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***REPORT OF THE
SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
OF THE
SEVENTH OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON FOOD SECURITY
AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT***

***ASTANA, REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN
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Report of the Senior Officials' Meeting,
Preparatory to the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security
and Agricultural Development

The Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM), preparatory to the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development was held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 27 April 2016. The Meeting was attended by delegates from 37 OIC Member States and representatives of 4 OIC Institutions, 2 regional and 2 international organizations. List of participants is attached as **Annex 1**.

Opening ceremony

2. Following a recitation from the Holy Quran, H.E. Ali Recep Nazli, Director General at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of Turkey, in his capacity as representative of the chairman of Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, made an opening statement.

Election of the Bureau

3. The Meeting elected members of the Conference Bureau as follows:

Republic of Kazakhstan	–	Chairman;
State of Palestine	–	Vice-Chairman;
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	–	Vice-Chairman;
Republic of Cameroon	–	Vice Chairman;
Republic of Turkey	–	Rapporteur.

4. Subsequently, H.E. Mr. Ermek Kosherbayev, Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, assumed the chairmanship of the Senior Officials Meeting and welcomed all the delegates to the meeting.

5. On his part, H.E. Amb. Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Economic Affairs, also addressed the meeting on behalf of OIC Secretary General and provided a summary on the status of implementation of OIC resolutions in the domain of agriculture, rural development and food security.

6. In his address, H.E. Dr. Osman El Fiel, Director Agriculture and Rural Development Department of IDB, presented an exposition of IDB's interventions and projects on agriculture and food security in OIC Member States.

Adoption of the Agenda

7. The Meeting adopted its Agenda as contained in **Annex 2**.

Current State of Agriculture and Food Security in OIC Member States

8. The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) presented a report “The Agriculture and Food Security in OIC Member States: Opportunities for Cooperation”. The report highlights the recent state as well as the constraints and challenges of agricultural development and food security in the OIC Member States, exploring major issues such as agricultural production and productivity, trade in agriculture commodities, agricultural population and land use in agriculture, water resources and their use in agriculture, production and trade of food, food aid, prevalence of undernourishment, and impacts of food price volatility.

9. Many delegates expressed their views on the need for mainstreaming rural development, harmonization of agricultural policies, and cooperation based on sharing and the complementarity of agricultural potential as well as updating the statistics on intra-OIC trade in the agricultural sector.

Establishment of the Islamic Organization for Food Security

10. The representative of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, which is the host country of IOFS headquarters, made a presentation on the efforts of his country towards the consolidation of the structure of this new OIC specialized institution on food security.

11. Following the presentations, the delegates underscored the importance of the Organization in view of the relevance of food security to intra-OIC cooperation and welcomed the convening of Inaugural General Assembly of IOFS back-to-back with the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Astana.

Progress on Agricultural Projects’ Implementation

12. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) made a presentation on the activities of the Bank and its entities in the domain of agriculture and food security. The presentation featured activities and programmes of the Bank and its entities in the area of agriculture, rural development and food security in OIC Member States.

13. Similarly, the Islamic Corporation for Development of the Private Sector (ICD) made a presentation on ICD Food and Agribusiness Fund. The presentation dwelt on the objectives of the Fund.

Venue and Date of the Eighth Ministerial Conference

14. The Meeting requested the esteemed OIC Member States to communicate their desire to host the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in 2018 to the General Secretariat at their earliest convenience.

Consideration of the Agenda, Work Programme and the Draft Resolution of the Ministerial Session

15. The Meeting considered and agreed to present the attached draft agenda, draft work programme and draft resolution for consideration of the Ministerial Session (**Annex 2, 3 and 4**).

Vote of Thanks

16. The Meeting expressed appreciation to the Government and people of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements made to facilitate the success of the Senior Officials Meeting. The Meeting congratulated the Chairman of the meeting for the excellent steering of the deliberations of the SOM. The meeting also expressed appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat, SESRIC and IDB Group for their respective contributions to the meeting.

Adopted in Astana, 27 April 2016