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R E P O R T
OF THE FIRST OIC MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION

(Istanbul, 9-10 October 1990)

1. The First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation was held concurrently with the Sixth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in Istanbul, on 9-10 October 1990.

This meeting was preceded by a preparatory meeting of Senior Officials on 7-8 October 1990.

2. The Ministerial Session was attended by the representatives of the following OIC Member States:

- Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
- State of Bahrain
- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Brunei Darussalam
- Republic of Cameroun
- Republic of Chad
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Republic of Gabon

- Republic of the Gambia
- Republic of Guinea
- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- 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
- Republic of Mali
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Republic of Niger
- Sultanate of Oman
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- State of Palestine
- State of Qatar
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Republic of Senegal
- Somali Democratic Republic
- Republic of the Sudan
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Republic of Tunisia
- Republic of Turkey

- United Arab Emirates
- Republic of Uganda
- Republic of Yemen

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

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

- The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC)
- The Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR)
- The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
- The Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development, (IFSTAD)
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB)
- Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)

Representatives from the international organizations listed below also participated in the Meeting:

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- United Nations Industrial Organization (UNIDO)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD)

(The List of Participants of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation is attached as Annex 2)

4. The Opening Ceremony of the First Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation and the Sixth Meeting of COMCEC was held jointly under the chairmanship of H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, on Tuesday, 9 October 1990, at 9h.30 a.m.

5. The Ministerial Working Session of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation was held in the afternoon of the same day under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mehmet YAZAR, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey.

6. In his inaugural speech, H.E. Mehmet YAZAR expressed his pleasure and that of the Turkish Government at hosting this important meeting.

Highlighting the special importance of technical cooperation, he stressed the role of the Plan of Action, adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference, in providing guidelines for the relevant activities.

H.E. Mehmet YAZAR considered that technical cooperation would be further promoted by strengthening national focal point institutions in member countries, laying emphasis on the flow of information and exchange of experience as cornerstones of such cooperation.

H.E. Mehmet YAZAR underlined the fraternity and solidarity existing among Islamic countries and hoped that these assets would be utilized in the technical cooperation activities of Member States.

In this connection, H.E. YAZAR pointed out that the First Meeting of the Focal Points for Technical Cooperation Among the OIC Member Countries (TCIC) marked a sound approach to the coordination of technical cooperation within the community.

He also referred to the activities of the Turkish Agency for Cooperation (TAC) and indicated its readiness to widen the scope of its relations with the Islamic countries, in particular.

Concluding his speech, H.E. Mehmet YAZAR reiterated his conviction of the success of the Meeting and of its contribution to the overall prosperity of the Islamic ummah, and wished participants a pleasant stay in Turkey.

(The text of the Inaugural Speech of H.E. Mehmet YAZAR, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey is attached as Annex 8)

7. Then, the Chairman gave the floor to the heads of delegations to make statements. These delegations were: the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Guinea, Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Niger, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, the Republic of Uganda and the State of Palestine.

8. The Ministers adopted the Draft Agenda of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation, as proposed by their Senior Officials and decided to consider the Draft Resolution prepared by the Senior Officials instead of reconsidering the agenda items.

(The Agenda of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation and the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting are attached as Annexes 1 and 4, respectively.)

9. H.E. Sami NSOUR, Head of Delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Rapporteur of the Meeting read out the Draft Resolution.

The Ministers approved the Draft Resolution.

10. The Ministers decided to submit the Draft Resolution through their Chairman, H.E. Mehmet YAZAR, for adoption, at the joint Closing Session.

11. In his closing statement, H.E. Mehmet YAZAR, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey expressed his satisfaction at the resolutions and deliberations of the Meeting, adding that he believed that the results obtained would help improve and accelerate the development process of Islamic countries.

In conclusion, he thanked the staff and the interpreters for their efforts which ensured the success of the Meeting and wished delegates a safe journey home.

(The text of the Closing Statement of H.E. Mehmet YAZAR is attached as Annex 9)

12. The Closing Session of the First Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation and the Sixth Session of the COMCEC was held jointly, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, on Wednesday, 10 October 1990 at 4h.p.m.

13. At the Closing Session, H.E. Mehmet YAZAR, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey, submitted the Draft Resolution of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation, as approved by the concerned Ministers.

The Standing Committee adopted the Resolution of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation.

(The Resolution of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation is attached as Annex 3)

