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ISTANBUL RECOMMENDATION ON SUSTAINABLE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN OIC MEMBER STATES

ADOPTED BY THE THIRD OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND
HEALTH NETWORK OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC
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We, the National Authorities of the Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and members of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) participating in the Third OIC-OSHNET Meeting held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 10 May 2016,

Noting the conclusions of the First Meeting of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 10 September 2011 and the subsequent ICLM sessions,

Instigated by the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, adopted by the Second Meeting of Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, held in Baku, on 23-26 April 2013,

Reiterating that Islam is a religion of peace and advocates appreciation of human life,

Believing that decent work and safe work places are unique elements to ensure the sustainability and well-being of societies,

Recalling that generating continuous improvement in working conditions is of paramount importance and promoting the rights of workers to a safe and health working environment should be recognised as a fundamental human right,

Inspired by the principles and objectives of United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

Supporting the implementation of the General Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health which were endorsed by 3rd Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers,

Hereby participants have urged member countries to:

1. Strengthen cooperation and expertise, aimed at supporting efforts by individual Member States for the promotion of Occupational Safety and Health;



2. Increase participation in the development, elaboration and implementation of Occupational Safety and Health policies at the inter-OIC level;
3. Generate a favourable environment for the elaboration of projects of both intra- and inter-regional scope through, inter alia, wide dissemination of necessary information and broader participation;
4. Strengthen our capacities through exchange of experts, long term training programmes, joint projects and study visits in the field of OSH among others;
5. Designate our National Focal Points (NFPs), Member States that have not done so, for the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC OSHNET);
6. Call upon the National Focal Points (NFPs) of the Network and relevant authorities in the Member States, as well as, the relevant OIC institutions to actively participate in the implementation of relevant activities of OIC OSHNET;
7. Develop OSH country profiles for those who have not done so and submit OIC OSHNET Secretariat;
8. Fully support the proposal of Turkey to establish OIC OSH Centre in the Republic of Turkey for smoother coordination of works under OIC OSHNET;
9. Register and update their experts in OIC OSHNET expert database in the field of occupational health and safety;
10. Assist and recommend to the Secretariat of the Network to determine potential partners on Occupational Safety and Health;
11. Provide periodic progress reports on steps taken to realise these recommendations in a manner and timeframe prescribed by the Secretariat.

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