRETARY GENERAL

3. In his speech before the Conference H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, the Secretary General of the OIC, expressed appreciation to the COMCEC Task Force on Food Security for the work so far accomplished towards the elaboration of the OIC Executive Framework for Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security, while urging Member States to continue to support the earlier conclusion of this comprehensive blue-print for intra-OIC cooperation on food security.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

4. The Conference unanimously elected members of its Bureau as follows:

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| - Republic of Turkey | - Chairman; |
| - Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan | - Vice-Chairman; |
| - Burkina Faso | - Vice-Chairman; |
| - State of Palestine | - Vice Chairman; |
| - Republic of Sudan | - Rapporteur. |

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

5. In his opening address, H.E. Mr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker, the Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the Conference, drew attention to the challenges of price volatilities in the agricultural commodity markets and the need to determine

the causes of this phenomenon, while also suggesting that Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for the Islamic Countries (SESRIC) could be entrusted with the task of compiling and updating the inventories on agricultural production in OIC Member States. He also informed the Conference that Turkey has launched a campaign for humanitarian assistance to Somalia, emphasizing that an amount of \$320 million has been collected as at 3rd October 2011.

STATEMENTS BY REGIONAL GROUPS

6. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Afghanistan, Palestine and Nigeria addressed the Conference on behalf of the Asian, Arab and African OIC Regional Groups respectively. They all dwelt on the urgent actions and interventions required in order to address the current challenges to food security and inadequate agricultural productivity in OIC Member States.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The Conference adopted the Agenda, which is attached hereto as Annex I.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

8. The audience reviewed with admiration the documentary film on the Turkish experiences on agriculture and food security.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF SOM

9. The Conference considered and adopted the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting, including the Draft Resolution OIC/ICAM-6/2011/D.RES.

PRESENTATION BY DR. DAVID NABARRO

10. The presentation by Dr. David Nabarro, the Special Representative of the Secretary General of United Nations on Food Security and Nutrition, elaborated on the diverse areas of possible cooperation between the OIC and United Nations family towards ensuring sustainable agricultural development and food security in OIC Member States.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION

11. Ministers and Heads of Delegation addressed the Conference on their national programmes on food security and agricultural and rural development, detailing their respective countries' experiences and recommending required actions for active intra-OIC cooperation.

PRESENTATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

12. The Conference reviewed the various presentations on possible areas of collaboration between OIC and other international organisations and institutions. These presentations were delivered by the representatives of COMCEC Coordination Office, World Food Programme (WFP), Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

DATE AND VENUE OF THE SEVENTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

13. The Conference expressed appreciation for the offer made by the Republic of Senegal to host the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in December 2012.

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

14. The Conference unanimously adopted both the Resolution and the Report of the Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development as attached hereto in the Annex-II.

VOTE OF THANKS

15. The Conference congratulated H.E. Mr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker, Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey, on his chairmanship of the Conference and commended his immense contribution to the success of the Conference. Ministers and Heads of Delegation also expressed appreciation to the President Abdullah Gul and the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan for their continued support and high patronage of the Conference. The Conference also commended the OIC Secretary General Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu for his sanguine efforts towards the realization of the objectives of the Conference.

Istanbul, 6 October 2011 (9 Dhu'l-Qi'dah 1432)
