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The Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 27-28 April 2016. A total of 173 delegates participated at the Conference, comprising Ministers and Heads of Delegation from 39 OIC Member States, 2 Observer-Countries, 4 OIC institutions, 2 regional and 2 international organizations. The Senior Officials Meeting was held on 27 April 2016, while the Ministerial segment was held on 28 April 2016.

OPENING CEREMONY

2. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, H.E. Mr. Mehmet Danis, Deputy Minister of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey, in his capacity as chairman of the Sixth Ministerial Conference made his opening remarks, whereby he enumerated the various activities undertaken by his country and expressed appreciation for the support accorded his country during the tenure of Turkey as the Chairman of the Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

3. The Conference unanimously elected members of its Bureau as follows:

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| - Republic of Kazakhstan | - Chairman; |
| - State of Palestine | - Vice-Chairman; |
| - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | - Vice-Chairman; |
| - Republic of Cameroon | - Vice Chairman; |
| - Republic of Turkey | - Rapporteur. |

STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

4. In his opening address, H.E. Mr. Assylzhan Mamytbekov, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Chairman of the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development Conference, welcomed all delegates to the meeting and confirmed Kazakhstan's strong support in advancing intra-OIC cooperation in the domain of agriculture and food security.

SPEECH OF OIC SECRETARY GENERAL

5. In his speech before the Conference H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani, the Secretary General of the OIC, emphasized the need for strengthening intra-OIC cooperation in the area of capacity building, joint programmes and efficient management of resources for increased production and productivity in agriculture, promoting a knowledge-based agriculture, strengthening research and innovation, and bridging the communication gap between farmers, researchers and agribusiness, among others.

STATEMENTS BY REGIONAL GROUPS

6. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, State of Qatar and Islamic Republic of the Gambia addressed the Conference on behalf of the Asian, Arab and African OIC Regional Groups respectively.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

7. The Conference adopted the Agenda, which is attached hereto as *Annex 1*.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF SOM

8. The Chairman of the SOM, preparatory to Ministerial Session, H.E. Mr. Yermek Kosherbayev, Vice-Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, presented the report of the SOM, held in Astana, on 27 April 2016. The Meeting accepted the report of the SOM, which is attached as *Annex 2*.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION

9. A host of participating Ministers and Heads of Delegation addressed the Conference on their national experiences in the area of promoting agricultural and rural development as well as enhancing food security.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE EIGHTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

10. The Conference requested the esteemed OIC Member States to communicate their desire to host the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in 2018 to the General Secretariat at their earliest convenience. In this regard, both the Republic of Mali and the Republic of the Sudan expressed their intention during the General Debate to host the 8th session of the Conference scheduled for 2018.

ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AND THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE

11. The Conference unanimously adopted the Resolution of the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development as attached hereto in the *Annex 3*.

VOTE OF THANKS

12. The Conference congratulated H.E. Mr. Assylzhan Mamytbekov, Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on his chairmanship of the Conference and commended his enormous contribution to the success of the Conference. Ministers and Heads of Delegation also expressed appreciation to H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, for his continued support and high patronage of the Conference. The Conference also commended the OIC Secretary General H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani for his dedicated efforts towards the realization of the objectives of the Conference.

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