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**OF THE SECOND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES
UNDER THE THEME: "SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL SECURITY"**

**CAIRO, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
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1-In response to the kind invitation of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Second Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) was held in Cairo on June 05-06, 2023.

2-Delegations representing **40** OIC Member States participated in the proceedings of this conference, in addition to representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, subsidiary organs, specialized institutions, and representatives of United Nations agencies and relevant international and regional organizations.

Opening Session:

3-The conference opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, after which Mr. Ismail Ergunes, Deputy Minister of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, Chair of the First Session of the Conference, delivered a speech in which he touched on his country's efforts in social development, reviewing the outcome of what Türkiye had done throughout its presidency of the Conference since 2019.

4- Ismail Ergunes expressed his gratitude to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting this conference, which constitutes an opportunity for the Member States to exchange their experiences in social development, especially in the areas of empowering marriage and the family institution and preserving its values, child welfare, social security for older people, and protection for people with special needs, and empowerment and inclusion of people with disabilities, stressing the need to intensify efforts by the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to support social development in the member States.

Election of Conference Bureau:

5-The Conference approved, following the speech of Mr. Ismail Ergune, the formation of its bureau as proposed by the Senior Officials' Meeting, thus confirming the election of the Arab Republic of Egypt as Chair of the Second Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States. The remaining members of the Bureau were elected as follows:

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| • Arab Republic of Egypt | | Chair |
| • Republic of Indonesia (from the Asian group) | } | Vice-Chairs |
| • Republic of the Gambia (from the African Group) | | |
| • State of Palestine | | |
| • Republic of Türkiye | | Rapporteur |

6-Subsequently, H.E. Dr. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity in the Arab Republic of Egypt, assumed the Conference's presidency after being elected.

- 7-H.E. Houssein Brahim Taha, the OIC Secretary-General, delivered a speech in which he expressed his gratitude to the government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the generous hosting of the Conference and the warm reception accorded to the various participating delegations. He also congratulated Egypt for choosing the Conference theme, indicating that this session is being held within the framework of implementing the resolutions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) on convening meetings of the Ministers of Social Affairs to review issues related to the empowerment of the institution of marriage and the family, child welfare, social security of the older people and people with special needs, and the empowerment and integration of people with disabilities, in addition to some other social issues in the Islamic world.
- 8-The Secretary-General indicated that the 14th Ordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference on May 31, 2019, in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, confirmed that the social dimension is essential to achieving sustainable development and that investment in social protection is a means to achieve those goals. The Secretary-General stressed that the challenges faced by the Member States in the field of social development call for increased cooperation between them and institutions operating in this field. He added that the General Secretariat, in coordination with the OIC Member States and the relevant organs and institutions, has prepared a draft of the OIC action plan for people with disabilities in implementing the CFM resolutions. This document is presented to the Conference for approval.
- 9-H.E. Dr. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity of the Arab Republic of Egypt, delivered the opening speech of the Conference in her capacity as Chair of the Second Ministerial Conference on Social Development, in which she welcomed the participating delegations and thanked them for their participation in the Conference, expressing the gratitude of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the confidence placed by the Member States in Egypt by accepting its offer to host this session. El Kabbag considered that the presence of the various delegations evidences the Member States' interest in social development.
- 10-Mrs. El Kabbag indicated that Egypt's hosting of this Conference reflects the determination of its authorities to make the issue of social development the focus of its policies and that this Conference constitutes an opportunity for the Member States and the participating delegations to exchange views on the issue of ensuring social equality and well-being for all in the Member States, and to consider the opportunities and challenges, diagnose obstacles, and propose solutions to address them. She also appreciated the Republic of Türkiye, Chair of the First Session, for the work accomplished during its presidency.
- 11-Participants watched a short documentary film about models, policies and programs implemented by the Ministry of Social Solidarity in Egypt in the field of social care.

Deliberations:

- 12-The Conference adopted its agenda and program of work proposed by the Senior Officials Meeting.
- 13-The participating delegations reviewed the policies and efforts of the Member States in social development. They highlighted the progress made in implementing the OIC resolutions regarding child welfare, marriage and family institution empowerment, welfare and social security for older people, people with special needs, and people with disabilities.
- 14.The meeting discussed the reality of social development in Al-Quds Ash-Sharif and the Occupied Palestinian Territories and called on the Member States, the relevant OIC organs

and institutions, and the international community to support the development efforts of the Palestinian authorities.

15. The Conference called upon the Member States that have not yet ratified the Statute of the Women Development Organization (WDO) to expedite the ratification of the Statute of this specialized organ, which is based in Cairo, to activate its role in the advancement of women and follow up on the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW).

Resolutions:

16. The Conference adopted the Omnibus Resolution on social development in the Member States.
17. The Conference adopted the Cairo Declaration.
18. The Conference adopted the OIC Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities.

Date and venue of the Third Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development:

19. The Conference welcomes the offer made by Republic of Indonesia to host the Third Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in 2025.
20. The Conference requested the Secretary-General and the Conference Chair to conduct consultations with the Member States that requested to host the future sessions of the Conference and submit the results to the CFM.

Closing Session:

21. H.E. Dr. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity, and Chair of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, expressed in her closing speech her appreciation and congratulations to all participants in the Conference for the work they accomplished during the two days, considering that this demonstrates their commitment and interest in issues related to social development in the OIC Member States. She stressed that the session's theme, "Social Justice and Social Security," allowed the parties to delve deeper into this issue, which is equally essential in developing the OIC Member States. By choosing this theme, she also indicated that the OIC concretely translates the urgent need to invest in social protection as a fundamental axis for achieving sustainable development goals.
22. The Minister indicated the importance of the conclusions that confirmed the urgent need for the Member States and institutions working in the field to consider the issue of social justice and well-being for all in the Member States and called on development partners to increase support for countries that need this to achieve common goals. She ended her speech by announcing the conclusion of the Conference.
23. The OIC Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, commended the outcomes of the Conference and affirmed the full readiness of the General Secretariat to follow up on the implementation of the resolutions and recommendations issued by the Conference, in coordination with the relevant OIC organs and institutions, and in cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt, Chair of the Conference.

Thanks

24. The Conference expressed deep gratitude to H.E. President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi for his generous patronage and support for its success. The Conference also expressed its sincere thanks to H.E. Dr. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity in the Arab Republic of Egypt, for the excellent organization of the Conference and for providing all necessary facilities throughout its days.
25. The Conference also expressed its deep appreciation to the General Secretariat for its efforts and contribution to the success of this Conference.

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