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TO THE
FIFTH OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FOOD SECURITY
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**KHARTOUM – REPUBLIC OF SUDAN
26 – 28 OCTOBER 2010**

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The Meeting of Senior Officials, preparatory to the Fifth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development was held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, on 26-27 October 2010. The Meeting was attended by delegates from 24 OIC Member States, 3 OIC Observer States and representatives of the various OIC Institutions, Regional and International Organizations. List of participants is annexed to this Report.

OPENING CEREMONY/ELECTION OF BUREAU

2. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, the Meeting unanimously elected members of the Conference Bureau as follows:

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

3. In his opening remarks, H.E. Dr. Abdalatif Ahmed Ijami, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Sudan, who chaired the Meeting, welcomed all delegates to Sudan. He thereafter elaborated on the measures undertaken by the Government of Sudan in the area of agriculture and food security, including various efforts at promoting public and private investment in the agricultural sector. He further dwelt on issues relating to review and harmonization of the national legislation to promote sustainable agricultural development; cooperation among the Development Institutions in OIC Member States in the area of agriculture and food security.

4. On his part, H.E. Amb. Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Economic Affairs elaborated on increased activities of the OIC and its institutions on agriculture, rural development and food security in OIC Member States. He, therefore, urged the meeting to determine actions and benchmarks that would enable peoples of OIC countries to feel the impact of the enormous work undertaken by OIC in this regard.

5. In his own remarks as the representative of the Chairman of the 4th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, H.E. Amb. Javad Torkabadi, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Sudan, underscored the importance of food security and agricultural development in the OIC agenda for economic cooperation and congratulated the Government of the Republic of Sudan on its assumption of the Chairmanship of the OIC Ministerial Conference.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

6. The Meeting adopted its Draft Agenda and Draft Work Programme, presented by the Chairman of the Meeting, which are attached hereto as Annex - II.

REVIEW OF OIC ACTIVITIES ON FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

7. The Meeting listened to, and exhaustively discussed, the report of the OIC General Secretariat on agricultural development and food security. The various interventions made by Heads of Delegation underscored the need for an Executive Framework that will embody all identified components, including increase in intra-OIC investment, food trade and national resource management.

8. In approving the immediate establishment of an Executive Framework for Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security in OIC Member States, the Meeting recommended that COMCEC be seized with the task of preparation of the said Executive Framework and its implementation mechanism through the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security.

9. The Meeting further discussed the presentations made by SESRIC, IDB, and ICCI on their respective activities in the domain of agriculture, rural development and food security.

10. The Meeting also received the presentation on the role of the "Super Absorptive Polymer in Reducing Water Consumption and Ensuring Food Security" by the Technology Development Company of Saudi Arabia.

COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS

11. The country delegations made elaborate presentations on the various national programmes on food security and agricultural development in their respective countries and dwelt on success stories. They also expressed their readiness to share their experiences within the OIC.

During the presentations, particular focus was made on research and development, seed improvement and agricultural inputs, support to mechanization, agricultural investments and development multi-stakeholder partnerships. It was agreed that the complete compendium of the presentations would be added to the official documents of the meeting as reference.

DRAFT RESOLUTION AND DRAFT AGENDA OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

12. The Meeting discussed and approved the Draft Resolution and the Draft Agenda of the Ministerial Conference, which are attached to this Report as Annex-III and Annex-IV.

VOTE OF THANKS

13. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Government and People of the Republic of Sudan for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements made to facilitate the success of the Meeting of Senior Officials. The Meeting congratulated the chairman of the meeting for the excellent steering of the deliberations of the SOM.
