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Introduction:

1. The Fourth Islamic Conference of Health Ministers with the theme of “Better Nutrition, Better Health, Better Ummah” was held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia on 22-24 October 2013. The Conference was attended by the Ministers of Health and high-level representatives from OIC Member States, observer States, OIC institutions and international organizations and entities. (List of participants attached at Annex I).

Election of Bureau Members and Adoption of Agenda:

2. The Conference was declared open by H.E. Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as the Chair of the Third Health Ministers Conference. Subsequently the Conference elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairman : Republic of Indonesia

Vice Chairmen { Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Republic of Gabon
State of Palestine

Rapporteur : Republic of Kazakhstan

3. The election of the Bureau was followed by the adoption of the Agenda and Programme of Work for the meeting (attached as Annex II & III).

Conference Summary:

4. The inaugural session of the Conference was addressed by the OIC Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Abdul Moiz Bokhari, His Excellency Dr Erik Baizhunussov, Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Chairperson of the 4th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, Her Excellency Dr. Nafsiah Mboi, Minister of Health of Indonesia.
5. The Conference took note of the report of the OIC Secretary General on the Implementation of the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action in the Health Sector and Implementation of the recommendations of the first, second and third Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers.

6. Dr Erik Baizhunussov, Deputy Health Minister of Kazakhstan, in his capacity as the chair of the Steering Committee on Health, presented the report of the 7th meeting of the Steering Committee, held on 21 October 2013 (Annex IV) for the consideration of the Health Ministers. The Conference took note of the report and its annexures and endorsed the recommendations adopted by the Steering Committee during its 7th meeting.
7. The Chairperson briefed the Conference about the Strategic Health Programme of Action and invited the participants to adopt the document. The Conference adopted the Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPOA) along with its Implementation Plan and, in line with the recommendation of the 7th Steering Committee meeting, agreed to designate the period for the two documents as 2014-2023.
8. In their national statements during the general debate, Member States welcomed the adoption of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action and its Implementation Plan and expressed their hope that the SHPOA will provide impetus to national actions and international collaboration for addressing the health related challenges in the OIC Member States. In this connection, prevention and control of diseases, maternal and child health and promotion of self-reliance in the production and supply of vaccines were identified as some of the priority areas.
9. The delegation of Saudi Arabia made a presentation on health management during Hajj.
10. A presentation was made by the delegation of Somalia on the health situation in the country and urged the Member States and international partners to assist the Somali government in this regard.

Panel discussions:

11. Eight Panel Discussion were held during the 4th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers on i) Fight against Tuberculosis; ii) Eradication of Malaria; iii) Global Eradication of Polio; iv) Ending Preventable Maternal and Child Death – Accelerating Progress for 2015 and beyond; v) Self Reliance on supply and production of pharmaceuticals including vaccines; vi) Nutrition and Stunting; vii) Healthy Life Style and Non-Communicable Diseases Control; viii) OIC contribution to the post 2015 MDG document.
12. The Panel Discussions involved experts and representatives from Member States, international organizations and initiatives who shared their perspectives and experiences on the issues covered by the discussions.
13. The salient elements and recommendations of the Panel discussions were summarized in the resolutions adopted by the Conference. Concept papers for the various Panel Discussions including the list of speakers, moderators and rapporteurs are attached (Annex V).

Resolutions and Declaration:

14. The Conference adopted five resolutions (Annex-VI) covering a range of issues relevant to the OIC Health agenda as follows:

- i) Resolution No.1: OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014-2023 and Strengthening Health Cooperation.
- ii) Resolution No.2: Healthy Life Style and Prevention and Control of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.
- iii) Resolution No.3: Maternal and Child health and Nutrition.
- iv) Resolution No.4: Self-Reliance in Production and Supply of Pharmaceuticals including Vaccines.
- v) Resolution No.5: Health Support for the Palestinians in Occupied Palestine and the Syrian Arab Inhabitants of the Occupied Syrian Golan.
- vi) Resolution No.6: On Health Programmes for Hajj and Umrah Pilgrims

15. Among other things the resolutions reflected the summary of the salient elements and recommendations of the eight Panel Discussions held on the subjects of particular importance for the OIC Member States in the domain of health.

16. The Health Ministers adopted the Jakarta Declaration (Annex-VII) which reaffirmed the centrality of the health issues to the overall well being of the people and socio-economic development of the OIC Member States. It reaffirmed the commitment of the Member States to attach high priority to health issues, strengthen their national health systems and programmes, work together for addressing the challenges facing the OIC countries and foster collaboration at the international level for the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals and the objectives and targets for the post-2015 development agenda.

17. The Conference decided to hold the 5th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in 2015 in the Republic of Turkey and the 6th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in 2017 in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

18. The Conference concluded by the address of the Minister of Health of Indonesia and the statement of the OIC Secretary General, which was delivered on his behalf by the Assistant Secretary General for Science and Technology. Both the speakers thanked the delegations for their active participation and valuable contributions to the work of the Conference. They underscored the need for concerted follow up and monitoring of the decisions of the Conference and reaffirmed their commitment to remain seized of the issues covered by the decisions of the Conference.

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