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ON
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**RESOLUTION
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IN OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 26 to 28 April 2016/
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Considering the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of Council of Foreign Ministers held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Also recalling the Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, and its support for industrialization, promotion of trade and investment, transfer of technology, and alleviation of poverty, among others,

Reaffirming the previous resolutions on agriculture, rural development and food security, especially the Resolution adopted by the Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 3-6 October 2011,

Also reaffirming all relevant resolutions adopted by Council of Foreign Ministers' Sessions, especially those relating to programmes, projects and activities in the domain of agriculture and food security,

Recalling the adoption of the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security by the 40th Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

Noting that 31 OIC Member States signed the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security, and 4 OIC Member State ratified the same,

Emphasizing the role of the newly created Islamic Organization for Food Security, as an OIC specialized institution, in coordinating and implementing OIC policies and programmes on agriculture, rural development and food security,

Reiterating the earlier call on OIC Member States to synchronize their national agricultural development plans with OIC priorities on agriculture, rural development and food security,

Renewing the call on OIC Member States to allocate a minimum of 6% of the national budgets to agricultural development and food security programmes,

Noting that low agricultural productivity coupled with food insecurity still poses serious socio-economic challenge both for households and policy makers in many OIC Member States,

Acknowledging the potential of the agricultural sector to generate wealth, social benefits and contribute to the development of national economies, and its importance in enhancing food and nutrition security in OIC Member States;

Considering the need to harness the benefits of OIC Member States' agricultural endowments through development of value chains, accelerated trade and marketing;

Reiterating the need for synergy, coordination and implementation of all OIC food security programmes, including country-driven and regional programmes,

Recalling the outcomes of the various symposia, workshops and expert group meetings on agriculture, rural development and food security organized by the various OIC Member States and institutions,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions, namely: SESRIC, IDB Group, ICCIA and SMIIC, in the domain of agricultural development and food security,

Also taking into account the outcome of the Inaugural Session of the General Assembly of Islamic Organization for Food Security held concurrently in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

- 1. Welcomes** the establishment of Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS), a new specialized institutions of the OIC, to serve as an executing agency for implementing OIC resolutions and programmes in the domain of agriculture, rural development and food security;

2. **Commends** OIC Member States, which have already signed and ratified the Statute of IOFS, and **urges** other OIC Member States to conclude all necessary arrangements to accede to the said Statute at their earliest convenience;
3. **Welcomes** the adoption of a Plan of Action of IOFS for short-term projects on agriculture and food security by the First Session of General Assembly of IOFS and **urges** Member States of the Organization to contribute effectively to the implementation of planned activities;
4. **Invites** all OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to actively cooperate with IOFS within the field of its competence;
5. **Urges** all OIC Member States to:
 - a) invest in infrastructure for market and value-chain development at national and regional levels, including, local manufacturing transport, energy, ICT, post-harvest handling, processing, storage and distribution;
 - b) support production and utilization of cost-effective and quality agricultural inputs, mechanization and agrochemicals that are affordable and accessible to all stakeholders;
 - c) invest in efficient and effective water management and irrigation infrastructure to facilitate a stable and predictable water supply system, as well as affordable, reliable renewable energy for agricultural production;
 - d) undertake investor-protection measures in the domain of agriculture and food security as well as ensure such protection across the OIC Member States;
 - e) put in place measures and mechanisms for ensuring equal access to opportunities, including land, productive assets, knowledge information and skills, for women, the youth and other socially disadvantaged groups;
 - f) support professionalization of smallholder producers and family agriculture through providing vocational training programmes and access to inputs.
6. **Reiterates** the need for the OIC Member States to allocate more resources from their national budgets to agricultural development and food security programmes in line with the relevant OIC resolution;

7. **Renews its call** on OIC Member States and their Private Sector Organisations to accord priority to agricultural investment, capacity building and technology transfer in needy OIC Member States;
8. **Also renews its call** on the concerned Member States to resubmit their respective cotton projects in a comprehensive bankable format, approved under the OIC Cotton Action Plan, and to show considerable interest in the new projects being identified to enhance cooperation in this vital economic sector;
9. **Requests** the Islamic Organization for Food Security to:
 - a) further study the creation of OIC Food Security Reserve as recommended by the Fourth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development and submit a relevant proposal to this effect;
 - b) conduct a detailed study with regard to creation of an OIC cooperation framework that will be actionable, result oriented, inclusive, time-framed and comprehensive, and, based on this study, propose an appropriate framework and its implementation modalities.
10. **Urges** OIC Member States to continue to support cross-border and regional projects aimed at enhancing intra-OIC cooperation in the area of agriculture, rural development and food security;
11. **Requests** 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;
12. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a report thereon to the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

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