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RESOLUTION
ON COOPERATION IN
THE FIELD OF ENERGY AMONG
OIC MEMBER STATES
OF THE FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENERGY
IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

The First Meeting of the Ministers of Energy of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 5-6 September, 1989 (5-6 Safer 1410 H),

RECALLING the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Conference adopted at the Third Islamic Summit Conference,

RECALLING Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference on the establishment of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) to undertake follow-up and implementation of the resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference, to study all possible means of strengthening cooperation among Member States, and to draw up programmes and submit proposals designated to increase the potential of Islamic States in the economic and commercial fields,

RECALLING Resolution No. 1/4-EF(IS) adopted at the Fourth Islamic Summit Conference determining, among others, energy as a priority area of economic cooperation,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the Resolution adopted at the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference stressing the role of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of Islamic Conference in the implementation of the Plan of Action,

REFERRING to the decision of the Third Ministerial Consultation on Industrial Cooperation on the need for an appropriate mechanism to promote joint ventures among OIC Member Countries,

RECOGNIZING that energy issues are important elements of cooperation in various fields among OIC Member States and that the development of energy resources and power networks among the Member Countries will lead to progress and contribute to the general welfare of the Members and to their mutual interest,

STRESSING the importance of coordinating and unifying the efforts of the Members and of directing such efforts to achieve close cooperation among them in order to establish, improve and develop their energy systems and resources and networks of electrical power; as well as protecting the interests of OIC Member Countries at international associations and organizations,

CONVINCED that the rapid development in the area of energy is an important element in the development of the commercial and economic cooperation among the Islamic Countries and in their struggle to achieve collective self-reliance and that the strategy for such development should provide full exploitation of their potentials and capacities,

AGREED on the following :

1. Member Countries are requested to improve the existing energy services and establish new and modern energy systems through bilateral and multilateral arrangements and to make optimum use of the existing potential energy resources available to the Islamic Countries,

2. Member Countries are requested to cooperate in the field of energy through a technical cooperation programme. In this context, Member Countries that have relatively developed energy technology and services are requested to transfer their technical and technological know-how and experiences to the other Member Countries through conferences, seminars, symposiums, on the job training, exchange of experts, offer of consultancy services and visits and joint establishment of research and development projects as well as joint ventures in specific fields of energy. In the implementation of the technical cooperation programme, the country which hosted the last Ministerial Meeting on Energy will have the responsibility to forward questionnaires on capacities and needs to the Member Countries in order to determine the requirements and possible offers in the field of technical cooperation. OIC General Secretariat and the country which held the last Ministerial Meeting on Energy will be responsible for the follow-up of this process. With a view of evaluation of the technical cooperation attained among the Islamic Countries, at the end of each calendar year a report would be prepared and distributed to the Member Countries;

The Member States are also invited to implement the resolutions on technical cooperation adopted earlier by the various OIC fora,

3. In order to assure cooperation in the area of energy, Member Countries are requested to exchange information about their energy resources and facilities, particularly in terms of existing services offered, capacity and the technology employed. In this context, Member Countries are especially requested to provide information on their manufacturing capabilities in energy equipment and machinery as well as on the projects undertaken and planned for the future. Taking into account the respective fields of specializations, economies and relative advantages of the Islamic Countries, the Member States are requested to undertake the manufacturing of various machinery and equipment in the field of electrical energy, on a cooperative basis, and to accelerate the related activities so as to achieve the collective self-reliance in this field,

4. Taking into account the depletable (exhaustable) character of fossil fuels as well as the growing concern on environmental issues, the Member States are invited to cooperate on the research and development and utilisation of the new and renewable sources of energy (NRSE) in order to realize more progressive and effective pursuit of the relevant activities being carried out in this respect,

The Member States are also invited to utilize the facilities available in the existing research and development centres in other Islamic Countries and also to benefit from the experiences of each other,

5. In order to conserve the valuable and depletable (exhaustable) resources in the Member Countries, they are invited to improve the utilisation of these resources through adoption of energy management, conservation and other energy efficiency methods, and exchange their experience in this regard,

6. In order to assure electrical energy supply under continuous, safe and economical operating conditions with adequate reserve capacity, Member Countries are requested to establish after conducting appropriate feasibility studies, regional interconnected networks as well as to expand, on a progressive basis, the existing ones among the Member States,

7. Considering the need for enhancing the implementation of the energy development projects of the Member Countries, the IDB is invited to expand and accelerate its financing activities in the energy sector,

8. Taking into account the vital importance of achieving the national agricultural targets as well as the importance of energy planning, its implementation and community participation for rural energy development in the OIC Member States, the Member Countries are invited to collaborate with each other, and also with FAO and other related international organizations for the

development of the rural energy sector,

9. Considering that about one third of the OIC Member States are internationally categorized as Least Developed Countries, special efforts should be made to support the LDCs of the Muslim Ummah in their endeavours to exploit, explore and develop their energy resources,

10. The Follow-up Committee of the Meeting is requested to work in close collaboration with the relevant OIC institutions to monitor the implementation of the Resolution which has been adopted and to consider all possible means of cooperation in order to achieve the objectives of the Resolution and to report to the COMCEC Follow-up Committee.

