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Introduction

1. The Seventh Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) with the theme of “Quality of life” was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 15-17 December 2019. The senior official’ meeting was held on 15th December 2019 and the meeting of the Ministers was held on 16-17 December 2019. The Conference was attended by the Ministers of Health and high-level representatives from OIC Member States, OIC institutions and international organizations. (List of participants attached at Annex I).

Election of Bureau Members and Adoption of Agenda:

2. The Conference was declared open by H.E. Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as the Chair of the Sixth Health Ministers Conference. Subsequently the Conference elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman: United Arab Emirates

Vice Chairmen: { Republic of The Gambia.
Brunei Darussalam
Palestine

Rapporteur: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

3. The election of the Bureau was followed by the adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work for the Conference (attached as Annex II & III).

Conference Summary:

4. The opening session of the Conference was addressed by His Excellency. Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Health of the Kingdom of Saud Arabia, His Excellency AbdulRahman Bin Mohamed Al Owais, Minister of Health and Prevention of United Arab Emirates and His Excellency Dr. Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. His Excellency Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus addressed the opening session of the Conference through a video message. The opening session was concluded by a keynote speech by Her Excellency Ohood bint Khalfan Al Roumi, Minister of State for Happiness and Wellbeing, United Arab Emirates.
5. The Conference took note of the report of the OIC Secretary General on OIC activities in the Health Sector during the period 2017-2019.
6. In their statements, Member States welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action particularly in health systems strengthening; prevention and control of diseases; maternal and child health and promotion of self-reliance in the production and supply of vaccines.

Panel discussion:

7. A Panel Discussions on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) was held during the Conference.
8. The Panellists comprised Ministers and experts from Member States; and Representatives of OIC institutions and international organizations, who shared their perspectives and experiences on the issue of UHC.
9. The salient elements and recommendations of the Panel discussion were summarized by the moderator as attached in (Annex V).

Presentations and Reports

10. The Conference listened to the following reports pertaining to the implementation of the OIC- SHPA 2014-2023: i) OIC Health Report 2019 and ii) Status report on the establishment of the OIC Health Portal by H. E. Mr. Nabil Dabur, Director General of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC). iii) Status report on the establishment of the OIC Centre of Excellence for Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Technologies by the Representative of Indonesia.
11. The Conference listened to the presentation on the activities of the Islamic Advisory Group on Polio Eradication (IAG) by Dr. Yaqoub Al-Mazrou, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IAG.
12. The Meeting also received a report on the outcome of the First Meeting of Heads of National Medicines Regulatory Authorities (NMRAs) from OIC Member States from Her Excellency Dr. Peny Lukito, Chairperson of the First Meeting of the Heads of NMRAs from OIC Member States. In this regard, the Conference took note, with appreciation, of the offer by Turkey to host the Second Meeting of Heads of NMRAs from the OIC Member States in 2020.

Resolutions:

13. The Conference adopted five resolutions (Annex-VI) covering the following topics: i) Resolution No.1: OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014- 2023 and Strengthening Health Cooperation. ii) Resolution No.2: Healthy Life Style, Prevention and Control of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases, and Health Emergencies and Disasters. iii) Resolution No.3: Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition. 3 iv) Resolution No.4: Self-Reliance in Supply and Production of Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Technologies. v) Resolution No.5: On Strengthening immunization and Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy.

Date and venue of the 8th session of ICHM

14. The Conference welcomed the offer by Republic of Maldives to host the Eighth session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in 2021.

Concluding session

15. The concluding session of the Conference was presided over by H. E. Dr Hussain Abdul Rahman AL RAND, Assistant Undersecretary for Health Centers and Clinics

and Public Health and H.E. Ambassador Askar Mussinov, OIC Assistant Secretary General for Science & Technology.

16. They thanked the Senior Officials of the Member States who met on 15th December 2019 to prepare documents for the Ministerial session held on 16-17 December 2019. They also thanked the Ministers and other delegates for their active participation and valuable contributions to the proceedings of the Conference. They underscored the need for close follow-up and monitoring of the decisions of the Conference and reaffirmed their support for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference.

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