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The Fifth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development was held in Khartoum, Republic of the Sudan, on 26-28 October, 2010. The following Member States participated in the Conference:

1. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
2. State of the United Arab Emirates
3. Republic of Indonesia
4. Republic of Uganda
5. Islamic Republic of Iran
6. People's Republic of Bangladesh
7. Republic of Turkey
8. Republic of Chad
9. Republic of Tunisia
10. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
11. Republic of Djibouti
12. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
13. Republic of Senegal
14. Republic of the Sudan
15. Syrian Arab Republic
16. Republic of Iraq
17. Sultanate of Oman
18. State of Palestine
19. State of Qatar
20. State of Kuwait
21. Republic of Lebanon
22. Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
23. Republic of Mali
24. Malaysia
25. Arab Republic of Egypt
26. Kingdom of Morocco
27. Islamic Republic of Mauritania
28. Federal Republic of Nigeria
29. Republic of Yemen

2. Three OIC Observer States, namely Central African Republic, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the Russian Federation participated in the Conference.
3. The Conference was also attended by the following OIC institutions: Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and Standing Committee on Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).
4. The representatives of the regional and international organizations, which attended the Conference include: Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP), World Health Organization (WHO), Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Arab Bank For Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Area (ICARDA), Muslim World League (MWL), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) and Turkish Agency for International Cooperation and Development (TIKA).

OPENING CEREMONY

5. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, H.E. Dr. Abdulhaleem Al-Mutaafi, the Minister of the Agriculture of the Republic of Sudan welcomed all ministers, heads of delegation and participants at the Conference to the Sudan and reiterated the commitment of the Government and people of the Sudan to overall success of the Conference. He urged the Conference to consider credible solutions to address current challenges on food security, through forging necessary strategic partnership among OIC Member States.
6. Responding on behalf of the Asian group, H.E. Mr. Mehmet Mehdi Eker, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Turkey, underscored the importance of strong political will by OIC Member States to ensure timely and inclusive implementation of the various programmes on food security.
7. Similarly, H.E. Mr. Akram Musa Hakeem, the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Iraq, who spoke on behalf of the Arab group, emphasized the need for regional cooperation and suggested various options to increase agricultural productivity and food security in OIC countries.
8. On his part, H.E. Prof. Shiekh Ahmad Abdullah, the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, who spoke on behalf of African group,

emphasized the need for result-based and multi-stakeholders approach to the problem of food and nutrition insecurity in OIC countries.

9. Also addressing the opening session of the Conference, H.E. Mr. Abdulrahman Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, underscored the subsisting partnership between the GCC and OIC in promoting economic prosperity in their respective Member States.

10. Commending the constant patronage of H.E. President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir of various OIC activities, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, the Secretary General of the OIC, emphasized the need to examine dire consequences of huge food deficits on the economies of OIC countries. He, therefore, urged the OIC decision-makers to give effect to the various recommendations aimed at deepening national ownership of the food security processes as well as consolidating regional and international partnerships for agricultural productivity, rural development and food security.

11. Upon an official proclamation read by Lieutenant General Bakri Hassan Saleh, Minister of the Presidency of the Republic of Sudan, H. E. President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir decorated H. E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the OIC with the Al-Nilain Medal (First Class) for his outstanding contribution to the objectives of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

12. In his address to the Conference, H. E. Omar Hassan Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, assured the delegates of the Sudan's continued support for the objectives behind the food security initiatives of the OIC, within the framework of his country's commitment to increased economic cooperation among Member States of the OIC. He also drew attention to the need for the adoption far-reaching policies for the promotion of agriculture, rural development and food security within the OIC, while urging the Conference to recommend to the next OIC Summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in 2011, the creation of an OIC Permanent Committee for Agricultural Development and Food Security.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

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

- Republic of the Sudan – Chairman;
- Republic of Uganda – Vice-Chairman;
- Malaysia – Vice-Chairman;
- State of Palestine – Vice Chairman;
- Islamic Republic of Iran – Rapporteur.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

14. The Conference adopted its Draft Agenda and Draft Work Programme, as attached in Annex-I.

REPORT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING

15. The Conference reviewed the report of Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), which was held preparatory to the Ministerial session as presented by the Chairman of SOM, Dr. Abdalatif Ahmed Ijami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Sudan . After necessary deliberations the Conference adopted the report. The Conference took note of the detailed presentations on the activities of the OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC, IDB and ICCI, towards realization of the food security objectives of the OIC. It also took note of the rich experiences and success stories contained in the various country presentations by the Conference delegates.

STATEMENTS OF HEADS OF DELEGATION

16. Ministers and Heads of Delegation addressed the Conference on their national programmes on food security and agricultural and rural development, emphasizing the abundant opportunities for intra-OIC cooperation in enhancing productivity, increasing investment, wealth and job creation, and sustainable development as well as addressing the consequences of the global food crisis and climate change. The Conference was also addressed by the Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization, who highlighted the areas of mutual cooperation between his Organisation and the OIC.

VENUES OF THE 6TH AND 7TH OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES ON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

17. The Conference expressed appreciation for the offers made by the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Senegal to host 6th and 7th Ministerial Conferences on Food Security and Agricultural Development in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

18. The Conference unanimously adopted both the Resolution and the Report as attached hereto in Annexes –II and III respectively.

VOTE OF THANKS

19. The Conference expressed appreciation to the President Omar Hassan Al-Bashir for his high patronage of the Conference. It also expressed appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of the Sudan for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements made to facilitate the success 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.

Khartoum, 28 October 2010.
