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1. The **First Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Member States** was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 12-13 Jumada I, 1438 AH (8-9 February 2017 AD) upon the kind invitation of the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdelaziz Al-Saud –may Allah preserve him.
2. The delegations of ..... Member States participated in the Conference, in addition to representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, Subsidiary Organs, Specialized and Affiliated Institutions, as well as representatives of international organizations

**Opening Session:**

3. The Meeting was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.
4. During the Opening Session, the participants listened to a statement by H.E. Ali Ben Nasser Ghfies, Minister of Labour and Social Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He touched on the challenges facing the Islamic Ummah in the field of empowering the family and preserving the values of the marriage and family institution. H.E, the Minister called on the participants to diagnose the means to confront those challenges. He conveyed his country’s readiness, as the Chair of the current session of the Conference, to work for promoting the role of the OIC in this field, and energize intra-OIC political and economic cooperation.
5. For his part, the OIC Secretary General, Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, affirmed in his statement that the challenges plaguing the Member States in the field of empowering the family and marriage institution requires greater cooperation among Member States and institutions operating in the field. He indicated that the OIC has placed among its priorities developing sustainable strategic solutions for the challenges facing the family, endeavoring to contribute to addressing the abusive stereotypical image of women within the family and the fallacious concepts about the family and marriage institution in the Member States

while preserving its values. To attain this goal, it has become imperative to devise frameworks and mechanisms to promote the OIC's role in coordination with global institutions working in the field, and the national committees in charge of family, women, and children's issues in the framework of joint Islamic human rights action, and exchange expertise and information towards this goal, as a reflection of the OIC's belief in the importance of international organizations' action, in the field of joint Islamic human rights action to address global social, cultural, and value-based challenges facing the family and marriage institution in the Muslim world.

6. The participants also listened to a statement by HE Dr. Bandar Bin Mohamed Al-Aiban, President of the Saudi Human Rights Commission. He mentioned the efforts of the commission in coordination with international human rights organizations in the field of preserving the values of the marriage and family institution.

#### **Election of the Bureau:**

7. The conference adopted the Bureau elected by the SOM as follows:

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Chair

- *Republic of Azerbaijan*

- *Republic of Niger*

- *State of Palestine*

} *Vice-Chairs*

8. H.E. Ali Bin Nasser Al-Ghfeis, Minister of Labour and Social Development of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, took over the Chairmanship of the Conference following his election. He delivered the statement in which he welcomed the participants to the country of the Two Holy Mosques, commending the adoption by the SOM of the draft resolutions prepared by his country in coordination with the General Secretariat.

9. The Conference adopted the draft Agenda and Work Program proposed by the SOM

#### **Deliberations**

10. Participating delegations reviewed the policies of the OIC Member States and their efforts in the field of empowering the family, highlighting the achievements in the field of preserving the values of the family and marriage institution. The meeting offered participants the opportunity to exchange expertise in the field.

11. On another note, participants listened to a number of presentations on the efforts of the OIC Member States in the field of empowering the family and marriage institution and preserving its values, as well as the challenges facing them in this domain, in addition to the ways and means of confronting the existing challenges. The presentations were made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from the Arab Group, the Republic of Turkey from the Asian Group, and the Republic of Niger from the African Group. A presentation was made by the International Islamic University of Malaysia.
12. Participants also listened to a number of presentations on the challenges confronting the member States and the means of confronting them (ISESCO) and the “ Preservation of the Values of the Marriage and Family Institution in the Member States: Major Trends and Changes in the New Millennium” (IRCICA), and a presentation on combating all forms of violence against the family in light of Islamic principles (IIFA).
13. H.E. Dr. Ali Bin Nasser Al-Ghfeiss, the Minister of Labor and Social Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Chairman of the Conference, held a luncheon in honor of the delegations participating in the Conference.

### **Resolutions and Jeddah Declaration:**

Having considered the report of the Senior Officials’ Meeting preparatory to the Conference (Annex-5), the Conference adopted the following resolutions (Annex-6):

- Resolution 1/1-F on Developing the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining its Values in the Muslim World.
- Resolution 2/1-F on the Call for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals from a Family Perspective.
- Resolution 3/1-F on Welcoming Resolution 4/43-C of the Conference of Foreign Ministers on Rejection of the Human Rights Council Resolution on Sexual Orientation.
- Resolution 4/1-F on the Frequency of Holding the OIC Ministerial Conference on Family Empowerment in the OIC Member States.
- Resolution 5/1-F on the Follow-up Mechanisms of the Outcome of the Conference.

A committee was set up to follow up on the implementation of the Conference's outcomes. It is comprised of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (President of the current session of the Family Conference), the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Sudan for the Arab Group, the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Azerbaijan for the Asian Group, and the Republic of Senegal and the Republic of Niger for the African Group.

14. The Conference adopted the **Jeddah Declaration**
15. The Conference commended the role of the OIC Secretary General, Yousef A. Al-Othaimeen, for the special care he attaches to the issues of family empowerment in the OIC Member States.
16. The Conference praised the leadership role of HE Dr. Bandar Bin Mohamd Hajjar, President of IDB Group, in the field of women and family empowerment.

#### **Date and Venue of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Conference**

17. The Conference welcomed the proposal of the Republic of Turkey to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting on “Empowering the Marriage and Family Institution and Preserving its Values in Member States” due to be held in 2019.

#### **Motion of Thanks**

18. The Conference conveyed deep gratitude and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its rigorous organization of the Conference and for providing all necessary facilities throughout the days of the event. It also expressed thanks to the General Secretariat for its efforts and contribution which helped ensure the success of the Conference.

Jeddah: 09 February 2017