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THE SIXTH OIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

ON

FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

ISTANBUL, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
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**RESOLUTION
ON
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IN OIC MEMBER STATES**

The Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 3 to 6 October 2011 (6-9 Dhu'l-Qi'dah 1432),

Recalling the provisions of the Strategy and Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic and Commercial Cooperation among the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation,

Bearing in mind 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,

Recalling the decision of the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2009 to revitalize the cooperation in the area of agriculture,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural development in OIC Member States adopted by 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 relevant resolutions of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 09- 13 May 2011,

Recalling the Resolution OIC/38-CFM/ECO/Res. on Economic Affairs adopted by the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 28-30 June 2011,

Expressing its grave concern about the unremitting spate of food insecurity and its negative social consequences in OIC Member States arising from rising cost of food, low agricultural productivity and investments, low capacity utilization, and natural disaster,

Recalling the various recommendations of the Expert Group Meetings on the urgent steps to be taken towards addressing the challenges of food insecurity and its effects on the livelihood of majority of the peoples in OIC Member States,

Drawing inspiration from the presentations made by participants on their national experiences and success stories,

Having noted the presentations made by the FAO on the South-South Cooperation scheme, as well as Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for the

Islamic Countries (SESRIC) on intra-OIC cooperation on Food Security and Agricultural Development,

Commending the outgoing Chairman for his dedication and commitment and **expressing** support for the declared vision of the in-coming Chairman, aimed at reinvigorating intra-OIC cooperation in the area of agriculture, rural development and food security,

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

Also expressing appreciation to the OIC Secretary General for his expeditious actions on the implementation of the Conference resolutions,

1. **Notes with appreciation** the work carried out by the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security with regard to the collation of national data and inventories to be used among others in the preparation of a framework document for cooperation and called on the member states to extend full support to the activities of the Task Force and SESRIC in this regard.
2. **Expresses its appreciation to** the members of the COMCEC Task Force on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security, namely OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, Islamic Development Bank, and Food and Agriculture Organization, for their valuable efforts and financial assistance to the work of the Task Force,
3. **Reiterates the need for** the OIC Member States to allocate more resources from their national budgets to agricultural development and food security programmes in line with the resolution of the Fifth Ministerial Conference;
4. **Commends** the OIC Member States, which have established capacity building programmes for OIC countries and special funds for food security programmes, and **urges** other countries to establish similar programmes within the framework of OIC South-South Cooperation;
5. **Calls on** the member states to consider the requests of some member states for technical cooperation in various sub sectors of agriculture such as effective utilization of water, modern techniques on animal breeding, conservation agriculture.
6. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Turkey to extend technical cooperation with the Member States on training and research and development;
7. **Recommends** the need for enhancing joint investment opportunities between member states through conducting inventory studies, exploring potentials,

exchange of know-how and enhancing the transparency of information, in the area of agriculture and food security.

8. **Also recommends** the need for the establishment of safety nets, risk management mechanisms, agricultural insurance systems, the measures to facilitate market access for the products of smallholders and to mitigate the effects of price volatilities;
9. **Urges** OIC Member States to continue to support cross-border and regional projects aimed at enhancing intra-OIC cooperation in the area of agriculture, rural development and food security;
10. **Supports** the proposal by the Republic of Kazakhstan on the establishment of an OIC Food Security Office in Kazakhstan;
11. **Calls upon the** Public and Private Companies operating in the field of Agri-Business Industry in the OIC Member States to actively participate in fairs and exhibitions in order to improve intra OIC trade including the 5th Exhibition of Agri-Business Industries in the OIC Member States to be held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 20-23 May 2012;
12. **Commends** the on-going regional and international partnerships for the implementation of Food Security Programmes in OIC Member States;
13. **Also Commends** the tripartite agreement initiative established by IDB, FAO and other development partners, aimed at intensifying South- South cooperation within the OIC and the framework co-financing agreement for US\$ 1.5 billion signed between IDB and IFAD;
14. **Expresses** appreciation for the offer by the Government of the Republic of Senegal to host the Seventh Session of the Conference in December 2012; and
15. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a report thereon to the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development.

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