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REPORT
OF THE FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENERGY
IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

(Istanbul, 5-6 September 1989)

1. The First Ministerial Meeting On Energy in the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Member States was held in Istanbul on 5-6 September 1989 (5-6 Safer 1410 H). The Meeting was preceded by a preparatory meeting of the Senior Officials on 3-4 September 1989 (3-4 Safar 1410 H).

2. The Meeting was attended by the following Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC):

- Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
- State of Bahrain
- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Republic of Chad
- Negara Brunei Darussalam
- Republic of Cameroun
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Republic of The Gambia
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Indonesia
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Iraq
- Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- State of Kuwait
- Republic of Lebanon
- Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

- Malaysia
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Sultanate of Oman
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- State of Palestine
- State of Qatar
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of The Sudan
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Republic of Tunisia
- Republic of Turkey
- Republic of Uganda
- State of United Arab Emirates
- Yemen Arab Republic

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus participated in the Meeting as observer.

3. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the General Secretariat and the following subsidiary and affiliated organs of the OIC:

- The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC).
- The Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development (IFSTAD).
- The Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR).
- Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH).

- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

Representatives from UNDP, UNIDO and FAO were present at the Meeting as observers.

The list of participants is attached as Annex II.

4. After the Joint Opening Ceremony, held concurrently with the Fifth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), under the chairmanship of H.E. Kenan Evren, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, the Ministers of Energy met to consider and to adopt the agenda as well as the draft resolution prepared by the Senior Officials Meeting, held on 3-4 September 1989.

5. The Meeting was addressed by H.E. Fahrettin Kurt, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey. The Minister expressed his pleasure in hosting the First Ministerial Meeting on Energy in Turkey and welcomed the distinguished delegates to Turkey.

H.E. Fahrettin Kurt then stressed the role of energy in national economic development and emphasized the need for establishment of an effective and dynamic technical/economical cooperation mechanism among the OIC Member States.

The text of the speech of H.E. Fahrettin Kurt is attached as Annex VIII.

6. Mr. A.K.M. Farooq, Director, Economic Affairs of the OIC General Secretariat speaking on behalf of H.E. Dr. Hamid Al-Gabid, Secretary General of the OIC, stressed the need for cooperation among Islamic countries in the field of Energy. He also expressed the profound gratitude of the Secretary General of the OIC to H.E. President Kenan Evren and H.E. Prime Minister Turgut Ozal for their pioneering role to strengthen economic cooperation among Islamic countries.

In conclusion, Mr. Farooq expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Government and the brotherly people of Turkey for the generous hospitality and the excellent arrangements provided which contributed to the success of the Meeting.

7. Under Agenda Item 2, the Meeting proceeded to elect the Members of the Bureau, as follows:

Chairman : Republic of Turkey
Vice-Chairman: People's Republic of Bangladesh

Vice-Chairman: Arab Republic of Egypt
Vice-Chairman: Republic of Guinea
Vice-Chairman: State of Palestine
Rapporteur : Islamic Republic of Pakistan

The Meeting pursued its work under the chairmanship of H.E. Fahrettin Kurt, the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey.

8. The Ministers adopted then the Draft Agenda as proposed by the Senior Officials Meeting.

The Agenda of the First Ministerial Meeting on Energy as adopted by the Ministers is attached as Annex I of this Report.

9. The Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Bangladesh, H.E. Ziauddin Ahmed, while speaking on the energy situation in his country, stressed the need for cooperation among Islamic countries in this field. He also emphasized the need for special assistance to the least developed countries in their endeavours to exploit, explore and develop their energy resources.

Other delegates presented information on the ongoing activities as regards the existing interconnected power grid systems among their countries and stressed the importance of expanding the interconnected networks to other neighbouring and/or regional countries on a progressive basis.

10. The Ministers adopted the Report of the Senior Officials as well as the Draft Resolution with some amendments.

The Report of the Senior Officials and the Resolution as adopted are attached as Annexes IV and III respectively.

11. It was agreed that the Report of the Meeting would be reported to the Fifth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).

12. Following the adoption of the Resolution, H.E. Fahrettin Kurt, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the Meeting, delivered his closing speech.

H.E. Fahrettin Kurt expressed his satisfaction at the success of the Meeting hailing the resolution adopted and thanked the participants for their valuable contribution.

The text of the closing speech of H.E. Fahrettin Kurt is attached as Annex IX.

13. The Minister of Energy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan H.E. Hisham Khatib, on behalf of the participating delegates, thanked the Chairman for his wise guidance and able conduct of the meeting. He also expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of Turkey for hosting this meeting and also for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to all the delegates.

14. Upon the proposal of the Palestine delegate, Dr. Al-Nahhal, it was agreed to convey, through the Chairman, the deep appreciation and gratitude of the Meeting to H.E. Kenan Evren, the President of the Republic of Turkey and the Chairman of COMCEC and to H.E. Turgut Ozal, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and the Alternate Chairman of COMCEC for holding this Meeting and their pioneering role in promoting economic and trade cooperation among the Islamic countries.

15. At the closing session of the COMCEC, held under the chairmanship of H.E. Kenan Evren, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, on 6 September 1989, H.E. Fahrettin Kurt, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Turkey, submitted the Report and the Resolution adopted at the First Ministerial Meeting on Energy in OIC Member States.

