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R E S O L U T I O N
OF THE FIRST OIC MINISTERIAL MEETING
ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION

(Istanbul, 9-10 October 1990)

The First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation held in conjunction with the Sixth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), in Istanbul, from 7 to 10 October 1990,

Recalling Resolution No. 4/5-E, adopted by the Fifth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, recommending that studies be undertaken for the establishment of an Economic and Technical Cooperation Scheme to provide technical assistance to member countries that require it in planning and implementing their development programmes,

Recalling Resolution No. 1/6-E, adopted by the Sixth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, recommending that Islamic countries promote their economic independence through greater mutual cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, financial and technical cooperation,

Recalling that the General Agreement For Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation Among Member States, which was approved by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, had come into effect in 1983,

Recalling the Recommendations made in the Technical Cooperation Section of the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation among the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, (Res.No. 13/3-P (IS)) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference,

Recalling Resolution No. 8/18-E of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, which welcomed the enthusiastic response of member states, national and regional agencies to cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat and its agencies in its technical cooperation activities,

Bearing in mind, the relevant resolutions and recommendations on Technical Cooperation in agriculture, industry, foreign trade, transport and communications, energy, labour and social security, money and finance adopted by various OIC fora,

Bearing in mind, the Resolution of 14th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers that calls for avoiding duplications as well as the establishment of any new institutions within the OIC,

1. Observes from the presentations and discussions at the Meeting, that the Islamic countries possess considerable capacity

and potentials for technical cooperation which could be utilized to meet the needs of the OIC community and be put at its service through bilateral and multilateral arrangements in a spirit of solidarity and fraternity among member states.

2. Notes with satisfaction the activities of the IDB, the SESRTCIC, ICDT, ICTVTR and other institutions in the realm of technical cooperation and urges the Member States to contribute further support to these institutions so that they may pursue their activities on a larger scale.

3. Notes with appreciation the proposals to enhance technical cooperation included in the Report and Recommendations of the First Meeting of the Focal Points for Technical Cooperation Among the OIC Member Countries, which was convened from 24-26 March 1990.

4. Invites all member states to participate in the annual meetings of the national focal points for technical cooperation among the OIC Member Countries as a medium for strengthening coordination among the national focal points for technical cooperation, and welcomes and appreciates the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to undertake the arrangements and implementation of the organizational and procedural work to convene the meetings, the second of which will be held in Istanbul following the 7th Meeting of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee with the participation of all OIC member countries and

with the possibility for any member country to host the subsequent meetings.

5. Urges the Member States to establish and/or strengthen their national focal points for technical cooperation, in order to facilitate their technical cooperation activities.

6. Notes with appreciation Turkey's constructive proposal, namely its offer to organize seminars, workshops and training courses for the officials of the national focal points of member countries requesting such technical assistance and to provide these national focal points with financial and technical support.

7. Invites the member countries and the OIC-related institutions with relevant facilities to utilize their capacities to strengthen the national focal points of the countries with relatively less capabilities.

Also invites all the Member Countries to use the facilities of UNDP and other international organizations to derive utmost benefits in this regard.

8. Notes with attention the importance of, and the need for information in the area of technical cooperation, especially in order to ensure better coordination in information flow on a larger scale among the national focal points.

Encourages the Member States to strengthen their focal points, develop and share appropriate information, in close collaboration with the concerned institutions.

9. Understands that the annual meetings of the national focal points shall carry out the follow-up and implementation of the recommendations and resolutions adopted by this Ministerial Meeting.

