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**RESOLUTION
OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE COMCEC**

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The Twenty-fifth Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (COMCEC), held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey, from 5 to 7 November 2009,

Recalling the relevant Resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) and the COMCEC, in particular thereof, the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the 24th Session of the COMCEC,

Reaffirming the commitment of all Member States to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action (TYPOA) adopted at the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, on 7-8 December 2005,

Having regard to the objectives of the Strategy and Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States,

Considering the progress reports, working papers and studies submitted by the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) and the Organization of Islamic Ship-owners Association (OISA) on the agenda items,

Expressing appreciation for the efforts made by the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office and OIC institutions working in the area of economic and commercial cooperation, namely, SESRIC, Islamic University of Technology (IUT), ICDT, IDB, ICCI and OISA.

I. World Economic Developments with Special Emphasis on OIC Member States

1. **Emphasizes** that further efforts should be made by the Member States to decrease their vulnerability to adverse external shocks and to increase their share in the world economy and trade;
2. **Underlines** the urgent need for more integrated and concerted policy actions to recover from the crisis and improve the economic situation of the OIC Community;
3. **Recognizes** the need for the execution of infrastructure development projects in Member States to help improve the income of their commodity producers, and reduce producers' and Member States' vulnerability to price fluctuations in world markets;
4. **Recognizes** that low cost energy is a prerequisite for economic and social development of the Member States, **urges** Member States to enhance cooperation regarding energy matters, to focus on environmental aspects of energy policies and to accelerate research and developing the use of new and renewable energy resources;
5. **Takes note** of the recommendations presented by the SESRIC, ICDT, IDB and the COMCEC Coordination Office for the recovery from the crisis, and to improve the economic situation in the member states against the negative impact of the fluctuations of the commodity prices and **urges** OIC institutions and Member States to follow-up recommendations deemed appropriate;
6. **Entrusts** the SESRIC to continue to monitor world economic developments and their implications on the Member States and to report thereon to the annual sessions of the COMCEC with a set of policy recommendations.

II. Review of the Implementation of the TYPOA and the Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic and Commercial Cooperation Among the OIC Member States

7. **Welcomes** the decision of the 36th Session of the CFM to organize, in 2010, a mid-term review of TYPOA during the ordinary sessions of the OIC

Standing Committees and **decides** to include the mid-term review of the programme in the agenda of the 26th Session of the COMCEC;

8. **Invites** SESRIC and IDB to organize, in collaboration with the General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, ICDT, ICCI and OISA a workshop on the implementation of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action and report to the 26th Session of the COMCEC;

9. **Takes note** of the outcome of 4th Coordination Meeting of the OIC institutions in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7 April 2009, for the timely and successful implementation of TYPOA;

10. **Calls upon** the Member States to contribute to the implementation of the TYPOA through their full political, moral and financial support;

11. **Pays tribute** to the government of Burkina Faso, OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic Development Bank Group for the successful organization of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Forum of West Africa on the Implementation of the Special Program for the Development of Africa held on Ouagadougou-Burkina Faso on 28-29 October 2009;

12. **Invites** Member States, as well as national, regional and international development institutions to participate in the Economic Forum of the same nature that will be hosted by the Government of Cameroon 2010 for the OIC Member States from Central, East and West Africa;

13. **Notes** that the Statute of Islamic Civil Aviation Council as a subsidiary organ of the OIC, has entered into force and **urges** the General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Government of Republic of Tunisia, to organize the 1st General Assembly of the Council in 2010;

14. **Emphasizes** the need of furthering the cooperation in the area of tourism and **urges** all Member States to implement the Short Term Plan and Program for the effective realization of the Framework of Development and Cooperation Among the OIC Member States in the Domain of Tourism, which was adopted at the 1st Coordination Committee Meeting held in Damascus in March 2009;

15. **Welcomes** the offers of the Republic of Turkey to host the Second Coordination Committee Meeting and Islamic Republic of Iran to host 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers in 2010 respectively;

16. **Underscores** the success of the Seminar on the Development of Tourism in the Muslim World held in Girne, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, from 15 to 17 April 2009, in increasing awareness on the investment-generating potential of service and tourism sectors in the Member States;

17. **Supports** the decision of the Joint Meeting of the 31st Executive Committee and 23rd General Assembly of the OISA, which took place in Dubai, to undertake a comprehensive reform of the OISA that is aimed at rejuvenating its activities and **appeals** to Member States provide necessary assistance to OISA in this regard;

18. **Takes note** of the report and recommendations submitted by OISA regarding transportation sector in the Member States;

19. **Decides** to reactivate cooperation in agriculture, tourism and transportation sectors and **requests** the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC to take into consideration while developing the agenda of the 26th Session of the COMCEC accordingly;

20. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and the COMCEC Coordination Office to examine the relevance of the existing Plan of Action and submit a report on this matter to the 26th Session of the COMCEC.

Sessional Committee

21. **Supports** the initiative of the Republic of Sudan to organize the Expert Group and Ministerial Meetings on the "OIC Dakar Port-Sudan Railways Line Project" in Khartoum, on 9-10 December 2009, and **invites** all Member States and OIC Institutions concerned to actively participate in these events;

22. **Appreciates** the effective follow-up of the regional project of "Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa" by OIC General Secretariat, ICDT and SESRIC;

23. **Takes note of** the two project proposals by the OIC General Secretariat on an Islamic Air Transport Organization and an Federation of Islamic Road Transport Association as private sector entities, and **requests** the OIC General Secretariat to take views of the member states on the matter by sending the proposals with explanatory notes and present its evaluation to the 16th Sessional Committee Meeting;

24. **Takes note of the** two project proposals suggested by the COMCEC Coordination Office on the establishment of an e-marketplace and a grand OIC/IDB scholarship program in major academic fields and **requests** submission of these proposals according to the Project Profile Form to the 16th Sessional Committee Meeting;

25. **Takes note of** the report and recommendations of the 15th Sessional Committee Meeting held prior to the 25th Session of COMCEC on development projects initiated by the Member States;

26. **Calls on** Member States to propose new projects and programs to enrich the agenda of the COMCEC through the Sessional Committee.

III. Enriching the agenda and substance of the COMCEC

27. **Thanks** the COMCEC Coordination Office and SESRIC for conducting a study on "Enhancing Economic and Commercial Cooperation among the Member States of the OIC" aimed at enriching the agenda of the COMCEC annual Ministerial Sessions and achieve more tangible results; and **requests** the Member States to communicate their views to the COMCEC Coordination Office to be submitted to the 26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee Meeting which will examine and prioritize the project proposals.

IV. Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC)

28. **Reiterates** the importance of the TPS-OIC as the institutional basis for enhancing the intra-OIC trade and achieving the TYPOA 20% target by 2015;

29. **Welcomes** the recent ratification of the PRETAS by Bangladesh, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, thus bringing the total number of ratifications to

eleven Member States, namely Bangladesh, Bahrain, Jordan, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and the UAE;

30. **Reaffirms** commitment to the 20% target of intra-OIC trade by 2015 as stated in the TYPOA and **urges** all Member States to sign and ratify PRETAS and the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin at the earliest convenience to make TPS-OIC operational;

31. **Recommends** the Trade Negotiating Committee to consider convening as soon as possible to consider the necessary arrangements for the operationalization of the TPS-OIC.

V. Intra-OIC trade

i) Recent Developments of Intra-OIC Trade

32. **Takes note** of the progress on the implementation of the “Executive Programme of the Road-MAP for achieving intra-OIC Trade Targets of Intra-OIC trade” prepared by relevant OIC institutions and **requests** IDB to mobilize necessary funds in order to expedite its implementation;

33. **Requests** the OIC Institutions to carry out their activities according to the executive program of the Road Map and urges the Member States to lend necessary support to the OIC Institutions in this regard and to actively participate in those activities;

34. **Requests** the Member States to keep on providing the ICDT with data relating to trade and investment statistics and regulations and **entrusts** IDB and ICDT with following on the issue of the expansion of intra-OIC trade and reporting to the COMCEC and to other OIC fora.

35. **Takes note** of the proposal by Morocco that movement of persons among Member States should be facilitated by removing barriers to it.

ii) Trade Financing Activities

36. **Takes note** of the efforts of ITFC in increasing intra-OIC trade by financing trade activities of Member States and by providing technical assistance to Member States mainly in trade promotion and capacity building

and **urges** Member States to increase their support, coordination and cooperation with the ITFC and IDB Group to attain greater achievements in these areas;

37. **Recognizes** the importance of availability of funds for trade operations of LDMCs and SMEs in Member States to accelerate their economic development and **acknowledges** ITFC's efforts in developing and introducing new financial services and products particularly in favor of LDMCs and SMEs;

38. **Calls on** ITFC to expand its Export Finance Operations while applying internationally competitive mark-up rates for these operations;

39. **Urges** Member States who have not been actively identifying viable trade finance opportunities and proposals for ITFC financing to actively support the corporation in the drive to increase intra-OIC trade volumes;

40. **Reaffirms** the importance of building human and institutional capacity in Member States to support their economic development and **welcomes** the announcement of the ITFC concerning three technical assistance projects aim at strengthening training capacity of some Member States' Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs) to enable them to act as regional training centers for the benefit other OIC Member States;

41. **Takes note** of the roles of ITFC in supporting "Aid for Trade Initiative for SPECA Region" and **recognizes** the importance of this initiative, which is expected to identify trade development needs of the concerned Member States.

iii) Trade Fairs of Islamic Countries and other Trade-Promoting Activities

42. **Expresses** its appreciation to the ICDT, Egypt and Saudi Arabia for organizing 12th Trade Fair of Islamic Countries in Cairo in October 2009 and 2nd Agro-Industries Exhibition of the OIC Member States in Jeddah May 2009 and **urges** the Member States to actively participate in the upcoming Trade Fairs and Tourism Fairs of OIC Member States;

43. **Urges** the OIC Member States to actively participate in the 2nd Tourism Fair of OIC Member States to be held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt from 10th to 13th December 2010;

44. **Urges** the Member States to actively participate in the 13th Trade Fair of OIC Member States to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from 24 to 29 April 2011;

45. **Welcomes** the offers of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Guinea to host the 14th and the 15th editions of the Trade Fair of OIC Member States in 2013 and 2015 respectively and **requests** ICDT to follow up on this matter;

46. **Also welcomes** the offers of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Third and Fourth Tourism Fairs in 2012 and 2014 respectively and **requests** ICDT to follow up on this matter;

47. **Further welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Senegal (the International Exchange Centre of Dakar) to host the First “Building and Real Estate Exhibition of the OIC Member States” (OIC Building Expo) in Dakar from 11-14 March 2010 and **urges** the OIC Member States to actively participate in this Fair;

48. **Calls on** the member states to give importance to the exhibition of High Tech industrial goods with high value added in their participation in the next fairs;

49. **Requests** the ICDT to hold more sector-specific trade fairs and to keep up utilizing professional expertise in these activities.

iv) Private Sector Meetings

50. **Expresses its appreciation** to the ICCI for undertaking activities leading to the fulfillment of the objectives of the TYPOA and adoption of a new strategy on increasing intra-OIC trade, and **welcomes** its efforts on designing alternative formats of Private Sector Meetings in order to attract more businessmen from the Member States;

51. **Notes with satisfaction** that ICCI, in particular FORAS, the investment arm of ICCI, is concentrating its activities on the agriculture, real estate and energy sectors in the African Member States;

52. **Welcomes** the decision of Syrian Arab Republic to facilitate issuance of visas for business people from the member states and **calls on** the other member states to consider the possibility of similar facilitation;

53. **Welcomes** the offer of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 5th Businesswomen Forum in Cairo, in April 2010;

54. **Invites** the ICCI, to explore the holding of Private Sector Meetings concurrently with the Trade Fairs of OIC Member States which organized every two year by ICDT.

v) Matters related to World Trade Organization (WTO) Activities

55. **Supports** the positions of countries accessing the WTO so as to limit the imposition of conditionalities which exceed WTO's usual regulations and which surpass the ability and the development level of the accessing countries particularly least developed OIC Members, and **underlines** the importance of an early conclusion of the Doha Development Round (DDA) with the objective of fully realizing its developmental components;

56. **Reiterates** its call on IDB and ICDT to continue to pool and coordinate their efforts to reinforce human and institutional capacities of the Member States, so as to facilitate their full integration into the multilateral trading system on equal and fair basis;

57. **Entrusts** IDB and ICDT to monitor matters relating to WTO activities and report to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and other fora concerned.

VI. Financial Cooperation among the OIC Member States and Enhancing Intra-OIC Investment Flows

a) Report by IDB

58. **Requests** the ICIEC to expand its investment insurance programs to the investments of the Member States in non-Member States.

b) Cooperation among the Stock Exchanges of the OIC Member States

59. **Welcomes** the progress made at the 3rd Forum of Stock Exchanges of OIC Member States and **calls on** the Member States' Stock Exchanges to actively participate in the meetings and activities of the Forum;

60. **Calls on** Member States and relevant OIC Institutions to develop a similar cooperation mechanism for Capital Markets' Regulatory Bodies of Member States.

c) Cooperation among the Central Banks of the OIC Member States

61. **Expresses appreciation** to the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey and SESRIC for organising the 1st Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States, and **takes note** of the decision of the Meeting to convene on an annual basis;

62. **Welcomes** the offer of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey to host the 2nd Meeting in Turkey in September 2010.

VII. Development of the OIC Halal Food Standards and Procedures

63. **Expresses** appreciation to the Standardization Experts Group (SEG) for finalization of the three documents, namely "OIC General Guidelines on Halal Food"; "Guidelines for Bodies Providing Halal Certification"; and "Guidelines for the Authorized Accreditation Body Accrediting Halal Certification Bodies";

64. **Takes note** of the Report of the SEG and **requests** the SEG to clarify pending issues mentioned in the Report and propose the details of the implementation mechanism of the OIC Halal Food System;

65. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to circulate the Report to the Member States for any additional comments and report back to the 26th Session of COMCEC for consideration and adoption.

VIII. E-government applications and their economic impact on the OIC Member States

66. **Takes note** with reference to the report presented by SESRIC on "E-Government Readiness: the Performance of the OIC Member States";

67. **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the "International Conference on e-Government: Sharing Experiences" (eGOVsharE2009) which will be co-organized by SESRIC, Republic of Turkey and UNDP on 8-11 December 2009 in Antalya, Turkey;

68. **Requests** the SESRIC in cooperation with relevant OIC institution to establish a working group and develop a portal for knowledge and experience sharing and to conduct e-government initiatives. The proposal on the structure and organization of the working group will be presented Islamic Republic of Iran in the E-Gov Share2009 Conference (December 8-11, 2009, Antalya).

IX. Review of the Implementation of the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)

69. **Urges** Member States, which have not yet made commitments to announce their generous financial contributions in favor of this Fund, and those which have announced their contributions but did not pay them to do so;

70. **Appeals** to Member States to make substantial contributions commensurate with their financial and economic capabilities without delay to reach the full US\$10.0 billion capital of the Fund and **requests** the IDB to approach to the Member States for the payment of their contributions to the Fund;

71. **Welcomes** the initiative of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to contribute to the Special Program for the Development of Africa, with its aggregate cost reaching USD 12 billion for 5 years; **takes note** of the Bank's contribution to be estimated at USD 4 billion, and **appeals** to donor countries and international financial institutions to help with resource mobilization to fill the financing gap amounting to 8 billion dollars;

72. **Welcomes** with satisfaction the resolutions adopted at the 36th CFM on economic assistance to Member States and Muslim peoples and communities suffering from humanitarian crises and experiencing great economic difficulties and on post-crisis rebuilding; and **urges** Member States to take required action for the implementation of the said resolutions.

73. **Reiterates** its support to the Palestinian National Authority and Government in its programmes designed to proceed in the coming years with establishing the institutions of the Palestinian State with its capital as Al-Quds Al-Sharif and **calls upon** all Member States to extend assistance to these programmes including the Programme of the reconstruction of the infrastructure devastated by the Israeli aggression in Gaza Sector.

X. Review of the Implementation of the OIC Five-year Cotton Plan of Action (2007-2011)

74. **Endorses** the decisions of the 2nd and 3rd Meetings of the Steering Committee and 1st and 2nd Project Committee Meetings for the Implementation of the OIC Cotton Plan of Action, held in Izmir, Turkey, in February and May 2009, respectively;

75. **Calls on** all concerned Member States to fully benefit from the OIC Cotton Plan and submit projects in the domains of cotton, textile and related activities;

76. **Invites** the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, IDB, ITFC and ICDT to organize, during the second half of 2010, Meetings of Project Committee and Steering Committee on cotton and **appeals** to all concerned Member States in particular the project owners, OIC Institutions and International Institutions to take part actively in these activities;

77. **Calls** upon the IDB Group and other financial institutions to finance the cotton projects which were adopted by the Cotton Project Committee and Steering Committee Meetings;

78. Taking into consideration the circumstances prevailing in Afghanistan, **calls upon** the IDB, Turkey, as the Chairman of the Steering Committee as well as interested Member States to cooperate with the relevant Afghan Authorities in surveying the potentials for cotton production in the country and prepare project proposals for consideration of the Project Committee;

79. **Takes note** of the report of the workshop and buyers/sellers meeting on “Trade and Investment in the Cotton Sector in OIC Member States”, organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry of the Arab Republic of Egypt, ICDT and ITFC in Cairo on 12th and 13th October 2009;

80. **Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat of the OIC for the establishment of the OIC Cotton Web-site, and **urges** all Member States of the OIC to provide information on their cotton and textile sector on regular basis to be downloaded on this website;

81. **Calls on** Member States to expedite the implementation of the OIC Cotton Plan of Action for deepening cooperation in this important sector.

XI. Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member States

82. **Takes note** with satisfaction of the progress that has been achieved vis-a-vis Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member States (OIC-VET) and **commends** the efforts exerted by SESRIC to launch the OIC-VET Portal as a critical step in the implementation of the Programme;

83. **Endorses** the Work Plan of the Pilot Application Phase of the OIC-VET and **entrusts** SESRIC to proceed with the implementation of the Plan;

84. **Welcomes** the significant role being played by the IDB on the implementation of the OIC-VET Programme and **requests** the IDB to contribute to the funding of the execution of the Programme;

85. **Welcomes** the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host First Meeting of Working Group on Exchange of Experiences of the Islamic Countries in the relevant area of Vocational Training;

86. **Requests** IUT and other OIC institutions to incorporate their vocational training programmes and other human capacity building activities into the OIC-VET, thereby, generating a common OIC platform in this important area for easier follow-up and more benefits for the OIC Member States.

XII. Exchange of Views on the “Impact of Food Crisis on the Economies of OIC Countries”

87. **Calls on** the Member States to vitalize cooperation in food security with a view to deal efficiently with the issue of food security and **requests** the IDB, OIC General Secretariat and COMCEC Coordination Office to follow up the matter;

88. **Welcomes** the commitment of the Republic of Sudan to host the Meeting of the Ministers of Agriculture and Food of OIC Member States in February 2010 to discuss food security and agricultural development as

endorsed by the 35th and the 36th Session of the Ministerial Council of OIC Foreign Ministers stated in the Report of the General Secretariat on the implementation of the Ten-Year Plan of Action;

89. **Takes note** of the Report of the Working Meeting on Food Security in OIC Member States held in Istanbul on 4th November 2009 in pursuance to the resolution of the 24th session of the COMCEC requesting the OIC General Secretariat, IDB, and COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), in collaboration with FAO to initiate food security programmes in OIC Member States;

90. **Adopts** the Road Map recommended by the Working Meeting on Strengthening Cooperation to Enhance Food Security in OIC Member States which includes the establishment of a Task Force comprising OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, Islamic Development Bank to work in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);

91. **Requests** the Task Force to submit a progress report to the 26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC;

92. **Notes with appreciation** the outcome of the Forum on Food Industry Development in Africa, held in Bamako, Mali, on 25-27 February 2009, which highlighted the importance of developing agro-industries in Africa in terms of sustainable development;

93. **Notes with satisfaction** the demarches of the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the General Secretariat of the OIC to organize a Forum on Development of Agro-industries in the Member States in 2010 and **urges** all Member States to actively participate in the Forum;

94. **Adopts** the report and recommendations of the workshop on the “Impact of Food Crisis on the Economies of the OIC Member States and the Developmental Prospects of Trade and Investments in the Agricultural Sector” which was organized by the Kingdom of Morocco in coordination with ICDT and ITFC in Casablanca on 17-18 June 2009;

95. **Extends** its appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank for launching in June 2008 a landmark \$1.5 billion food initiative, aimed at assisting the

Least Developed Countries of OIC in increasing their agricultural production and securing adequate stock of grains;

96. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host a meeting with the theme of food security preceding the 26th Session of the COMCEC.

97. **Takes note** of the results of the questionnaire circulated by SESRIC to the Member States on the proposed themes for the COMCEC exchange of views sessions in which the responding countries prioritize the following themes:

Theme 1: The impact of exchange rate policies and currency harmonization on intra-OIC trade

Theme 2: Development of financial architecture in OIC Member States

Theme 3: Islamic Banking in the new financial system

Theme 4: Agricultural development and water related issues in the Member States

98. **Urges** the Member States to respond to the questionnaire circulated by SESRIC every year on the proposed themes in a timely manner;

99. **Decides** on “Agriculture and Rural Development in the Member States ” as the theme for the Exchange of Views at the 26th Session of the COMCEC and **requests** the IDB, in collaboration with SESRIC, the coordinating institution for the exchange of views sessions, the OIC General Secretariat, relevant OIC institutions and other related international organizations to organize a workshop on this topic prior to the 26th Session of the COMCEC and to submit its report to the said COMCEC Session;

100. **Requests** the organizers of the Workshop on “Agriculture and Rural Development in the Member States” to consider studying the necessary information on natural and financial resources of the Member states, which will contribute to the utilization of the potentially productive but unused and undeveloped agricultural areas, increasing the farmer income and alleviating poverty in Least Developed Member States.

Date of 26th Session of COMCEC

101. **Decides** that the 26th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee will be held from 10 to 12 May 2010 and the 26th Session of the COMCEC will be held in Istanbul from 5 to 8 October 2010.

Any Other Business

i) The Statistical Working Group (SWG) at the OIC level

102. **Calls upon** the National Statistical Agencies (NSAs) and other relevant institutions in the Member States to actively cooperate with the Statistical Working Group (SWG) in the areas of data collection and statistical capacity building towards compiling consistent and high quality statistical database on various socio-economic fields in the Member States;

103. **Welcomes** the offer of SESRIC and IDB to organize the 1st Meeting of NSAs of the OIC Member States in March 2010 in Istanbul, and **calls upon** the NSAs of the OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to actively participate in the meeting;

104. **Requests** SESRIC to report on the activities of the SWG to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and Follow-up Committee Meetings, and **welcomes** the offer of the IDB to host the Third Meeting of SWG in 2010 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

ii) Cooperation among the Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member States

105. **Welcomes** the Istanbul Declaration, which has been adopted by the 1st Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member States in Istanbul on 13-14 May 2009 and **calls upon** the DCIs of the OIC Member States to actively participate in the annual meetings of the DCIs of the Member States;

106. **Appreciates** the efforts of SESRIC towards organizing the Experts Group Meeting to examine and prepare guidelines and procedures for the establishment of the OIC Development Assistance Committee (OIC-DAC);

107. **Welcomes** the organization of the Second Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of OIC Member States to be held in the first quarter of 2010 in collaboration with SESRIC;

108. **Requests** SESRIC to report on the activities of the annual meetings of the DCIs of the Member States to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and Follow-up Committee Meetings;

109. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Member States, OIC Institutions and all stakeholders for undertaking the activities stated in these resolutions;

110. **Supports** Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA).

iii) Organizational Matters

111. **Requests** the relevant OIC Institutions to submit their reports and studies in three languages to the COMCEC Coordination Office at least one month before the COMCEC Sessions and the Follow-up Committee Meetings;

112. **Requests** the COMCEC Coordination Office to ensure the coordination with relevant OIC institutions with regard to the content of the reports to be submitted by the institutions to the COMCEC Sessions and Follow-up Meetings to prevent overlappings;

113. **Requests** the OIC institutions to notify all Member States well in time about the meetings organized within the auspices of COMCEC for active participation.

