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## **5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Health Ministers**

### ***Report***

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**Introduction:**

1. The Fifth Islamic Conference of Health Ministers with the theme of “Building Bridges for Healthier Ummah” was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 17-19 November 2015. The Conference was attended by the Ministers of Health and high-level representatives from OIC Member States, observer States, OIC institutions and international organizations and entities. (List of participants attached at Annex I).

**Election of Bureau Members and Adoption of Agenda:**

2. The Conference was declared open by H.E. Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia, as the Chair of the Fourth Health Ministers Conference. Subsequently the Conference elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman : Republic of Turkey

Vice Chairmen { Republic of Senegal  
Federal Republic of Somalia  
State of Palestine

Rapporteur : Republic of Indonesia

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

**Conference Summary:**

4. The opening session of the Conference was addressed by His Excellency Mehmet Muezzinoglu, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Her Excellency Prof. Nila F. Moeloek, Minister of Health of Republic of Indonesia, His Excellency Eng. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih the Minister of Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the OIC Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Muhammad Naeem Khan.
5. The Conference took note of the report of the OIC Secretary General on activities in the Health Sector.
6. Indonesia, in its capacity as the chair of the Steering Committee on Health, presented the report of the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Steering Committee, held on 16 November 2015 (Annex IV) for the consideration of the Health Ministers. The Conference took note of the report and its annexures and endorsed the recommendations adopted by the Steering Committee during its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

7. The Chairperson briefed the Conference about the activities of the Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) in their respective area of the Strategic Health Programme of Action and their future planned activities.
8. In their national statements during the general debate, Member States welcomed the progress in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action. In this connection, prevention and control of diseases, maternal and child health and promotion of self-reliance in the production and supply of vaccines were the specific issues highlighted by the speakers.
9. The Conference took note of the Communication and Publicizing Strategy prepared by SESRIC to publicize and raise awareness about SHPA and mobilize support of the governments and other stakeholders for OIC health activities and requested SESRIC to take steps for its implementation in coordination with the General Secretariat, member states and relevant partners;
10. While taking note of the Concept Paper on Mobilization of Resources for the Implementation of activities of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPA), the Conference decided to establish a Working Group comprising interested member states and institutions to report to the Steering Committee on ways and means to ensure adequate funding for SHPA activities. It requested IDB to prepare a financial plan for implementation of SHPA to be considered by the Working Group.
11. The Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) were requested to present a revised document for consideration of the Steering Committee on Short and Medium Term Implementation Plan for SHPA in the light of the restructuring and rebranding exercise for SHPA proposed in the Communication and Publicizing Strategy.
12. The Health Ministers welcomed the proposal to convene a Special Session on First Ladies' Leadership on Cancer Control in Member States of OIC during the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference to be held in Turkey in April 2016.

**Panel discussions:**

13. Four Panel Discussion were held during the Conference on i) Tackling Cancer; ii) Preparedness and Response in Health Emergencies; iii) Understanding the Nature of Technology Addiction; and iv) Involvement of NGOs in the improvement of Health Services in OIC Member States.
14. The Panel Discussions involved experts and representatives from Member States, international organizations and initiatives who shared their perspectives and experiences on the issues covered by the discussions.
15. The salient elements and recommendations of the Panel discussions were summarized in summaries prepared by the respective moderators (Annex V).

### **Resolutions and Declaration:**

16. 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.
- iv) Resolution No.4: Self-Reliance in Supply and Production of Medicines, Vaccines and Medical Technologies.
- v) Resolution No.5: Health Conditions in Occupied Palestinian Territories including East Jerusalem, and in the Occupied Syrian Golan.

17. The Health Ministers adopted the Istanbul Declaration (Annex-VII) which reaffirmed the centrality of the health issues to the overall well being of the people and socio-economic development of the OIC Member States. It reaffirmed the commitment of the Member States to attach high priority to health issues, strengthen their national health systems and programmes, work together for addressing the challenges facing the OIC countries and foster collaboration at the international level for the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.

18. The Conference decided to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in 2017 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and welcomed the offer by the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 7<sup>th</sup> session in 2019.

### **Concluding session**

19. The concluding session of the Conference was graced by the President of the Republic of Turkey His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the OIC Secretary General His Excellency Iyad Ameen Madani. Both the speakers thanked their Excellencies the Ministers for their active participation and valuable contributions to the work of the Conference. They underscored the need for concerted 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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