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1. On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the 38<sup>th</sup> CFM held a brainstorming session devoted to “Consolidating Political Stability and Economic Development in the Muslim World” at Ministerial level.
2. In his opening remarks, the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Chairman of the 38<sup>th</sup> CFM session H. E Mr. Yerzhan Kazykhanov referred to the current dramatic developments in the Middle East and North Africa and highlighted the linkage between cooperation, peace, and development. He noted the negative implications of conflicts, extremism and terrorism to the stability of the Member States and suggested a more proactive OIC role in the fields of mediation and conflict prevention as well as to step up the OIC engagement in and around Afghanistan. He underlined the need for good governance, rule of law, human rights, and democracy. He also stressed the importance of promoting education, trade and innovation in the Muslim world and welcomed the establishment of the OIC Independent Permanent Commission on Human Rights. He called for the raising of the OIC visibility through the opening of more liaison offices across the world.
3. In his intervention, the OIC Secretary General underscored the importance and timeliness of the debate in view of the turmoil in parts of the Muslim world, emphasizing the need for critical self-examination by the Member States on their strength and weaknesses. He also referred to the Ten Year Program of Action in the fields democracy, human rights, good governance, solidarity and joint Islamic Action. He further pointed out the importance of boosting intra-OIC cooperation as well as strengthening the OIC mechanisms for conflict resolution.
4. During a lengthy debate in which several delegations participated, the following points were highlighted:
  - a. The need for political stability, good governance, youth employment and economic reform in the Member States;
  - b. Poverty leads to insecurity and vice versa, and there is no stability without development;
  - c. The need for raising the dignity and value of the human beings including the respect for human rights, rule of law and inclusive political participation;
  - d. Strengthening the role of the OIC in conflict resolution, conflict prevention and post-conflict peace building;

- e. The necessity to demonstrate the required political will by Member States to accelerate the full implementation of the provisions of the OIC Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim world;
  - f. The importance of signing and ratifying the legal instruments and agreements seeking to promote Joint Islamic Action and intra-OIC trade, economic cooperation, promotion of investment and partnerships by implementing high impact joint projects in the Member States as well as regional integration;
  - g. The need to accelerate the reform of educational curricula, engage in political and economic reforms, empower women and youth, employment and job creation;
  - h. The need to share knowledge, experiences and best practices in the fields of research and development;
  - i. The importance for cooperation to combat extremism and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;
  - j. The need to show more solidarity with the Palestinian cause and to address injustices as well as foreign occupation;
  - k. The importance of promoting the visibility of the OIC through, inter alia, opening new regional offices.
5. The Chairman, in his concluding remarks thanked the delegations for their active participation in this subject of great importance to the Muslim world taking into cognizance the current events in parts of the Member States and urged them to implement the agreed conclusions reached by the session.

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