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1. The Eighth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC) was held in Istanbul from 5 to 7 May 1992.

2. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following Member States of the Follow-up Committee;

- Republic of Turkey (Chairman)
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Vice-chairman, Permanent Member)
- State of Palestine (Vice-chairman, Permanent Member)
- Arab Republic of Egypt (Vice-chairman, Representing the Arab Region)
- Islamic Republic of Iran (Vice-chairman, Representing the Asian Region)
- Republic of Senegal (Vice-chairman, Current Chairman of the Summit)
- Malaysia (Rapporteur)
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Member of the Previous Bureau)

Republic of Guinea	(Member of the Previous Bureau)
State of Kuwait	(Member of the Previous Bureau)
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	(Member of the Previous Bureau)

3. The Meeting was also attended by the representatives of the General Secretariat and the following subsidiary and affiliated institutions of OIC:

The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRTCIC)

- The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT)
- The Islamic Development Bank (IDB)

The Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange (ICCICE)

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) attended the Meeting as observer.

(A copy of the list of participants is attached as Annex I.)

Opening Session

4. The Meeting was inaugurated by Her Excellency Tansu ÇİLLER, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey and Chairperson of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC.

5. In his message addressed to the Meeting, H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC,

welcomed the delegates to Istanbul and wished success to the new members of the Follow-up Committee. The President stated his confidence that the enlargement of the Follow-up Committee would increase its effectiveness. Referring to the substance of the work of the COMCEC, the President expressed his satisfaction that most of the projects included in the Agenda in 1984 were either implemented or about to be finalized. He also pointed out that the Committee, with its increased membership, would handle more efficiently the tasks assigned to it by the COMCEC. H.E. Turgut ÖZAL wished the delegates success in their work and a pleasant stay in Istanbul.

(A copy of the text of the message of H.E. Turgut ÖZAL is attached as Annex II.)

6. In his message addressed to the Meeting, H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and Alternate Chairman of the COMCEC, welcomed the delegates to Turkey, and emphasized the importance of closer economic cooperation among member countries based on sound and feasible projects. H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL underlined the importance of the proclamation of independence by several Islamic and turkic countries in Central Asia and in the Balkans, and felt confident that the Member Countries would support their admission to the OIC. The Prime Minister reiterated his Government's commitment to the enhancement of economic cooperation among Member Countries. Stating the readiness of Turkey to provide every

possible assistance for economic cooperation among member countries, H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL wished success to the Committee and a pleasant stay in Turkey to the delegates.

(A copy of the text of the message of H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL is attached as Annex III.)

7. The Meeting was then addressed by H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey and Chairperson of the Follow-up Committee. H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER, welcomed the delegates and conveyed to them the cordial greetings and best wishes of the Turkish people. H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER expressed her pleasure at chairing the Committee, adding that she was aware of the fact that the COMCEC owed much of its success to the efficient work done so far by the Follow-up Committee. The Minister congratulated the new members of the Committee for their election and expressed her confidence that the Follow-up Committee would now become more dynamic and capable of generating new ideas. Referring to the drastic political and economic changes that had occurred in the world, thus creating new challenges as well as new opportunities for the Islamic Community, H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER stressed the importance of devising joint economic action by the Member Countries to protect themselves from the adverse effects of these changes and to benefit from the new opportunities.

The Minister also pointed out various regional cooperation and integration initiatives in the world. She then stressed the importance of extending economic cooperation to embrace the newly independent states in Central Asia. Indicating the role Turkey is playing as a gateway to these States, economically, financially and culturally, the Minister pointed out that their membership in OIC and IDB would help them face the challenges levelled at them. She went on to stress the relevance of cooperation among the Member Countries in financial and monetary matters. She concluded her statement by wishing every success to the Committee and a pleasant stay in Turkey to the delegates.

(The text of the Statement of H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER is attached as Annex IV.)

8. H.E. Ousman N.R. OTHMAN, Assistant Secretary General of OIC, also addressed the Meeting. H.E. Ousman OTHMAN conveyed the profound gratitude and best wishes of H.E. Dr. Hamid Al GABID, Secretary General of OIC, to H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC and to H.E. Süleyman DEMÎREL, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and Alternate Chairman of the COMCEC, for their unfailing interest in and abiding commitment to the implementation, of the OIC Plan of Action as well as for their wise guidance in promoting economic and commercial cooperation among Member States. The Assistant Secretary General welcomed the new Members of the Committee on behalf of the Secretary General of OIC and expressed

his thanks and appreciation for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting and stated his confidence that under the able and wise chairmanship of H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER, the Committee would successfully achieve its objectives.

(A copy of the text of the statement of H.E. Ousman N.R. OTHMAN is attached as Annex V.) .

9, The Committee was then addressed by the Heads of the delegations of the State of Palestine, the State of Kuwait, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Republic of Senegal, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran. In their statements, the Heads of Delegation expressed their gratitude to the President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and to the Chairperson of the Follow-up Committee for their able leadership and keen interest in fostering economic cooperation among the OIC Member States and for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting. Stressing the importance of formulating new strategies for economic cooperation in line with the mandate given to the COMÇEC by the Sixth Islamic Summit, the Heads of Delegation addressed the world economic situation and the challenges facing the Islamic Countries as well as the importance of expanding and strengthening economic cooperation among themselves. The Heads of Delegation expressed their appreciation of the efforts of the COMCEC in translating the existing Plan of Action into concrete results.

10. After the adoption of the Agenda, the Committee set up an open-ended Drafting Committee under the Chairmanship of the Rapporteur, Her Excellency Dato" ZAIBEDAH binti Haji Ahmad, Ambassador of Malaysia to Turkey. Thereafter, the working sessions of the Meeting were chaired by H.E. İlhan KESİCİ, Undersecretary of the State Planning Organization of the Republic of Turkey.

(A copy of the Agenda as adopted by the Committee is attached as Annex VI.)

Report of the OIC General Secretariat

11. Under Agenda item 3, H.E. Ousman N.R. OTHMAN, Assistant Secretary General of OIC, introduced the Background Report of the General Secretariat, which was subsequently summarized by Ambassador N. DIALLO, Director of Economic Affairs of OIC. In their presentation, they highlighted the progress achieved towards the implementation of the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation Among Member States as well as the Resolutions of the COMCEC pertaining to the Agenda items. They also gave a resume of the progress achieved towards the implementation of the resolutions adopted at various Ministerial Meetings held under the auspices of the COMCEC, namely trade, industry, agriculture, transport, communications, energy, technical cooperation, infrastructure and public works. Referring to the Resolutions of the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference on the

activities of the COMCEC, they underlined the importance of taking action on the mandate given by the Summit to formulate new strategies for the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation Among Member States.

12. The Committee took note of the Report of the General Secretariat and expressed its thanks for the preparation of such a comprehensive and detailed Report. The Committee also recommended that COMCEC invite Member States to implement the resolutions of the Ministerial Meetings held under the auspices of COMCEC. The Committee, while noting with satisfaction the preparations for the Fifth Islamic Trade Fair to take place in Sudan in 1992, appreciated the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Sixth Islamic Trade Fair in 1994. The Committee reiterated the request to the OIC General Secretariat to make available the Agreements and Statutes approved by Member States of OIC in the field of economic cooperation, to the Member States wishing to sign them during the next Session of the COMCEC in Istanbul.

The Committee pointed out the need for the circulation of relevant documents to the Member Countries at least one month before the date of the meetings, in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of OIC.

(A copy of the text of the Background Report of the General Secretariat is attached as Annex VII.)

Progress Report of ICDT on the Establishment of a
Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC)

13. Under Agenda item 4, the representative of ICDT submitted a progress report on the implementation of the TINIC project, which was supplemented by additional information on OIC-ISNET project provided by the representative of the IDB.

14. The Committee requested ICDT to pursue, in close cooperation and coordination with the focal points of TINIC and IDB, the preparations needed, to set up the required data bases and submit a progress report thereon to the Eighth Session of the COMCEC. The Committee also requested ICDT to take into account the existing resources in the Member Countries and similar networks already in operation, in undertaking the preparations for TINIC.

(A copy of the Progress Report submitted by ICDT is attached as Annex VIII.)

Progress Report of IDB on the Establishment of an Export
Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee Scheme

15. Under Agenda item 5, the representative of IDB gave a brief expose on the progress achieved towards the implementation of the project.

16. The Committee noted with satisfaction that the Articles of Agreement of the Scheme had been approved by the Board of Governors of IDB at its 16th Annual Meeting held in Tripoli in

February 1992. The Committee also took note of the legal and administrative measures being taken by IDB for the establishment of a subsidiary institution within IDB as envisaged in the Articles of Agreement and recommended that the Member Countries be requested to complete the necessary formalities to ensure the implementation of the Scheme as early as possible.

(A copy of the Progress Report submitted by IDB is attached as Annex IX.)

Draft Agenda of the Experts' Group Meeting on New Strategies for Economic Cooperation Among OIC Member Countries

17, Under Agenda Item 6, the representative of the General Secretariat provided the Committee with background information on the subject matter of the Expert Group Meeting. The Committee acknowledged that the Meeting of the experts would be the first of a series of meetings and workshops to fulfil the mandate given by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference.

18. The Committee agreed to recommend to the COMCEC that the experts should examine and consider new strategies taking into account, among others, the following:

The strategies should focus on economic liberalization to create a sound environment for economic integration.

The strategies should be based on a realistic and gradual approach taking into account the existing

programs and projects within OIC and in the Member Countries, without involving unnecessary additional public financial commitments, in view of the more prominent role to be given to the private sector in the implementation of economic cooperation.

OIC institutions, such as SESRTCIC, ICDT, IFSTAD, IDB and ICTVTR should be involved in preparing new strategies.

Economic cooperation among the OIC member countries should be based on mutuality of interests.

New strategies should aim at finding ways and means to promote regional and inter-regional economic cooperation as a first step towards an integration at the OIC level, as well as ways and means leading to the establishment of an Islamic Common Market.

Technical cooperation among the OIC member countries should be encouraged.

New strategies should give due regard to human resources development.

New strategies should aim at securing a larger share for the OIC Member Countries in the world economic activity.

19. The Committee agreed that the above guidelines, be brought by the General Secretariat to the attention of the forthcoming Experts' Group Meeting. The documents to be prepared for the Meeting should be made available by the General Secretariat to the Member States in advance of the Meeting in accordance, with the Rules of Procedure of the COMCEC.

20. The Committee requested the General Secretariat to submit to the Eighth Session of the COMCEC a progress report on the Experts' Group Meeting.

21. The Committee approved the Draft Agenda of the First Meeting of Experts and decided that the said Meeting be held from 4 to 6 September 1992, in Istanbul, prior to the Eighth Session of the COMCEC.

(A copy of the Draft Agenda of the First Meeting of Experts on New Strategies for Economic Cooperation Among OIC Member Countries as approved by the Committee is attached as Annex X.)

Draft Agenda of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC

22. Under Agenda item 7, the Committee considered the Draft Agenda of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC to be held from 8 to 11 September 1992 in Istanbul.

23. The Committee drew up the Draft Agenda of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC and decided to communicate it, through the General Secretariat of OIC, to the Member States.

(A copy of the Draft Agenda of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC, as approved by the Committee, is attached as Annex XI.)

Any Other Business

24. Under Agenda Item 8, the Turkish delegation informed the Meeting that the Turkish Standards Institute will shortly be sending to the Member States invitations for the Coordinating Committee Meeting to be held on 13 July 1992 and for the Experts' Assembly Meeting for the Harmonization of Standards on 14-15 July 1992, in Istanbul.

Closing Session

25. At its closing session, which was chaired by H.E. İlhan KESİCİ, Undersecretary of the State Planning Organization of the Republic of Turkey, the Committee adopted its Report together with its Annexes. The Committee requested the OIC General Secretariat to circulate the Report among the Member States, and to submit it to the Eighth Session of COMCEC.

26. The Committee requested the Chairman to send messages on its behalf to H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, and to H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL,

Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and Alternate Chairman of COMCEC. In these messages, the Committee expressed its profound gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Turgut ÖZAL and to H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL for the sincere welcome and most generous hospitality extended to the delegates during their stay in Turkey. The delegations conveyed to H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, their best wishes for a speedy recovery from his recent operation.

27. The Head of Delegation of the State of Palestine, Dr. Mohammad AL NAHHAL, made a statement on behalf of the delegates. Dr. AL NAHHAL expressed his warmest thanks and profound appreciation to H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC and to H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey and Alternate Chairman of the COMCEC for their wise guidance and keen interest in strengthening economic cooperation among Member Countries. Dr. AL NAHHAL, thanked H.E. Tansu ÇİLLER, Minister of State of the Republic of Turkey and Chairperson of the Follow-up Committee, and H.E. İlhan KESİCİ, Undersecretary of the State Planning Organization and Chairman of the working and Closing Sessions of the Meeting, for chairing the Meeting in an effective manner. Emphasizing the significant progress made by the Follow-up Committee, Dr. AL NAHHAL expressed his wish for the early implementation of the projects included in the COMCEC to face the challenges resulting from the radical economic and political

changes that had occurred in the world and in the region. He also expressed his sincere thanks to the Government and people of Turkey for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to the delegates during their stay in Turkey. Dr. AL NAHHAL also thanked the COMCEC Coordination Office and all the supporting staff for the excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

28. In his closing statement, H.E. İlhan KESİCİ expressed his thanks to the delegates for their valuable contributions and sense of cooperation. H.E. İlhan KESİCİ, also thanked the General Secretariat and its subsidiary and affiliated institutions for their valuable assistance. He felt confident that the recommendations contained in the final report of the Meeting would enable the implementation of the projects on the agenda of the COMCEC and open new avenues for closer cooperation among Member Countries. Finally, H.E. İlhan KESİCİ wished the delegates a safe journey home.

(A copy of the text of the closing speech by H.E. İlhan KESİCİ is attached as Annex XII.)

LIST OF DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED
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1. Background Report by the General Secretariat of OIC. OIC/COMCEC-FC/8-92/D(1)

2. Progress Report by ICDT on Trade Information Network for Islamic Countries (TINIC) OIC/COMCEC-FC/8-92/D(2)

3. Progress Report by IDE on the Status of the Establishment of an Export Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee Scheme. OIC/COMCEC-FC/8-92/D(3)

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MESSAGE BY H.E. TURGUT ÖZAL
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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMCEC

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Madam Chairperson,
Honourable Members of the Follow-up Committee,
Distinguished Delegates,

I welcome you once again in Istanbul on the occasion of the Eighth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee.

I would also like to welcome the new members of the Committee and wish them success in their new assignments. I am confident that the enlargement of the Follow-up Committee in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the COMCEC, will increase its effectiveness in monitoring the implementation of the projects on the agenda, as well as in formulating recommendations to strengthen economic cooperation among the member countries.

In fact, your Eighth Meeting, being held in the aftermath of the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, marks the beginning of a new period in the history of the COMCEC.

As far as the substance of the work of the COMCEC is concerned, I am pleased to see that most of the projects included in the agenda in 1984 were either implemented or brought to a final stage. I am sure that your esteemed Committee with its increased representation will be in a better position to make valuable recommendations to the COMCEC that would help the member countries to cope with the rapidly changing world economic conditions and emerging regionalization and globalization tendencies. In this regard, the fulfilment of the mandate given to the COMCEC by the Sixth Islamic Summit to formulate new strategies for economic cooperation, gains further importance.

I wish the delegates success in their important work and a pleasant stay in Istanbul.

Turgut ÖZAL

President of the
Republic of Turkey
Chairman of the COMCEC

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MESSAGE BY H.E. SÜLEYMAN DEMİREL,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY,
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Madam Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Government of Turkey and on my own, I have the pleasure of welcoming you all in Istanbul on the occasion of your Eighth Meeting.

The present meeting of your esteemed Committee is taking place at a time of critical importance. The recent political and economic developments in our region and in the world at large increases the significance of closer economic cooperation among the member countries based on sound and feasible projects.

Another important development which took place since your last meeting is the proclamation of independence by several islamic and turkic countries in Central Asia and in the Balkans. Most of these countries are likely to apply to OIC for

membership. The Turkish Government strongly supports their membership and is confident that the other member countries will do the same.

The Government of Turkey attaches great importance to economic cooperation among the member countries and values COMCEC meetings not only as a forum to foster economic cooperation but also as valuable occasions providing us with opportunities for gaining better knowledge of each other.

Therefore the Turkish Government is ready to provide every possible assistance to establish a sound basis for economic cooperation among the member countries which, I believe, would ensure peace, stability and prosperity in the Islamic World.

I wish the Committee every success and hope that the delegates will enjoy their stay in Istanbul.

Süleyman DEMİREL

Prime Minister of the
Republic of Turkey,
Alternate Chairman
of the COMCEC

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OPENING STATEMENT BY H.E. TANSU ÇİLLER,
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Honourable Members of the Follow-up Committee,
Honourable Assistant Secretary General of OIC,
Distinguished Delegates,

It is a great pleasure for me to address you for the first time on the occasion of the opening of this Eighth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC. In welcoming you to Turkey, I wish to convey to you all my own cordial greetings and good wishes and those of the Turkish people.

At the outset, I should say that I am deeply honoured by the duty of chairing this esteemed Committee. With your continued assistance and support I shall have no difficulty in fulfilling this assignment which I believe has an important part to play in advancing the cause of economic cooperation among the OIC Member Countries.

With the "Statute and Rules of Procedure of the COMCEC" adopted at the last Session of the COMCEC and endorsed at the Sixth Islamic Summit, the number of the members of the Follow-up Committee rose from 7 to 12, thus increasing its representative powers. At this point, I would like to welcome and congratulate the new members of the Committee and express my confidence that their participation in the work of the Follow-up Committee will certainly generate much more dynamism and wide range of creative ideas which the OIC community needs more than ever.

Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

Our world, at this point in time, is undergoing an integration phase, not only in Europe but also among countries in America, including Canada, the United States, and some Latin American countries. Therefore, we will be facing not only the United States as the sole superpower in the world but there will also be an economic cooperation area led by the United States. In Europe we also have a new understanding of economic cooperation, as integration will not be limited to the twelve countries of the European Economic Community, and we have to look at that integration as a process interlinking various institutions in Europe. These institutions, both political and economic, are going to form a new understanding of Europe as has been stated by several European leaders. We have what we call an economic area

amongst the EFTA countries, an emerging economic cooperation area in the Black Sea region, a similar one amongst the Eastern European countries, in addition to the European Community. We should also be thinking of the Mediterranean basin as another space for economic cooperation.

We are witnessing the emergence of a Europe beyond the scope of the twelve that already constitute it, which would encompass the newly emerging independent states in Eastern Europe **and** the Balkans. When we look at the Far East, we see the five tigers, together with Japan, emerging as an area of economic cooperation.

We also feel that, with the emergence of the newly independent States in Central Asia, Turkey would become a gateway to this area in terms of trade, economic cooperation, financial infrastructure, and cultural ties. We are therefore faced by an area of challenge as well as an era of challenge.

There are a number of countries that will be applying for admission to our Community. I am referring to the newly independent states in Central Asia. We should take this into consideration in our efforts to design and achieve our economic cooperation objectives and schemes. We should meet the challenge of our time. We should assume the role that is ours and meet the challenge of forming a larger economic community comprising other

Islamic countries. We should not only seek economic cooperation but should also be talking of monetary cooperation, as some current developments in Turkey also lend themselves to this form of cooperation. The new law that the Turkish Government has passed on capital markets, allows us to integrate institution-wise in the capital markets by bringing in venture capital, several other financial markets and institutions, such as, rating agencies, real estate funds, options and futures markets and, an emerging gold market.

Economic and monetary cooperation among the Islamic countries should therefore be a further step that we should consider in our efforts to meet the challenges that lie ahead of us in forming an economic cooperation region in the Islamic world. These are the challenges that are ahead of us and which I am sure we shall face in our working sessions.

In the face of all these occurrences, it is quite apparent that the OIC community, as a subgroup of developing countries, should cooperate and endeavour to design and implement joint action that would aim to protect themselves from the adverse effects of the rapid changes taking place in the world and to benefit from the new opportunities created thereby. Such cooperation and joint action should be based on past experiences and be open to new ideas and perspectives.

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Honourable Members of the Follow-up Committee,
Distinguished Delegates,

My government attaches great importance to economic cooperation activities among Islamic Countries. We all need to enhance this cooperation more than ever to face the challenges that I briefly mentioned a while ago. It is within this context of recent developments that the projects on the Agenda of the COMCEC, some of which we shall consider in our present meeting, have additional merit.

After the establishment of the Longer Term Trade Financing Scheme within the Islamic Development Bank and finalization of the Framework Agreement for a Trade Preferential System, it is satisfying for us to see that the Articles of Agreement of the Export Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee Mechanism has been approved at the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank, during which I had the honour of representing Turkey. I am sure that the present meeting shall consider the necessary steps for the mechanism to become operational at an early date.

The present meeting shall also consider the draft agenda of the expert group meeting on the new strategies for economic cooperation among member countries and, in doing so, shall determine the guidelines for their work. I am confident that the Follow-up Committee will take appropriate measures to fulfill the mandate given to the COMCEC by the Sixth Islamic Summit

Conference. The fulfilment of this mandate shall enable us to deal with the new exigencies of the present world economic conditions in a more appropriate and timely manner.

In conclusion, I would like to welcome you once again in Istanbul and wish you every success in your important work and a pleasant stay in Istanbul.

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Your Excellency Madame Chairperson, Prof.Dr. Tansu ÇİLLER,
Your Excellencies the Ministers,
Your Excellencies the Ambassadors,
Honourable Delegates,
Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

ASSALAMU ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAHI WA BARAKATUH.

It is a great pleasure for me to be here again in the beautiful and historic city of Istanbul on the occasion of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee.

I would like to seize this handsome opportunity to express, on behalf of H.E. Dr. Hamid ALGABID, Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, deep gratitude to H.E. Mr. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey, and the Chairman of COMCEC, and to H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL, Prime Minister, and Alternate Chairman of COMCEC, for the unfailing interest they take in the promotion of Islamic causes and the valuable support

they have constantly extended to the activities of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. This is illustrated by the convening of the present meeting in Istanbul after that of the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers which was held only a few months ago.

We wish to welcome Prof. Dr. Tansu ÇİLLER who is chairing our Committee Meeting for the first time and to thank her for the illuminating key note address which will no doubt guide our deliberation during the next few days.

Madame Chairperson,

This Eighth Session of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee, which comes a few months after the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in December 1991, assumes special importance. Indeed, the Dakar Conference endorsed the Statute and Rules of Procedure of COMCEC which enable COMCEC to have an enlarged Bureau and to function under a more solid and durable legal basis.

At this juncture I wish to avail myself of this opportunity on behalf of H.E. the Secretary General to offer my sincere congratulations to the new members of our Bureau and to assure them of the full cooperation of the OIC General Secretariat in the accomplishment of their important mission. I am confident that the new Bureau of COMCEC will accomplish its mission to the great satisfaction of the Member Countries and in the interest of

the Islamic Ummah, in accordance with the traditional spirit of understanding which has always guided our proceedings.

Allow me, Madame Chairperson, to recall that the Sixth Islamic Summit, which studied in greater depth the objectives of COMCEC as set by the Third Summit in Makkah Al-Mukarramah and the Fourth Summit in Casablanca, took a number of very important decisions whose implementation would contribute to further strengthen the development and regional integration of our Member States.

The Dakar Islamic Summit noted with satisfaction the tangible progress made by COMCEC in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation Among Member States, adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference in 1981.

Furthermore, "taking into consideration the profound structural changes that have taken place in the global economy and the development in the economies of the Member Countries since 1981, the Conference requested COMCEC to take necessary steps, including convening expert group meetings and workshops, to formulate new strategies for the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic Cooperation Among Member States, to be submitted by the Secretary-General to COMCEC for approval and appropriate action as early as possible."

In our opinion, COMCEC must now concentrate its efforts on the development and implementation of new strategies for the Plan

of Action on economic and commercial cooperation among OIC Member States. In this perspective, the General Secretariat will coordinate efforts with the COMCEC Coordination Bureau, and the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries with a view to convening the Expert Group Meetings for the Plan of Action.

I would like, in this regard, to inform this august assembly that the COMCEC Coordination Bureau, the Ankara Centre and the OIC General Secretariat had envisaged to convene the meeting of the Expert Group to go deeper into the new strategies of the Plan of Action during the month of April 1992.

However, it was deemed preferable - and rightly so - to set the meeting of the Expert Group after the Follow-up Committee so as to have the views and guidelines of the honourable members of the Follow-up Committee on the direction to give the new strategies of the Plan of Action and on the agenda of the Expert Group Meeting.

Madame Chairperson,

Our meeting is being held at a particularly difficult time for the economies of the majority of our member countries in the face of the considerable changes which are going to result from the Single European Market in 1992, and in the face of the internal upheavals in East Europe and Central Asia. These new developments are certainly going to create special

responsibilities for the Islamic Ummah at both political and economic levels.

I am confident that the Islamic Ummah, guided by the spirit of the Third Islamic Summit in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, a spirit which has been revived by the Sixth Islamic Summit, will be able to face up to these heavy responsibilities.

In this regard, the role of COMCEC, under the dynamic and wise leadership of H.E. Turgut ÖZAL, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC, will undoubtedly be of paramount importance in view of the great economic challenge which our Ummah has to meet.

In conclusion, Madame Chairperson, allow me to express on behalf of the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference our best wishes for the full success of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee, as well as our deep appreciation to the Government and brotherly people of Turkey for having this meeting in Istanbul and for the excellent arrangements made.

May Allah bless our efforts in the accomplishment of our noble tasks.

Thank you.

WASSALAMU ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAHI WA BARAKATUH.

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 - * Statement by the Secretary General of OIC.
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4. Progress Report by ICDT on the Establishment of a Trade Information Network Among the Member States of OIC (TINIC).
5. Progress Report by IDE on the Establishment of the Export Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee Scheme.
6. Draft Agenda of the Expert Group Meeting on New Strategies for Economic Cooperation Among OIC Member Countries.
7. Draft Agenda of the Eighth Session of the COMCEC.
8. Any Other Business.
9. Adoption of the Report.
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BACKGROUND REPORT BY THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
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The decision to convene the Eighth Session of the Follow-up Committee of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) from 5-7 May, 1992 was taken during the Sixth Session of the COMCEC which was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 6 to 9 October 1991 under the Chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. Turgut Ozal, President of the Republic of Turkey and Chairman of COMCEC.

It will be recalled that the First Meeting of Ministers of Technical Cooperation of OIC Member States was also held concurrently with the Seventh Session of COMCEC.

As usual, the Reports of the two meetings were circulated to the Member States and to all concerned agencies by the Government of Turkey.

Immediately after the circulation of the reports, the General Secretariat of O.I.C., as usual, sent out Note Verbales requesting the Member States and all the concerned agencies to implement the decisions of the above two meetings.

The Seventh preceding sessions of COMCEC were held concurrently with Ministerial Meetings on Industry and Trade, Food Security and Agricultural Development, Transport, Communication, Energy and Technical Cooperation, Infrastructure and Public Works.

The activities of COMCEC were thoroughly examined at the Dakar Summit.

In his report H.E. President Turgut Ozal, Chairman of COMCEC, appraised the Sixth Islamic Summit held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal from 9-11 December, 1991, of COMCEC's different activities under way within the framework of the strengthening and developing of cooperation among member-states in the economic and commercial fields.

The Conference noted with satisfaction the tangible progress made by COMCEC in the implementation of the Plan of Action aimed at strengthening Economic Cooperation among member-states adopted by the Third Islamic Summit in 1981.

The resolution adopted by the Sixth Islamic Summit held in Dakar stipulates:

1. Taking into consideration the profound changes which have taken place in the world economy since 1981 and their potential impact on the economies of member-states, the Conference requested COMCEC to take the required measures

including convening meetings of experts and organising seminars, to formulate new strategies for the Plan of Action to strengthen economic cooperation and to be submitted by the General Secretariat to COMCEC for appropriate adoption and decision at the earliest.

2. The Conference further urged member-states to pursue their efforts aimed at implementing the Plan of Action to strengthen economic cooperation among member-states so as to optimize the complementarity of their economies while contributing actively to drawing up new strategies to this end, under the auspices of COMCEC. It also called for the promotion of inter-regional cooperation and step by step economic integration likely to result in the establishment of an Islamic Common Market in taking due account of existing groupings of regional integration.

The pertinent resolution adopted by the Conference is annexed to the present report.

The General Secretariat has sent the said resolution to member-states while requesting them to implement it and keep it informed accordingly. On the other hand, the draft agenda of the meeting of the group of experts on the new strategies of the Plan of Action for Economic and Commercial Cooperation will be submitted to the Eighth Session of the Follow-up Committee for consideration and opinion.

The progress so far achieved in the implementation of the decision of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), especially after its Sixth Session, is summarized below:

I. ECONOMIC COOPERATION

i) Activities of OIC Organs and Institutions Working in the field of Economy and Trade

The Seventh Session of COMCEC appreciated the activities of the OIC subsidiary organs and affiliated institutions working in the areas of economic and commercial affairs and requested them to ensure greater efficiency, avoidance of duplication in their work and rationalization of their expenditures.

It also noted with concern the continuation of the financial difficulties of the OIC subsidiary organs due to non-payment of mandatory contributions and arrears on the part of many Member States which seriously impede the full realization of the work programmes of these bodies.

The Sixth Islamic Summit Conference also urged Member States to actively participate in the work of these organs and to honour their regular mandatory contributions to the budgets of these bodies and to settle their arrears at the earliest in view of the current financial difficulties being faced by these organs. As pointed out in the introductory note, the Secretary General, after the Summit, sent the resolution on this issue to all Member States, urging them to implement it and keep it informed accordingly.

(ii) Signature and Ratification of Statutes and Agreements

The Seventh Session of COMCEC urged those Member States which have not yet done so, to sign and/or ratify at an early date, the various Statutes and Agreements in the field of economic cooperation drawn up or concluded within the framework of OIC.

In this context, the General Secretariat wishes to furnish below the present status of signature/ratification of the Agreements/Statutes for appropriate recommendations to the Eighth Session of COMCEC:

The General Agreement on Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation was approved by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in the year 1977 (1397H). It aims to encourage capital flow and investments and the exchange of data, experiences, technical and technological capabilities among member-states while facilitating the application of an equal and non discriminatory treatment in liberalize trade among the said countries and giving special attention to the least developed member-states. To date this agreement has been signed by 37 and ratified by 26 OIC member-states, it is now in force.

The Agreement on the Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among member-states was adopted by the Twelfth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in the year 1981 (1401H). It lays down the basic principles for promoting capital flows among member-states and protecting their investments against non commercial risks while also guaranteeing the transfer abroad of both capital and interests. To date 18 OIC member-states have signed and 13 ratified it. Having been ratified by more than 10 countries, this agreement came into force in February 1988.

The Statute of the Telecommunications Union of Islamic States and that of the Islamic Association of Cement were approved by the Fifteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in the year 1984 (1405H). Having been signed by nine and ratified by seven member states the Statute of the Telecommunication Union is now in force.

Only the Republic of Turkey and the State of Palestine have signed the Statute of the Islamic Association of Cement.

The Islamic Shipowners Association has come into force.

The Statute of the Islamic Council of Civil Aviation has not come into force since only seven member states have so far signed it.

II. COMMERCIAL COOPERATION

(a) Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among OIC Member States .

The Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among Member States of the OIC is at the OIC Headquarters for signature by Member States. Member States have been informed and requested to sign and/or ratify the Agreement. Senegal, Chad, Indonesia and Libya have signed the agreement. Turkey has ratified it.

The Sudan has notified the General Secretariat of its intention to sign the agreement in the very near future.

The General Secretariat is taking necessary action in order to speed up the procedure for signing and implementation of the Agreements and reminders were sent to member-states in May 1992.

It should be recalled that 10 signatures are required before necessary negotiations can be started.

The General Secretariat has been striving to ensure the rapid implementation of above agreement by OIC member-states.

The General Secretariat is once more going to remind Member States of the importance attached to the signing and notifying of statutes/agreements and will probably submit the texts of the statutes/agreements to the next session of COMCEC for signing as agreed during the last meeting.

(b) Trade Information Network in Islamic Countries (TINIC).

The Seventh Session of COMCEC while paying them due tribute for their joint efforts requested both ICDT and IDB to take into consideration the complementarities between TINIC and ICINET (Islamic Countries Information Network) being prepared by IDB and to avoid duplication of work and/or additional cost to the Member States. The ICDT is, accordingly collaborating with IDB to establish a Trade Information Network in Islamic Countries (TINIC).

The Seventh Session of COMCEC agreed on the necessity of linking TINIC with OIC-ICINET being prepared by IDB, with a view to avoiding additional costs to Member States, so that TINIC would become a data base system specializing in trade information within OIC-ICINET, when in operation.

The ICDT was also requested to continue with the necessary preparation for the creation of the TINIC without waiting for the establishment of the OIC-ICINET.

The Islamic Development Bank organised an Expert Meeting in 1991, in this connection the Islamic Centre for Development and Trade will submit a report on this item, which is relevant item 4 of the Agenda of the Eight Session of the COMCEC FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE.

C. EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME.

The Seventh Session of COMCEC had approved the draft agreement establishing an Islamic Scheme for Export Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee.

The Session requested IDB to take as early as possible whatever legal and administrative measures were required to create a subsidiary institution under Islamic Development Bank as laid down in the Agreement establishing the said scheme.

The Sixteenth Session of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank held in Tripoli (Libya) in March 1992 adopted a resolution authorizing the creation of this system as a subsidiary institution of the Bank.

The capital of the subsidiary institution of Islamic Development Bank is US\$100 millions.

The Islamic Development Bank has already signed the agreement and subscribed 50% of the capital of the institution (US\$50 million) and urged member-states to participate in this capital. Islamic Development Bank will submit a report on this issue under item 5 of the Agenda of the meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC.

D. HARMONIZATION OF STANDARDS

The Seventh Session of COMCEC had requested the Turkish Institute of Standards to take every necessary steps to harmonize standards in force in member-states and for common standards and submit an activity report to the Follow-up Committee through the OIC General Secretariat.

The Turkish Institute of Standards had proposed convening of an expert meeting on this issue for April 1992.

However such a meeting could not be held since not enough member-states had confirmed their participation. The Eighth Session of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC is invited to urge member-states to attend the next meeting to be held on this issue.

E. MULTILATERAL ISLAMIC CLEARING UNION.

The Seventh Session of COMCEC had noted with satisfaction that Islamic Development Bank had finalised the model agreement on a "Multilateral Islamic Clearing Union" which was presented at the Eighth Meeting of the Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of OIC member-states.

The same session of COMCEC approved the proposed agreement in principle, and endorsed the recommendation of the Board of Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities recommending that :

- a) the said agreement should be flexible in its coverage of goods and that membership should be on a voluntary basis.
- b) In view of differences existing between economic and commercial systems, and monetary legislations in force in member-states, clearing agreements should be concluded between sub-groups of member-states who are willing to participate.

The General Secretariat has sent these documents on the Multilateral Clearing Islamic Union to Member States while urging them to join and also to conduct IDB which has expressed readiness to assist them if necessary in setting up this system on a regional basis.

The General Secretariat will carefully follow this issue in close collaboration with Member States and IDB.

F. FOURTH ISLAMIC TRADE FAIR

The Fourth Islamic Trade Fair "was held in Tunis from 4 to 15 October 1990 and the Fifth will be held in Sudan in 1992. Delays in preparation of the Fifth Islamic Fair by concerned Sudanese Trade Affairs authorities led the Islamic Republic of Iran to offer to organize the Fifth Islamic Fair in 1992 while Sudan would organize the Sixth Islamic Fair in 1994. This proposal was accepted by the Ninth Session of the General Assembly of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange held in Karachi, Pakistan, on 5 June 1991. The Islamic Chamber of Commerce informed the General Secretariat of this decision. The General Secretariat in view of this situation took following action:

- 1- Immediately after receiving the information, the General Secretariat of the OIC informed accordingly to:
 - (a) H.E. Turgut Ozal, President of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC.

- (b) H.E. Hikmet Cetin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and Chairman of the 20th ICFM;
informing them of the new developments and requesting their advice on the same.
- 2- In the meantime, the General Secretariat also sent a Verbale Note to the Government of Sudan informing the proposal to have the Fair in Tehran in 1992 and in Khartoum in 1994.
 - 3- Upon receipt of the above-mentioned Note, the Government of Sudan has responded to confirm its readiness to organize the Fifth Islamic Trade Fair in Khartoum, Sudan, in December 1992, as per the decision of the 19th ICFM in Cairo, August 1990.
 - 4- On the strength of this confirmation the General Secretariat has invited the Government of Sudan to take necessary steps for the preparation and organization of the Fair in Khartoum, taking into consideration the obvious time constraints.
 - 5- Consequently, the General Secretariat has circulated invitations to all Member States for their early preparations and participation. ICDT in Casablanca has been informed as well . for the necessary coordination and cooperation.
 - 6- H.E. Turgut Ozal, President of Turkey and Chairman of the COMCEC, and H.E. Hikmet Çetin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, and Chairman of the 20th ICFM have also been informed accordingly.

The ICDT (Casablanca) and the Islamic Chamber (Karachi) are coordinating actions with Sudan, the host country, to ensure the success of the Fifth Islamic Trade Fair. The OIC General Secretariat is closely following the issue.

G. The Longer Term Trade Financing Scheme

This scheme under the Islamic Development Bank became operational in 1987 with the participation of 10 Member States. It is one of the significant achievements of COMCEC and aims at the active promotion of non-traditional exports among Member States and has since been serving as an effective mechanism to increase intra-OIC trade. As of now, 21 Member States have joined the scheme which has at present a paid-up capital of over 303 million Islamic Dinar. The financing period varies from 6 to 60 months. At the end of 1411H (end of June 1991) 126.9 million Islamic Dinars was approved all in all (i.e. 166.9 million \$US).

III. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF INDUSTRY

It is to be mentioned that a series of Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation among OIC Member countries has been held.

Several Joint Venture Projects have been identified, studied and approved for Member States in collaboration with the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Commodity Exchange (ICCICE), IDB and UNIDO.

Member States were sent all the conclusions of ministerial meetings, sectorial studies, recommendations of various seminars organised by IDB, UNIDO and the Islamic Chamber.

The Eight Session of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC may wish to request those Member States which have not yet done so, to send their comments on the Draft on the Mechanism for Promotion of Joint Ventures to the current Chairman of the Follow-up Committee on Industrial Cooperation at an early date and also urge the Member States to host the Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Industrial Cooperation to finalize this mechanism.

IV. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

It is to be recalled that the Third Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Islamabad, Pakistan, in September 1988 had adopted 10 resolutions which, if implemented could greatly contribute towards the objective of food security in the Islamic countries.

A detailed report on the Conference was circulated to the Member States and concerned agencies with the request to implement the resolutions as contained in the report. The General Secretariat has been following up their implementation with the Member States and the concerned agencies.

The General Secretariat also circulated, separately, the Resolution on the establishment of the OIC Food Security Reserve to the Member States and requested them to send their comments to the General Secretariat.

The General Secretariat in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank, African Development Bank and the Government of Senegal organised a symposium on Food Security in Islamic countries in Dakar, Republic of Senegal in December 1991, concurrently with the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference.

The Sixth Islamic Summit after having been appraised of the report on the Dakar symposium:

1. Noted with satisfaction the recommendations adopted by this symposium and the resolutions annexed to its final report.
2. Urged Member States and all financial, economic and technical institutions of the Ummah to help African countries concerned in the implementation of these recommendations.
3. Requested Member States to provide additional resources to financial institutions concerned to enable them to increase their assistance to African countries concerned in the rapid and efficient implementation of their national strategy for food security.

The Sixth Islamic Summit also adopted a declaration on the Food Security Decade in OIC Member countries. The General Secretariat sent Member States the documents on the Dakar Symposium and the resolutions of the Dakar Summit, urging them to implement the recommendations of the Symposium.

A Follow up Committee chaired by H.E. the Minister for Rural Development and Hydrology of the Republic of Senegal is doing its best to implement the recommendations of the Dakar Symposium on Food Security in Africa.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the General Secretariat have started preparing the Fourth Ministerial Meeting on Food Security and Agricultural Development to be held in Tehran in 1992. The Eighth meeting of COMCEC may invite Member States to participate in the said meeting.

V. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF TRANSPORT

The First Ministerial Meeting on Transport of the OIC Member States was held in Istanbul on 7-10 September 1987, concurrently with the Third Session of COMCEC. The Ministers were convinced that transportation is an important element of the development of commercial and economic cooperation among Islamic countries and among other things, decided to cooperate in the development of (a) Road Transport, (b) Maritime Transport, (c) Railway Transport, and (d) Training in the field of Transport.

The General Secretariat has been in touch with the Government of Turkey, (as Chairman of the Follow-up Committee), Member States and concerned agencies for the implementation of the decision of the Ministers of

Transport, but so far the General Secretariat has Not received any information on this subject with the exception of recent communication from Jakarta OIC Economic Consultative Forum which organized during the second week of January 1992 a Seminar on Ways and Means of overcoming the shipping problems of the OIC Member States.

The Eighth Session of COMCEC may wish to request the Member States to continue to pursue the implementation of the decisions of the First Meeting of the Ministers of Transport.

VI. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF COMMUNICATIONS

The First Ministerial Meeting on Communications was held concurrently with the Fourth Session of COMCEC in Istanbul, Turkey in September 1988.

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia hosted the Second Ministerial Meeting on Communications in Bandung, Indonesia from 5-8 November 1991.

The meeting, which was quite successful, adopted, in addition its resolutions a declaration entitled the "Bandung Declaration on Communications".

The General Secretariat has circulated documents of the Meeting to Member States inviting them to implement the recommendations and report.

The General Secretariat keeps in touch with the Indonesian authorities to implement the decisions of the Second Communications Ministers Meeting.

The Eighth Session of the Follow up Committee of COMCEC may kindly urge Member States to implement the decisions of the First and Second Ministerial meetings on Communications in order to speed up the development of this vital sector in Member States and strengthen their cooperation in this field.

VII. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF ENERGY

Energy is one of the priority areas of the Plan of Action.

It was in Istanbul, Turkey, from 3-6 September 1989 that the First Ministerial Meeting on Energy of the OIC Member States was held concurrently with the Fifth Session of COMCEC.

The Energy Ministers of the OIC Member States recognizing that energy issues are important elements of cooperation in various fields among the Member States and that the development of energy resources and power networks will lead to progress and contribute to the general welfare of the Islamic countries and to their mutual interest, adopted a comprehensive resolution on this subject.

This Resolution requested the Member States to improve energy services, establish new and modern energy systems through bilateral and multilateral arrangements, to make optimum use of the existing potential energy resources available to them, to boost research on new and renewable energy resources and technology transfer.

The report and the resolutions of the First Meeting of the Ministers of Energy were circulated to the Member States and concerned agencies for the implementation of the decisions contained therein.

The Eighth Session of the Follow up Committee of COMCEC may stress the importance of coordinating and unifying the efforts of the Member States and of directing such efforts to achieve close cooperation among them in order to establish, improve and develop their energy systems and resources. It may also urge the Member States to implement the Resolution of the First Ministerial Meeting on Energy.

VIII. COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL SECURITY

The Second Experts Group Meeting on Labour and Social Security held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in October 1984 set up two Working Groups - one for finalizing the "Draft Bilateral Agreement on Social Security" and the other for the "Draft Model Bilateral Agreement on Labour and Manpower Exchange". The Working Group on Social Security met in Amman, Jordan in 1985 and finalized the Draft Agreement. The Meeting of the Second Working Group on Labour and Manpower Exchange was held in Istanbul, Turkey from 27-29 May 1989 which also finalized the Draft Agreement,

The General Secretariat, in forwarding the Reports of the Working Group on Labour and Manpower Exchange along with the Draft Agreement to the Member States informed them that the two Draft Agreements would be submitted to the Third Expert Group Meeting on Labour and Social Security for their consideration. In this connection the General Secretariat would like to inform this Session that the Twentieth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Istanbul, among others, invited the Member States to host the Third Expert Group Meeting on Labour and Social Security in order to finalize the two Draft Agreements on Social Security and on Labour and Manpower Exchange.

In view of the above, the COMCEC may also wish to urge the Member States to consider hosting the Third Expert Group Meeting on Labour and Social Security in order to finalize the above-mentioned Draft Agreements.

IX. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES

The First Ministerial Meeting on "Technical Cooperation" was held concurrently with the 6th Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) in Istanbul, Turkey from 7-10 October 1990. Earlier, a meeting of the National Focal Points for Technical Cooperation among OIC Member States was held from 24-26 March 1990 following the 6th Follow-up Committee Meeting of COMCEC.

The First Ministerial Meeting on Technical Cooperation, among others, invited Member States to participate at the annual meeting of the national focal points in the area of technical cooperation among Member States as a medium for strengthening coordination among national focal points for technical cooperation. The Second National Focal Points Meeting was held in Istanbul currently with the session of COMCEC Follow-up Committee Meeting on 12-13 May 1991 where the Focal Points of various Member States made valuable bilateral contacts amongst themselves regarding their technical cooperation needs. The Third Meeting of Focal Points will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9-11 May 1992 (7-9 Dhul Qidah 1412H).

The IDB has developed a good programme for Technical Cooperation among OIC Member countries (TCP). The OIC General Secretariat, IDB, UNDP and IFSTAD are preparing a joint programme of transfer of knowledge through expatriate nationals (TOKTEN). This project could be integrated to the technical cooperation programme of OIC Member States.

In view of the importance of technical cooperation, COMCEC may request the Member States to actively participate in the national focal points meeting on Technical Cooperation which are expected to be held annually in Turkey following the annual COMCEC Follow-up Meeting.

X. MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS OF CENTRAL BANKS AND MONETARY AUTHORITIES OF MEMBER STATES

The Eighth Meeting of Governors of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of Member States of OIC was held in Cairo from 30-31 May 1991. The Meeting discussed, among others, the IDB study on the establishment of Multilateral Islamic Clearing Union and agreed, in principle, on the creation of the Union, under certain conditions. No meeting of the Governors of the Central Banks and Monetary authorities was held concurrently with the Sixteenth Board of Governors of IDB held in Tripoli in March 1992 since the last meeting held in Cairo had decided that in future the meetings of the Central Banks would be convened only at the request of Member States and the General Secretariat has not received any request on this.

XI. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE IN THE OCCUPIED GOLAN HEIGHTS OF SYRIA AND OF THE ARAB PEOPLE IN OTHER OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

The Sixth Islamic Summit held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 3-5 Jumad Al-Thani 1412H (9-11 December 1991).

Recalling Resolution No.4-20/E adopted by the Twentieth ICFM among others:

Called on all Member States and the international community to grant their material and moral aid to the Palestine Liberation Organisation to enable it to implement its projects and economic programmes in the occupied Palestinian territories and to maintain the drive of the Intifadha of the Palestinian People and to support the resistance of the Palestinian People in the face of the Zionist occupation of Palestinian lands and also to back Syrian citizens living under the yoke of occupation in the Golan Heights as well as other citizens living in other occupied Arab territories.

The General Secretariat sent this resolution to Member States and agencies concerned requesting them to implement it.

XII. ASSISTANCE TO LEBANON

The Twentieth ICFM and the Seventh Session of COMCEC also reaffirmed their previous resolutions on the need to provide financial, economic and humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. It took note of Lebanon's needs for various economic, educational and technical assistance.

The General Secretariat has requested Member States to implement the above decision and to inform it accordingly.

XIII. STATE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND POLICY OF ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION.

The Sixth Islamic Summit held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 3 to 5 Jumada Al Thani 1412H (9-11 December 1991).

Recalling Resolution No.1/20-E of the Twentieth ICFM which had expressed deep concern over the persistent and increasingly more serious international economic crisis in these recent years, a crisis which has negatively affected developing countries in general and the least developed

ones in particular, thus creating an imbalance in the world economic structure, among others:

Exhorted Member States to pursue their efforts in order to implement the Plan of Action aimed at Strengthening Economic Cooperation among Member States so as to maximize the complementarities of their economies and actively contribute to formulate new strategies under COMCEC.

Stressed the importance of the role which the private sector can play in strengthening Joint Islamic Action.

Exhorted Member States to lay down the conditions which are favourable to the consolidation of contacts among enterprise, companies, banks and other economic institutions in Member States.

Requested COMCEC to envisage, within the framework of the review of the strategies of the Plan of Action on Economic Cooperation among Member States, the ways and means of promoting inter-regional cooperation and the progressive integration of their economies, which should lead to the establishment of an Islamic Common Market taking due account of already existing regional groupings working in the same field.

The Summit finally urged Member States to actively participate in the building of a new international economic order with a view to ensuring sustained growth and development.

The General Secretariat sent this resolution to Member States urging them to implement it and keep it informed accordingly.

XIV. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION.

The Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation has requested the General Secretariat to prepare the Rules of Procedure and Statute for COMCEC.

The draft Statute and Rules of Procedure for COMCEC were approved by the Seventh COMCEC Session and endorsed by the Sixth Islamic Summit. This will enable COMCEC to operate on more solid and lasting bases and to create the best conditions for preparing and implementing new strategies of the Plan of Action as decided by the Sixth Islamic Summit.

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PROGRESS REPORT BY ICDT ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRADE INFORMATION NETWORK
FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES
(TINIC)

Eighth Meeting of the
Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC
(Istanbul, 5-7 May 1992)

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**TRADE INFORMATION NETWORK FOR
ISLAMIC COUNTRIES
TINIC**

The Resolution adopted by the Seventh Session of the COMCEC requested ICDT to keep on supervising, in close cooperation with the focal points and IDB, the work concerning the design of the required data banks and report progress to the next meeting of the Follow up Committee.

In pursuance of this resolution, a co-ordination meeting between ICDT and IDB was held in Casablanca in March 1992. This meeting was devoted to the identification of the tasks to be carried out by each of the two institutions in order to start the implementation of TINIC within the framework of the OICIS-NET network under consideration by IDB.

Thus, the following actions were led or have been scheduled.

1. Appointment of National Focal Points (NFP)

ICDT has officially contacted Member States for the appointment of their respective NFP. It was specified that the latter should have the following characteristics :

- To be a public or private institution specialized in the areas of information and trade promotion (Export Promotion Centre or its equivalent);
- For the launching stage to be provided with the required minimum equipment : telephone, telex, fax;
- Hardware needed subsequently : telecommunication terminal for the connection on the network.

The mission of the NFP will essentially concern :

- Data collection on the basis of questionnaires prepared by ICDT and their transmission to the latter.
- Linkage between the user and ICDT to meet information needs.

Besides, ICDT requested that answers be sent before June 15th, 1992 in order to allow it to convene in the Autumn of 1992, the first meeting of the NFP during which the cooperation procedures for the launching of TINIC will be defined.

2. **Definition** of the Data Bases System

ICDT has defined the data bases to be designed; this definition will be finalized during the first semester of 1992 in connection with IDB.

It should be noted that TINIC will be made up of the following data

- Bibliographical data base
- Index of foreign trade operators
- Tenders data base
- Foreign trade statistics data base
- Trade information exchange data base
- Foreign trade regulations data base
- Commodities prices data base

3. **Data Collection**

A first comprehensive questionnaire was already disseminated by IDB. Other questionnaires specific to each data base will be disseminated by ICDT to Member States before June 1992.

4. **Training**

Training seminars will be jointly organized by IDB/IRTI and ICDT intended for NFP.

5. **Promotion and Marketing**

In addition to the meeting intended for senior executives of NFP, the opportunities of Islamic and international trade events will be seized to promote OICIS-NET and TINIC networks. Besides, an information seminar may be organized in connection with the coming Islamic Trade Fair.

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In short, the first semester of 1992 has therefore witnessed the launching operations of TINIC : appointment of National Focal Points, definition of the content of data bases and dissemination of questionnaires.

Hoping that the scheduled calendar will be respected, other stages will start before the end of 1992 : first meeting of NFP, acquisition of collected data and training programme.

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PROGRESS REPORT BY IDB ON THE STATUS OF
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE AND
INVESTMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME

Eighth Meeting of the
Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC

(Istanbul, 5-7 May 1992)

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE AND
INVESTMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME**

1. The First Session of the OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), held in Istanbul, in Safar 1405H (November 1984), requested the IDB to prepare three studies, one of which was the feasibility of establishing an export credit guarantee scheme for the OIC member countries. Subsequently, the Third Session of COMCEC, held in Istanbul in Muharram 1408H (September 1987), discussed a report entitled: "**Detailed Study on the Establishment of an Export Credit and Guarantee Insurance Scheme for OIC Member Countries**" that was prepared and presented by the IDB. COMCEC requested the IDB to hold a meeting of experts to review the study and to work out the mechanics of an operationally feasible scheme that would simultaneously be consistent with Islamic Shariah.

2. The IDB hosted this experts group meeting in Jumad Thani 1408H (January 1988). The recommendations of this meeting were utilized by the IDB in revising the relevant segments of the "**Detailed Study**".

3. The Fourth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC, which met in Istanbul in Sha'baan 1408H (April 1988), discussed the following two documents presented to it by the IDB:

- (a) The revised version of the "**Detailed Study**" and
- (b) The "**Report of the Experts Group Meeting**" that met at the IDB Headquarters in January 1988.

Given the importance of the subject, the meeting kindly requested OIC member countries to communicate their views and comments to the IDB on the various issues raised by the experts. Subsequently, reactions were received from 10 member countries.

4. The comments received from the OIC member countries were included in the Progress Report which the IDB submitted to the Fifth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC, held in Istanbul in Shawwal 1409H (May 1989). This meeting requested the COMCEC Coordination Office to solicit additional responses from OIC member countries and send them to the IDB. As a result of this appeal, three additional responses were received. In sum, 13 member countries presented their views on the issues related to the proposed scheme.

5. The recommendations, as reflected in the resolutions of the Fifth Session of COMCEC, held in Istanbul in Safar 1410H (September 1989) included the following:

- (i) The technical and operational characteristics of the Scheme are, in general, appropriate;
- (ii) The Scheme should be established on the basis of the voluntary participation of member countries of the OIC, without waiting for additional comments on the Scheme from member countries. Private sector institutions in OIC member countries could also take part in the Scheme;
- (iii) The Scheme should cover exports and investments in a step-by-step manner;
- (iv) The Scheme should be established within the IDB, rather than through the creation of a new institution. Therefore, preparations for the Scheme should continue and the IDB should finalize the necessary studies for its establishment;

6. As part of the continuing efforts at establishing the proposed Export Credit Insurance Scheme, the IDB hosted a high level experts meeting in Jumad Thani, 1410H (November 1989), in order to profit from the experiences and views of participants at the meeting. The report of this high level experts group meeting dealt with three critical issues:

- (i) Substantive matters: These deal with the nature of the proposed institution, the type of insurance policies that may be covered, its operational scope, the risks to be covered, the establishment of a premium schedule, the Scheme's capital and underwriting capacity and the manner of handling country grading, ceilings and exposures;
- (ii) Reinsurance: This deals with the policy to be adopted on this question;
- (iii) Implementation schedule: This concerns the drafting of relevant documents, the nature of administrative and staff requirements, operational costs and related matters.

7. As was decided by the Fifth Session of COMCEC held in Istanbul, 3-6 September, 1989, the IDB submitted, at the Sixth Session of the COMCEC (held in Istanbul, 7-9 October, 1990)], the "**Draft Articles of Agreement Establishing the Islamic Corporation for Export Credit Insurance and Investment Guarantee**", which had earlier been communicated to Member States of OIC for their views and comments.

8. During the Sixth Session of COMCEC the Ministers expressed appreciation for the efforts of the IDB in preparing the "**Draft Articles of Agreement**". The Sixth for Session of COMCEC requested a thorough examination of the "**Draft Articles of Agreement**" by the relevant experts of the Member Countries at a meeting to be coordinated by the COMCEC Coordination Office at the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah, in order to finalize the Draft Agreement, within the following terms of reference:

- (i) The scheme in question should start with export credit insurance and should gradually cover investments;
- (ii) The scheme should function through an institution to be established as a subsidiary organ of the IDB, with the President of the Bank being the Ex-Officio Chairman of the General Council of the Scheme;
- (iii) The Scheme should be established on the basis of voluntary participation;
- (iv) The beneficiaries of the Scheme should exclusively be the Member Countries of OIC. The Scheme should also allow for the participation of the private sector in the Member Countries.
- (v) The Scheme should be confined to goods traded among the Member Countries conforming to specified rules of origin and cover both commercial and noncommercial risks.

COMCEC requested that the final version of the **"Draft Articles of Agreement"** arising from the work of the Experts Group Meeting should be submitted to the Seventh Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC.

9. Consequently, an Experts Group meeting was held at the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah on 9-10 Shawwal, 1411H (23-24 April, 1991). Using the terms of reference that were suggested by the Sixth Session of COMCEC, the experts examined the Draft Agreement and revised it accordingly. The deliberations of the meeting were conducted on the basis of the terms of reference, indicated above, as were earlier approved by the Ministers of the Sixth Session of COMCEC. There was thorough exchange of views on all aspects of the **"Draft Articles of Agreement"**.

10. Numerous opinions arose on various issues that would either be reflected in the revised Draft Agreement or properly be left to the Management of the Scheme to spell out in greater detail. One of these that attracted a lot of discussion was a resolution by the 14th ICFM that was held in 1403H (1983) that the creation of new institutions be deferred, pending further studies by a Committee of Experts. However, after a thorough discussion of the issue, the experts were convinced that the new Scheme conforms with both the views of the 14th ICFM, as well as that of Article 15 of the **"Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investment Among Member States of the Organization of Islamic Conference"** which, among others, states that the Scheme proposed by the Agreement shall be a subsidiary organ under the IDB. The experts were also of the unanimous opinion that, although the Scheme by its nature requires legal and financial autonomy, nonetheless it will function entirely under IDB's institutional arrangements, administration and Management.

11. Many valuable comments were presented by the experts. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the experts were unanimous that the revised document would conform to the draft terms of reference as stipulated by the Sixth Session of COMCEC. The IDB subsequently reflected the various suggestions and comments, through appropriate amendments that produced and improved **"Draft Articles of Agreement"**.

12. The Chairman of the Expert Group Meeting requested the Bank to submit the full text of the report and the revised **"Draft Articles of Agreement"** for consideration by the next Follow-up Committee of COMCEC in May 1991, which would, in turn present its report to the Seventh Session of COMCEC to be held in Istanbul during 6-9 October, 1991.

13. The Seventh Meeting of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee was held in Istanbul on 7-9 May, 1991. Under Agenda item 4, the representative of IDB presented the conclusions of the Expert Group Meeting held on 23-24 April 1991 at the Headquarters of

IDB and, outlined the "**Draft Articles of Agreement**" as revised by the experts. The Committee appreciated the efforts of IDB for hosting the Expert Group Meeting, organized in cooperation with the COMCEC Coordination Office, and for the preparation of the revised text of the "**Draft Articles of Agreement**".

14. The Committee, noted with satisfaction that the contents of the "**Draft Articles of Agreement**" conform to the guidelines given by COMCEC and then recommended that:

- (a) The IDB should begin the process of establishing the subsidiary institution, as envisaged in the "**Draft Articles**", and
- (b) The IDB should present a progress report to the Ministers at the Seventh Session of COMCEC, scheduled for October 6-9, 1991, in Istanbul.

15. The Draft Articles of Agreement establishing the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (the Corporation) were endorsed by the Ministers at the Seventh Session of COMCEC held during 6-9 October 1991. At the said Session, the Ministers requested the Bank to take all necessary legal and administrative measures for the establishment of the Corporation so that the Corporation may transact business as early as possible.

16. By way of giving effect to the recommendation of the Ministers, two measures were taken by the Bank:

- (i) An Inter-Departmental Task Force was set up at the Bank to advise the Bank on the immediate legal, financial, organizational and administrative measures required for the establishment of the Corporation.

- (ii) The Articles of Agreement of the Corporation were submitted to the Board of Executive Directors of the Bank for approval and for recommending to the Board of Governors of the Bank the approval of the Articles, the authorization for the Bank to participate to the Share Capital of the Corporation and to discharge the obligations incumbent on the Bank pursuant to the Articles.

17. At its 16th Annual Meeting held in Tripoli, Libya, in Sha'aban 1412H (February 1992), the Board of Governors of the Bank approved the Articles of Agreement of the Corporation and urged Member Countries of the Bank to subscribe to the Share Capital of the Corporation. On 19 Ramadan 1412H (23 March 1992) IDB signed the Articles and subscribed for 50,000 shares. During the last week of April 1992 the Bank dispatched a circular letter to all IDB Governors urging their respective countries to sign the Articles and subscribe to the Corporation's Share Capital. Countries which will not be able to sign the Articles before 4 July 1992 (the day on which a Special Meeting of the Board of Governor of IDB will be held) may authorize their IDB Governors to sign on their behalf at a special ceremony to be held on that date at the headquarters of the Bank.

18. By means of implementing the recommendations of the Task Force referred to in para-16 hereof, a high level mission was sent by IDB to Cairo during the period 24-28 March, 1992 for a consultative meeting on the steps necessary for the establishment of the Corporation. The meeting was attended by the Director General, Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation and the Vice President (Policy and Advisory Services) of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA).

19. It now appears that in order to speed up the process of translating the decision to set up the Corporation into concrete reality the following steps must be taken immediately to ensure an early subscription to the share capital of the Corporation and, consequently, an early commencement of transations by the Corporation:

- (A) Building a pre-launching strategy to ensure signature of the Articles and subscription to the share capital of the Corporation by Member Countries of the OIC. For this purpose, and if deemed necessary and expedient, missions of the highest level at the Bank may be mounted to Member Countries to persuade them to join the Corporation. Visits will also be made to Export Credit Insurance Agencies such as COFACE (of France) and HERMES (of Germany) and the Export Credit Guarantee Department (of the UK), and other similar specialized Agencies in Member Countries of the Bank. The purpose of such visits will be to introduce the Corporation, to establish business relations, to benefit from the experience of such institutions as well as to collect material and documents which may be adapted for use by the Corporation.
- (B) Appointment of staff including a Manager for the Corporation. Staff will be confined to a very limited number of highly qualified personnel with adequate practical experience in Export Credit Insurance as well as experience in insurance business and practices because at the initial stages the Corporation will rely predominantly on the services of the support departments of the Bank.
- (C) Undertaking immediate promotion services. This is one important measure that the Corporation will undertake immediately after its inception. The purpose of undertaking these services is to provide information about investment climate and export/import opportunities in Member Countries.
- (D) Establishment of an Advisory Task Force. This will be a permanent panel whose function is to advise the Bank and the Corporation on all technical matters relating to the performance of the Services of the Corporation.

(E) Preparation of Policy and Contractual Documents. In the light of the information and documents to be collected from the various institutions the Legal Department of the Bank will attempt to produce draft operational guidelines, insurance contracts and an export credit guarantee guide.

20. IDB would like to take this opportunity to impress on COMCEC the urgency of calling upon Member Countries of the OIC to sign the Articles of Agreement establishing the Corporation and to subscribe to the share capital of the Corporation as immediately as possible so that the Corporation may commence its transactions without delay.

21. IDB will keep COMCEC informed of all developments pertaining to the establishment of the Corporation.

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DRAFT AGENDA

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3. Adoption of the Agenda
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 - b- COMCEC's Approach to Economic Cooperation Among the OIC Member Countries
 - c- Changes In the Global Environment and Their Implications for Economic Cooperation Among OIC Member Countries
5. New Strategies for Economic Cooperation Among the OIC Member Countries
6. Any Other Business
7. Adoption of the Report and Recommendations
8. End of the Meeting.

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DRAFT AGENDA
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 - * Statement by H.E. Süleyman DEMİREL, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Alternate Chairman of the COMCEC.
 - * Statement by H.E.Dr.Hamid AL-GABID, Secretary General of OIC.
 - * Statements by Heads of Delegation on Behalf of the Three Regional Groups of the Member States of OIC.
 - * Statement by H.E.Ahmed Mohammed ALI, President of IDB.
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- 12 - Date of the Ninth Session of the COMCEC.
- 13 - Closing Session.

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CLOSING STATEMENT OF H.E. İLHAN KESİCİ
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Distinguished Members of the Follow-up Committee,
Esteemed Delegates,

As we have come to the end of the three-day work of the Eighth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the honourable members of the committee for their valuable efforts and sense of cooperation which ensured the success of the Meeting. My thanks and appreciation also go to the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank, and to the organs and institutions of OIC participating in the meeting which have carried out, with dedication and diligence, the tasks assigned to them.

I am confident that the recommendations that came out at the end of the deliberations, will be conducive to the materialization of the remaining projects on the Agenda of the COMCEC and will open avenues for closer cooperation in an ever

changing world where cooperation and interdependence tend to replace self-sufficiency.

The changes on the world economic and political scene highlight the importance of the efforts for regional cooperation and emphasize the necessity for developing more efficient mechanisms within the OIC community. Therefore, in addition to those cooperation schemes already launched, drawing up new strategies for economic cooperation among the member countries has a special meaning.

I firmly believe that, with the support and active participation of the Member Countries, the work we have assigned to the concerned expert group which is scheduled to meet prior to the Eighth Session of the COMCEC in Istanbul, will contribute to further strengthening economic cooperation among the member countries.

I would like to conclude by reiterating my thanks to all of you for your active participation in the meeting. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all technical and administrative personnel who have taken part in the organization of the Meeting, as well as to the translators and interpreters, for their tireless efforts and assistance for the success of the meeting.

Hoping to see you again in September for the Eighth Session of the COMCEC, I wish you a pleasant and safe journey home.

I close the Eighth Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC.