

**REPORT OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE COORDINATION MEETING OF THE OIC SUBSIDIARY, SPECIALIZED AND AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEN-YEAR PROGRAMME OF ACTION – 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010, JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA,**

1. At the invitation of the Secretary General of the OIC, the 5<sup>th</sup> Coordination Meeting of the OIC Subsidiary Organs, Specialized and Affiliated Institutions for the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action (TYPOA) was convened at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
2. The Meeting was also attended by Representatives of the OIC Standing Committees i.e. Standing Committee for Commercial and Economic Cooperation (COMCEC), Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH). The list of participants is attached as **Annex VI**.
3. After recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an, Amb. Nabiak Diallo, Advisor in the Cabinet of the Secretary General and Coordinator of the Programme made welcome remarks and further introduced Ambassador Abdullah Alim, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs who presided over the Opening Ceremony on behalf of H. E. the Secretary General.
4. Amb. Abdullah Alim read out the Statement of the Secretary General. In his statement H. E. the Secretary General highlighted the following issues:
  - The Secretary General expressed his appreciation of the Progress made so far in the implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action in the political, economic, social, science & technology and cultural fields.
  - Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu underlined the unanimous adoption of the OIC new Charter which provides a legal framework for the Organisation in facing the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He further underscored the remarkable visibility achieved by the Organisation as a result of numerous contacts initiated by the Secretary General with world capitals and the high level visits made by world leaders to the OIC Headquarters saying that “the OIC was now a force to reckon with in the international stage and its views are sought in matters concerning peace and security, the financial, food and energy crises, poverty reduction and peaceful co-existence among various multicultural societies”.
  - The Secretary General enumerated some of the steps taken by the OIC in respect of the Palestinian cause and defending of Al Quds ASharif which is the central cause of the OIC such as delivery of humanitarian relief to the victims of Israeli aggression in Gaza and working with international organization to bring the Israeli officers that committed crimes against the people of Gaza to justice. In this context, H. E. the Secretary General reiterated OIC's determination to continue its unwavering support for the cause of Palestine.
  - The Secretary General appealed to the OIC institutions to take a critical look at the achievements so far made under the Ten-Year Programme of Action

- (TYPOA) with view to charting the course to confront the challenges ahead. He made reference to the Mid-term review exercise of the Programme and called on OIC institution to actively participate in the exercise. The speech of the Secretary General is attached as **Annex V**.
5. Following the Opening Statement by Amb. Abdullah Alim, the Meeting adopted its agenda and work programme which are attached as **Annex III and IV**.
  6. After the opening ceremony, the Meeting established two Working Groups as follows:
    - A) Working Group one under the chairmanship of H. E. Prof. Atta-ur- Rahman, Coordinator General of COMSTECH which considered matters in the Intellectual, Political, Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Social and Cultural Affairs, Science and Technology as well as Media and Information.
    - B) Working Group two under the chairmanship of H. E. Amb. Hameed Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs which considered Economic and Humanitarian Affairs.
  7. The Meeting convened in plenary once again under the chairmanship of H. E. Amb. Hameed Opeloyeru to review, amend and adopt the reports of the two Working Groups which are attached as **Annex I & II**.
  8. The Meeting welcomed the Mid-term review exercise of the Programme. In this context, the Representative of COMIAC announced that the committee would organize the Mid-term review at the begging of July 2010 while COMCEC and COMSTECH announced that they would organize the Mid-term review in October 2010 and December 2010 respectively. The Meeting further agreed that the Mid-term review exercise by the three Standing Committees should be preceded by Expert Group meetings to prepare recommendations for consideration by the respective Ministerial meetings of the three OIC Standing Committees.
  9. The meeting was, by all accounts, a success as it adopted important recommendations concerning a number of issues and expressed resolve to implement those recommendations. The inspiring address of the Secretary General, as guidance, has contributed greatly to the success of the Coordination Meeting.
  10. The Coordination Meeting prepared the ground for other fora programmed during the year 2010 for strengthening Islamic joint action in all domains.

## **REPORT OF WORKING GROUP I**

1. Working Group one was chaired by H. E. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, Coordinator General of COMSTECH. The meeting was attended by the representative of the following OIC Standing Committees, Subsidiary Organs, Specialized and Affiliated Institutions:
  - a) Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH);
  - b) Standing Committee on Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC);
  - c) Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC);
  - d) Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA);
  - e) Islamic University of Technology (IUT);
  - f) Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU);
  - g) Islamic Development Bank (IDB);
  - h) Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO);
  - i) Islamic Broadcasting Union (IBU);
  - j) Islamic World Academy of Science (IAS);
  - k) World Union of Muslim Scout (WUMS);
  - l) Islamic Conference Youth for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC).

2. Consideration of items on the agenda:

### **I. Intellectual and Political Domain, Al-Quds Al-Sharif/ Palestine.**

Representatives of IRCICA, ISESCO, IAS and IDB reported activities undertaken by their respective institutions. The Meeting underlined the importance of the cause of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine and in this context appreciated the laudable efforts of the Secretary General in this domain. The Meeting further commended the contributions of the General Secretariat, IRCICA, ISESCO and IDB in support of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Palestine and in particular for the preservation of the Islamic identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif. The meeting resolved that the recommendations in the Framework for the Implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action are still valid and agreed to continue their efforts to ensure full implementation.

### **II. Higher Education, Science and Technology**

Representatives of COMSTECH, COMIAC, SESRIC, IUT, IUIU, IDB, ISESCO, ISBU, IWAS, WUMS and ICYFDC agreed that they will submit additional inputs or revision to the Secretary General's report on the Implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action and decided to review all actions related to domain of Science, Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment contained in the Framework for the Implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action focusing on areas that would require joint action. The meeting discussed each action with view of:

- Deleting actions that are no more relevant;
- Finding solution for those actions where progress have been held up; and

- Adding new actions.

The meeting decided to retain all the current actions and to add the following new actions:

### **I. Environment**

- To activate and operationalise the decision of introducing the chairs for environmental studies, adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment within the Universities of the Islamic World.
- The need for the OIC Member States to develop a common stance on “Climate Change” with the help and support of OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions that have experience in this field.

### **II. Health**

- The Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development Fund has been established by the IDB. This fund will finance among others, Health projects. Request for financial support shall follow normal IDB procedures

### **III. Higher Education**

- Member States should establish an OIC “Bologna Process” or the Islamic Higher Education Area process as adopted at the Baku Meeting of ISESCO and the Meeting of the OIC Higher Education Ministers.
- To work out a funding mechanism for the MoU made among OIC Universities especially in staff and student exchange and capacity building.
- To call upon the Member States, IDB and other Institutions to provide funds at the tune of US\$ 30 million to actualize the second Waqf for the Islamic University in Uganda.
- To encourage Member States and institutions to support the efforts being made by the Islamic University in Uganda to start courses in Nursing and petroleum engineering by seconding staff and donating equipment and funds.
- To call upon Member States and institutions to support a Female Campus established by the Islamic University in Uganda to enable it to address the educational needs of Muslim Women in English-speaking African Countries.
- To support the development of infrastructure at the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) particularly the construction of female dormitory and ensuring uninterrupted power supply in the Campus.
- To modernize some facilities at IUT like refurbishing the Cafeterias, Seminar/Conference rooms, Library facilities etc.
- Upgrade IUT’s research facilities by activating MoUs signed with other institutions promoting postgraduate studies by providing scholarships to students and supporting research works undertaken by Faculty members.
- To Support development of IUT’s Faculty by providing scholarships to young Faculty members for undertaking postgraduate studies at well known Western Universities.

- Encourage the Member States, IDB, ISF and Philanthropists in OIC Countries to support the proposed Waqf Fund which IUT is establishing to help its continuous development activities to ensure a reasonably good ranking within the next five years.

#### **IV. Science and Technology**

- The Islamic Development Bank has invited all Member States to include 10% of S & T projects for financing by IDB; The Meeting while welcoming this decision appealed to Member States to make good use of this provision and called on IDB to work out, whenever necessary, an appropriate mechanism to facilitate effective implementation of this decision.
- All recommendations made under the TYPOA and in Vision 1441 should have a clear financial commitment from Member States so that they can be implemented as envisaged. Appropriate grant should be made available to the relevant OIC institutions /organs of OIC system. These should be considered and recommended in the process of midterm review by three Standing Committees and then referred to the Summit as mandatory Action necessary for implementation of the recommendations made at the OIC Summit. Member States should also invest at least 2% of their GDPs in order to implement these recommendations
- Member States should be called upon to implement the recommendation made by the President of Pakistan to establish OIC R & D Fund to promote S & T in OIC Member States.
- The IAS urges the OIC Secretariat to propose to the OIC Parliamentary Union the establishment of S&T Committees at OIC parliaments to lobby nationally for increased expenditure of R&D (GERD).
- OIC Member States should promote innovation and entrepreneurship by taking appropriate steps in respect of establishment of venture capital fund, Technology Parks, University Industry collaboration, IPR regime, and promotion of private sector R & D. COMSTECH in collaboration with relevant agencies should prepare guidelines of specific actions required on the basis of best practices.
- To ensure more coordination among Research Centres with a view of avoiding duplication and improving the effectiveness of research among the OIC Member States.
- Considering the gap between the OIC Member States and developing countries as well as uneven distribution among Member States in the production of academic publications, there is need for enhanced cooperation among OIC Universities towards more effective research and higher publication outputs by the OIC Member States to a level comparative to the world.
- To Generate an enabling environment such as networks of research centres towards higher utilization of services of scientists from member states based in other countries in the short run and develop strategies for attracting them to OIC Member States in the medium and long term in a view to prompting brain gain phenomenon.
- Prepare a comprehensive roadmap of research and development that will describe policies and actions to be undertaken by Member States and different OIC institutions in order to increase the impact of R&D activities, especially

- highlighting the best practices of Member States who have shown progress in this area in the recent past.
- To increase cooperation and collaboration among Member States in the field of e-government towards a more effective and efficient public services especially by making best practices in e-government available to Member States.
  - Member States should be encouraged to collect data on women issues in different areas, with a particular emphasis on education, science and technology to enhance the participation of women in the relevant areas.
  - OIC Member States should prepare STI policies and action plans so that a clear road map is available within their respective planning ministries to transition to knowledge based economies. COMSTECH in collaboration with other OIC agencies such as IAS, SESRIC and ISESCO should undertake training programs and workshops in the STI policy institute.
  - ISESCO should circulate its S&T policy documents for possible adoption by OIC Member States at the national level.
  - OIC General Secretariat, COMSETECH, IDB, ISESCO, IAS are called on to assist Least Developed OIC Member States in preparing and implementing comprehensive National Programmes for Science & Technology for development.
  - The 31 OIC Member States have that not established a national academy of Science to should be encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Where such entities exist, countries should aim at having female membership of 20% after five years of establishment.
  - OIC Member States and academies should provide help and support to the Palestine Academy of Science and Technology in Ramallah (Palestine), which is trying to invigorate the STI within Palestinian territories under very difficult circumstances.
  - To make use of the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World which is already established and operational to achieve better interaction between and Scientific Research Centres,

### **III. Social and Cultural Affairs:**

The meeting listened to the reports presented by various OIC institutions on the implementation of relevant recommendations under this agenda item. It also considered the recommendations outlined in the Framework document and found that most of them were valid. The meeting added the following recommendations and called upon the relevant institutions to continue their efforts to ensure full implementations of all the recommendations:

- To incorporate the Cairo Centre for Women as one of the institutions that will participate in the implementation of the Ten-Year Programme
- To involve the Youth in activities and programmes meant to promote science and Technology.
- To continue the efforts of IRCICA in projecting the true image of Islam through its joint project with the Council of Europe and the Alliance of Civilizations and academic institutions.

- Ask Member States to actively participate in the 2010 UN year for the youth adopted by the General Assembly, under the suggestion by the Tunisian President, and urge Member States to take part in the next International Conference on Youth in 2011 under the patronage of the UN.
- To boost the role of the youth and women in the dialogue among civilizations.
- To benefit from the guide on history teaching prepared by the Arab League, ISESCO, UNESCO and the Swedish Institute in Alexandria on the ‘image of the other’ in history books in both Europe and the Islamic World.
- To prepare a comprehensive joint Islamic vision work plan to face cultural and social challenges facing the Islamic World.

#### **IV. Information, Media and COMIAC:**

The meeting adopted all the recommendations outlined in the Framework document as the mandate for the institutions active in this domain and called upon all of them to implement these recommendations diligently.

#### **V. Preparation for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action.**

- Coordinator General of COMSTECH informed the meeting that COMSTECH will hold a preparatory meeting for Mid-Term review of S&T programmes prior to the COMSTECH General Assembly in December 2010. The meeting will involve all the relevant OIC institutions and Member States.

COMSTECH is also planning to organize a consultative meeting of OIC institutions in September 2010 to prepare for the Mid-Review Meeting.

- On its part, COMIAC reported that the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC will be held in Dakar, early July 2010. The Session will be preceded by the meeting of the Follow-up Committee which will be in charge, among other things, of conducting a mid-term review of the Ten-Year Programme of Action in the fields of information and cultural affairs. The exact dates would be communicated as soon as possible, after consultation with the OIC Secretary General.

**Jeddah, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010.**

## **REPORT OF WORKING GROUP II**

1. The Second working Group was attended by the Representatives of the following OIC Subsidiary Organs, Specialized and Affiliated Institutions: Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group -International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), Organization of Islamic Ship-owners Association (OISA) and Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC), examined the issues relating to the Implementation of the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action in the domain of the socio-economic development.
2. Amb. Hameed A. Opeloyeru, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs chaired the meeting of the Second Working Group.
3. The working group considered issues on the agenda and adopted the following recommendations:

### **I. ECONOMIC ISSUES**

#### **A. Intra OIC Trade:**

- Noting the entry into force of the PRETAS on 5 February 2010 and in order to make TPS-OIC system operational, further efforts should be exerted towards convening the next round of Trade Negotiations as well as completion of the required ratifications of the Rules of Origin. A speedy implementation of the TPS-OIC system is required.
- The process of achieving the target of 20% in intra-OIC trade by 2015 should commence with the countries that are ready and have potentials to improve intra-OIC trade;
- On the implementation of the Road Map on enhancing the intra-OIC trade, consideration should be given to mobilization of funds from multiple stakeholders, Private Sector participation, capacity development, establishment of e-market place as well as improving the content of OIC Trade and Specialized Fairs through closer coordination among ICDT, Trade Promotion Organs of OIC countries, as well as ICCI, ICD and ITFC.

#### **B. Food Security and Agricultural Development**

- Food Security issues are to be addressed comprehensively through the implementation of earlier resolutions on this subject. The Meeting agreed to harmonize their strategies during the forthcoming sessions on Food Security, namely the Workshop by IDB and SESRIC in Jeddah, the Exchange of Views Session during the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of COMCEC, the Meeting on Food Security to be

hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture of Turkey and the yet to be rescheduled the OIC Ministerial Meeting on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Sudan;

- Adoption of the strategy whereby identified Top Producers and Investors in OIC countries can invest in land-rich countries, while exploring comprehensive partnership with international organizations and multilateral agencies to address the chronic funding constraints in this regard;
- On the next Forum on Agro-Food Industries Development in OIC countries proposed for Kampala, Uganda, in September 2010 the General Secretariat and IDB are to continue the necessary coordination to actualize this project;
- On OIC Five-Year Cotton Action Plan Member States, lack of appreciable progress in the execution of approved projects was traceable to the inability of Member States, whose projects have been approved to requisition for the necessary fund from IDB and others. In this regard, the concerned Member States should be sensitized to speed up their actions, while engaging Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of this Programme.

### **C. Development of Transportation Sector**

- Within the context of fast tracking intra-OIC integration, the Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project received the overwhelming support of the Meeting. It took note of the forthcoming meeting of Stakeholders to promote the various implementation modalities of the Project, with particular emphasis on financing.

### **D. Activities in the field of Poverty Alleviation**

#### **i) Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)**

- Complementary to the presentation by IDB Group, the following measures to address the dwindling financial contributions to ISFD were proposed:
  1. Creation of Eminent Persons Group under the Chairmanship of President Abdulaye Wade, comprising selected OIC Heads of State and Government, as well as the Secretary General of OIC and President of IDB, to sensitize other OIC Heads of State and Government on the need to redeem their earlier pledges and make new contributions in order to achieve the targeted fund for ISFD;
  2. Creation of a Specialized Trust Fund for funding of special purposes projects such as health, education, food security, etc., including the deepening of the current Private-Public Partnership approach to ISFD funding and operations;
  3. Implementation of President Abdulaye Wade proposal on in-kind contributions to ISFD;

4. Enhancing the visibility of ISFD projects through pictorial publications, while ISFD prepares appropriate concept paper for the mission of Eminent Persons Group.

**ii) Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA)**

- While taking note of the performances under this programme, the issue of low activity on the Private Sector Financing Window for SPDA was emphasized. In this regard, following proposed two mechanisms by IDB were supported, as well as the issue of deepening and widening participation of development partners, stakeholders and funding agencies for the second round of SPDA Forum scheduled to hold in Yaunde in a later date:
  1. Creation of a Special Facility to help SMEs in Africa;
  2. Creation of a Special Fund for Private Sector Infrastructure Development in Africa.

**iii) Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of OIC Member Countries**

- Emphasizing the role of DCIs in developments efforts, the Meeting acknowledged the need for promoting cooperation among the DCIs on projects towards poverty alleviation and human capacity development in the OIC Member countries as well as enhancing the visibility of their activities.

**E. Implementation of COMCEC Decisions**

- The Meeting took note of the progress underway to implement COMCEC resolutions on the Halal Food System and emphasized the need for the Statute of Standard and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) to enter into force after the remaining single ratification, so as to enable later contribute to the Halal Food process;
- While taking note of the progress made on cooperation in the financial and tourism sectors, it was agreed that constant coordination among all OIC Institutions would facilitate prompt sensitization of OIC Member Countries on the benefit of these projects;
- The Meeting called on the relevant OIC Institutions to contribute to the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) to its effective implementation;
- The Meeting agreed to coordinate the activities of their respective institutions on a more regular basis.

## **F. Mid-term Review of the OIC Ten Year of Action**

- The plenary session discussed the issue of Mid-term Review of the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action. The meeting took note of the current endeavors by SESRIC and IDB for organizing and Expert Group Meeting on evaluating the implementation of the OIS Ten Year of Action. In the context of this initiative some experts from outside OIC Member Countries will be invited and participated in the Expert Group Meeting, which will include a brainstorming session on the subject. All relevant OIC institutions will also participate in the Meeting in addition to some representative from the three official groups of the member countries. The outcome of the meeting will be submitted and presented at the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC in November 2010.

## **II. HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS**

- The Meeting listened to a comprehensive expose of the humanitarian activities of OIC, with particular reference to the three NGO Conferences and four Donor Conferences so far undertaken with appreciable success. It also agreed that the issues of climate change and environmental degradation have compounded the humanitarian crisis in the OIC countries;
- In this regard, the Meeting took note of the proposals on the establishment of Humanitarian Emergency Fund in OIC and the convening of an Exchange of Views session on the subject matter at OIC CFM to be held in Kazakhstan in 2011.

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