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R E P O R T
OF THE FIRST OIC MINISTERIAL
MEETING ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS
(Istanbul, 8-9 October 1991)

1. The First OIC Ministerial Meeting On Infrastructure and Public Works was held in Istanbul on 8-9 October 1991. The Meeting was preceded by a preparatory meeting of the Senior Officials on 6-7 October 1991.

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

- Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- State of the United Arab Emirates
- Republic of Indonesia
- Republic of Uganda
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- State of Bahrain
- Brunei Darussalam
- People's Republic of Bangladesh
- Burkina Faso
- Republic of Turkey

- Republic of Tunisia
- Republic of The Gambia
- Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Republic of Senegal
- Republic of The Sudan
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Democratic Republic of Somalia
- Republic of Iraq
- Sultanate of Oman
- State of Palestine
- State of Qatar
- Republic of Cameroon
- State of Kuwait
- Republic of Lebanon
- Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Republic of Mali
- Malaysia
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- Republic of Yemen

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 OIC subsidiary and affiliated organs:

- 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).
- The Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH).
- The Federation of Consultants from Islamic Countries (FCIC).
- The International Association of Islamic Banks (IAIB).
- The Association of National Development Financing Institutions (ADFIMI).
- The Federation of contractors of Islamic Countries (FCIC).
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

Representatives from UNDP, UNCTAD, and UAC attended the Meeting as observers.

4. The Opening Ceremony of the First Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works was held jointly with the Seventh Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), under the chairmanship of H.E. Turgut Özal, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, on 8 October 1991, at 9.30 am. The Ministers of Infrastructure and Public Works met at 3.30 pm. to consider and adopt their agenda

as well as the draft resolutions prepared by the Senior Officials held on 6-7 October 1991.

5. The Ministerial Working Session was chaired by H.E. Hüsamettin Özüç, Minister of Public Works and Settlement of Turkey. In his inaugural speech, H.E. Hüsamettin Özüç expressed his pleasure at hosting the first Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works in Turkey and welcomed the distinguished delegates to Turkey. In his speech, H.E. H. Özüç dealt with some of the main issues that were to be discussed at the meeting.

Stressing the contribution of infrastructure to the national economies and to the well-being of the people, he underlined the increased importance of international ties which could be strengthened by improved transportation networks.

H.E. Hüsamettin Özüç also referred to the extent of urbanisation and natural or man-made disasters, which required immediate action in the context of urban planning, provision of infrastructure and the construction of the housing and social infrastructure.

In this connection, he stressed the importance of cooperation in various aspects of construction ranging from technology to financing, and highlighted the importance of establishing an efficient information network among member countries in this field.

Taking into consideration the changes in the social and economic conditions in the Islamic World, he emphasized the need for revising the Plan of Action and including a chapter on infrastructure and public works.

Concluding his speech, H.E. Hüsamettin Özüç reiterated his conviction that this meeting would constitute a milestone in the course of the future cooperation of member countries and wished participants a fruitful meeting.

6. The Ministers agreed to maintain the same composition of the Bureau as the Senior Officials, as follows:

Chairman	: Republic of Turkey
Vice Chairman	: State of Palestine
Vice Chairman	: Arab Republic of Egypt
Vice Chairman	: Republic of Cameroon
Vice Chairman	: Republic of Indonesia
Rapporteur	: Malaysia

7. The Draft Agenda of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works was adopted as proposed by the Senior Officials. The Ministers also decided to consider the Draft Resolutions prepared by the Senior Officials instead of reconsidering the agenda items.

8. The Chairman of the Senior Officials Committee presented the studies conducted by the Meeting of Senior Officials during the two preceding days.

9. At the request of some delegations, the report of the Meeting of Senior Officials was presented for discussion. At the end of the discussions the amendments accepted by the Ministers were introduced in the Senior Officials Report to ensure a complete record of the Meeting.

The resolutions referred by the Meeting of Senior Officials to the Ministerial Meeting was read out by the rapporteur.

Other delegations made observations on Resolution (1) paragraph 1, paragraph 5 and on Resolution (2).

Following discussions, Resolution (1) was adopted without amendments, since interventions did not affect the substance.

The Chairman stated that these details would be considered at future meetings, and the Resolution reflected only the intent of cooperation for an improved transportation network that would facilitate better economic, social and cultural relations among Member Countries.

Resolution (2) was amended. The Ministers decided to submit Resolution (1) and amended Resolution (2) to the Standing Committee through their Chairman, H.E. Hüsamettin Örücü, at the joint Closing Session.

10. In his closing speech, H.E. Hüsamettin Örücü Minister of Public Works and Settlement of the Republic of Turkey, expressed his satisfaction at the results achieved by the meeting,

stressing its role in promoting their future cooperation in the fields of infrastructure and public works.

Thanking the participants for their valuable contributions, he wished the delegates a safe journey home.

11. The Closing Session of the First Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works was held jointly with the Seventh Session of the COMCEC, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Turgut Özal, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, on Wednesday, 9 October 1991 at 4.00 pm.

12. At the Closing Session, H.E. Hüsamettin Örüç, Minister of Public Works and Settlement of Turkey, submitted the Draft Resolutions of the First OIC Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works to the COMCEC as approved by the Ministers.

The Standing Committee adopted the Resolutions of the First OIC Ministerial meeting on Infrastructure and Public Works.

