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REPORT OF
THE SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
PREPARATORY TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF LABOUR MINISTERS
BAKU –REPUBLIC of AZERBAIJAN
23-24 April 2013

- Under the theme: “Decent Work for Sustainable Social Welfare ” the Senior Officials’ Meeting, preparatory to the Second Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 23-24 April 2013 (13-14 Jumadal Thani 1434H).
- The Meeting was attended by the Senior Officials from 36 Member States, and representatives of the OIC General Secretariat, OIC institutions regional and international organizations. List of participants is attached as Annex- I.
- Following recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, His Excellency Mr. Dr. Ahmed F. AlFahaid, Deputy Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, addressed the meeting in his capacity as the Chairman of the First Session of ICLM, dwelling on the various initiatives of the Government of Saudi Arabia on labour, employment, social protection, capacity building and youth employment including those aspects bordering on multilateral cooperation. His Excellency stressed the need to develop a labour strategy among the member states.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU

- The Meeting unanimously elected the following members of the Bureau:
 - Chairman: Republic of Azerbaijan.
 - Vice Chairman : Republic of Yemen
 - Vice Chairman : Republic of The Gambia
 - Vice Chairman : State of Palestine
 - Rapporteur : Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

OPENING STATEMENTS

- In his key-note address to the meeting, H. E. Mr. Fizuli Alakbarov, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan welcomed the delegates and underscored the importance of intra-OIC cooperation, aimed at addressing the various developmental challenges facing the OIC member states. He also commended the current initiatives towards creating a comprehensive framework for the implementation of the outcome of the meeting.
- The Meeting was chaired by H. E. Mr. Natig Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection of Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

- Speaking on behalf of H.E. the OIC Secretary General, Ambassador Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General of the OIC for Economic Affairs highlighted the previous attempts of the OIC to develop a common template on social security as well as labour and manpower development, while recalling the ongoing OIC programme on wealth-creation, skilled development, social protection and occupational safety and health.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME

- The Meeting adopted its Agenda and Work Programme as contained in Annex - II.
- The Representatives of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group, International Organization for Migration (IOM) and D-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8) made their presentations on the following topics respectively:
 - Occupational Safety and Health in OIC member states;
 - Reducing Unemployment and Role of the IDB;
 - International Law on Migration; and
 - The D-8 Perspectives on Foreign Migrant Labour.

INTERVENTIONS

- Several Delegates made extensive contribution to the various presentations, highlighting their countries' experiences in the areas of labour, employment and social protection. They also enumerated various suggestions with regard to expanding cooperation among OIC countries in the identified sectors. Delegates also provided their comments and inputs for the various working documents of the Conference.

DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR COOPERATION ON LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

- The Meeting examined and adopted the Draft Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection and decided to submit same for the consideration of the Ministerial Session.
- The Meeting also decided to recommend the composition of the Steering Committee for the next two years (2013 -2015) as follows:

Chairman - Azerbaijan

Members: Kuwait, Libya, Turkey, Malaysia, Guinea, Cameroon, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia.

DRAFT RESOLUTION, DRAFT BAKU DECLARATION, DRAFT AGENDA AND
DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION

- The Meeting examined the above documents and decided to submit them for the consideration of the Ministers of Labour during the Ministerial Session.

VOTE OF THANKS

- The Meeting expressed its profound gratitude to His Excellency, Mr. Fizuli Alakbarov, Minister of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Azerbaijan for attending the meeting and for his key-note address.
- The Meeting also expressed its gratitude to the Government and people of Republic of Azerbaijan for the warm reception and generous hospitality extended to all delegates and guests and for the excellent arrangements made for the success of the meeting.
- The Meeting further expressed its thanks to the General Secretariat of the OIC under the able leadership of its Secretary General H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, for their dedicated and tireless efforts in steering the Second ICLM.
- The Meeting also expressed appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia for its offer to host the Third Session of ICLM in 2015.
- The Meeting also expressed its gratitude to the member states which accepted to serve on the Steering Committee.
- At the end of the proceedings, the participants addressed their gratitude to the Chairman of the Senior Officials' Meeting and congratulated him for his dexterity, leadership and the excellent direction of the meeting.

Baku, 24 April 2013