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Introduction:

1. The Sixth Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) with the theme of “Health in all policies” was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 5-7 December 2017. The Conference was attended by Ministers of Health and high-level representatives from OIC Member and 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. Dr. Ahmed Demircan, Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, as the Chair of the Fifth session of ICHM. Subsequently the Conference elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman : Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Vice Chairmen { Republic of Senegal
Islamic Republic of Pakistan
State of Palestine

Rapporteur : Republic of Turkey

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 the Minister of Health of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah; Minister of Health of the Republic of Turkey, Dr. Ahmet Demircan and the OIC Secretary, H. E. Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen.
5. The opening was followed by a message and a keynote speech of the Director General of World Health Organisation, H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus delivered by the Assistant Director-General for Metrics and Measurements, H.E. Prof Lubna Al-Ansary.
6. The Conference took note of the report of the OIC Secretary General on activities of the OIC in the Health Sector.
7. In their national statements during the general debate, Member States welcomed the progress made in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme

of Action (SHPA). In this connection, they highlighted the status of implementation of the SHPA in their respective countries calling for concerted efforts to mobilize the requisite financial and human resources. .

Panel discussions:

8. Two Panel Discussions were held during the Conference on i) Health Care Services of Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPS) in OIC Member States ii) Improving access to vaccine by OIC Member States –Focus on Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccines (PCVs).
9. The Panel Discussions involved experts and representatives from Member States, international organizations and institutions who shared their perspectives and experiences on the issues covered by the discussions.
10. The salient elements and recommendations of the Panel discussions were summarized by the respective moderators (Annex V).
11. The Conference listened to the following reports pertaining to the implementation of the OIC- SHPA 2014-2023:
 - i) OIC Health Report by Amb. Musa Kuliklikaya, Director General of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).
 - ii) Status report on activities of the Islamic Advisory Group on Polio Eradication (IAG) by Dr. Yaqoub Al-Mazrou, Chairman of the Executive Committee of IAG.
 - iii) Status report on Self-reliance in production and supply of vaccines by Mr. Mas Rahman Rustan from Biofarma as Vice Chair of the OIC Vaccine Manufactures Group.

Resolutions and Declaration:

12. 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.

13. The Health Ministers adopted the Jeddah Declaration (Annex-VII) which reaffirmed the centrality of the health issues to the overall wellbeing of the people and socio-economic development of the OIC Member States, the highlights of which are as follows:

- i. We reaffirm that policies prioritizing health results in the realization of sustainable development and raising the quality of economic development;
- ii. We affirm the centrality of health to social and economic development and the general safety of mankind;
- iii. We recognize that safety at all ages is an indicator of development and one of its most important conditions.

14. The Conference mandated the OIC General Secretariat to consult with Member States with a view to finding the host for the 7th session ICHM scheduled to be held in 2019.

Concluding session

15. The concluding session of the Conference was presided over by Deputy Minister for Public Health of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Dr. Hani bin Abdulaziz Jokhdar, and the OIC Assistant Secretary General for Science & Technology H.E Ambassador Muhammad Naeem Khan. Both speakers thanked their Excellencies 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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