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RESOLUTION

FOR THE FIFTH OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
ON
PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN OIC MEMBER STATES

KHARTOUM, REPUBLIC OF SUDAN
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The Fifth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, from 26 to 28 October 2010;

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;

Reaffirming the Resolution on Food Security of the OIC Member States adopted by the Thirty Fifth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, from 18 to 20 June 2008;

Bearing in mind the Resolutions adopted by previous four OIC Ministerial Conferences on Food Security and Agricultural Development;

Commending the various interventions on food security within the framework of the IDB' Jeddah Declaration, Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and Special Programme for Development of Africa,

Taking note of the findings of the expert group meeting on "Achieving Food Security in Member Countries in Post-Crisis World" which was organized by the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 2-3 May 2010:

Considering the outcome of the 21st Annual Symposium of the Islamic Development Bank on "Achieving Food Security in Member Countries in Post-Crisis World", which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 23 June 2010 in conjunction with the 35th Annual Meeting of the IDB Board of Governors;

Mindful of the report of the workshop on "Agriculture and Rural Development within the Poverty Reduction Framework" as preparation for the "Exchange of Views Session of the 26th Meeting of COMCEC, which was organized by the Islamic Development Bank in collaboration with the SESRIC in Antalya, Turkey, on 16-18 September 2010;

Taking note of the Report and Recommendations of the Meeting of High Level Officials of OIC Member States on Food Security held in Izmir, Turkey, on 28-29 September 2010;

Reaffirming the outcome of the Exchange of Views Session on Agriculture and Rural Development of the 26th Meeting of the COMCEC, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 5-8 October 2010;

Concerned about the deleterious effects of global food crisis on OIC Member States, especially the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);

Alarmed by the increasing number of people suffering from hunger and poverty in OIC Member States;

Worried about the decline in domestic and international funding for agriculture, food security and rural development in OIC Member States;

Concerned about the adverse effects of depleting water resources, land degradation, drought and other climate change related problems on agricultural sector in OIC Member States;

Also concerned about the low productivity of agriculture in majority of OIC Member States and their dependence of food imports;

Acknowledging the absence of workable cooperation mechanism among the OIC Member States on food security and agricultural development;

Concerned about the fact that available resources in agricultural sector in many OIC Member States remain un-utilized;

Taking note of the Report and Recommendations of the Senior Officials Meeting which preceded the present Conference;

Having noted the presentations made by the OIC Member States and Institutions, as well as Regional and International Organizations on various aspects of food security and agricultural development in Muslim world;

Welcoming the commitment of capital and technology endowed OIC Member States to provide other OIC Member States with technical and in-kind assistance;

Also welcoming the establishment of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural development and Food Security;

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Sudan for hosting the Fifth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development;

Commending the initiative of the Secretary-General to reactivate the OIC activity on food security and agricultural development;

1. **Endorses** the recommendations of the recent expert/senior officials meetings held in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia), Baku (Azerbaijan), Antalya and Izmir (Turkey), respectively, in 2010,

2. **Undertakes** to accord food security a high priority in their national development programmes and budgets as well as mobilize resources for implementing priority food security and agricultural projects,
3. **Urges** Member States to allocate a minimum of 6% of the national budgets to food security programmes and **recommends** the creation of favorable conditions for attracting and sustaining foreign investments into the agricultural sector, food security and rural development,
4. **Approves** the immediate establishment of an Executive Framework for Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security in OIC Member States. The Framework must be actionable, result oriented, inclusive and comprehensive, including timelines and benchmarks. The Executive Framework should guide Country-owned and Regional Programs on the following basis:
 - Encouraging activities essential to food security, in particular agricultural activities and creating the legislative framework which is conducive to their development in an environmentally friendly manner and which guarantees that all enjoy access to the means of production, to training and information, and to an adequate and healthy food,
 - Promotion of intra-OIC co-operation in the agricultural sector in all forms, including the signing of partnership agreements, in particular with regard to intra-OIC investment and trade, access to technologies, development of proper infrastructure and storage facilities, as well as advancement of technical co-operation and the exchange of information,
 - Furthering public-private partnership and private investment, both domestic and foreign, in the development of agriculture and appropriate technologies as well as enhancing the effectiveness of the transfer of such technologies to rural populations via training and outreach programmes,
 - Strengthening the capacity of farmers and the capacity of farmers' organizations to produce, process and trade in agricultural products, as well as increase their productivity and compete equally on markets,
 - Also strengthening and promoting a network among existing research centers for food and agriculture, especially those operating in OIC countries and using their research results and new technologies at communal and national levels with a view to increasing production and productivity in agriculture,
 - Addressing food security in a comprehensive manner, including both production and consumption constraints as well as creation of an emergency response mechanism,

- Support for rural development, especially small scale farmers, women and youth, through creating necessary prerequisites such as access to land, education, loans, technology, agricultural inputs, improved seeds and market, with the objective of increasing production and productivity and reducing rural poverty,
 - Adopting the value chain approach in agriculture and improving the market functioning, the best harvest handling and addressing the issues connected to climate change,
 - Need to take cognizance of the existing regional programmes on food security and agricultural development involving OIC countries in order to enrich the Executive Framework, promote effective coordination and avoid overlapping and duplication.
5. **Recommends** that COMCEC be seized with the task of preparation of the said OIC Executive Framework and its implementation mechanism, through the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security,
 6. **Urges** OIC Member States to redeem their respective pledges to ISFD and SPDA, and **invites** all Member States to increase, or make new, contributions to the latter,
 7. **Calls on** Islamic Donor Countries and Financing Institutions, particularly the Islamic Development Bank, to increase their funding for agricultural projects in Member States with particular emphasis on empowerment of most vulnerable segments of population,
 8. **Invites** International Development Institutions and Donor Countries to increase their official development assistance and technical support in the agricultural sector of OIC Member States for increased agricultural production, poverty alleviation, and food security,
 9. **Calls on** the Private Sector to increase investment in the agricultural sector and develop partnership with national Governments, and non-governmental bodies to promote food security and rural development in member states,
 10. **Strongly supports** the activities of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security and its actions on the Conference recommendations,
 11. **Recommends** the participation of relevant regional organizations concerned with food security in OIC Member States in the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security,

12. **Welcomes** the offers by OIC Member States and relevant OIC Economic Institutions to serve as lead countries and agencies for the timely and inclusive implementation of the Executive Framework,
13. **Also welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to host the 6th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security in 2011. It also welcomes a similar offer by the Republic of Senegal to host the 7th Session of the Conference in 2012.
14. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a report thereon to the Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.
