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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 8 (a and b)**

### **a) Qurbani meat initiative**

### **b) Flour for Humanity**

#### **a) QURBANI MEAT INITIATIVE**

##### **Preamble**

Developing competitive agro-industries is crucial for generating employment and income opportunities in the majority of IOFS/OIC Member States, considering the fact that more than 52% of the OIC and indeed IOFS populations live in rural areas and depend on agriculture. For the OIC/OIFS Member States, the livestock industry has great potential, especially the sheep breeding sector.

The Qurbani meat initiative started after calls from some OIC/OIFS Member States. This activity would provide several benefits for Muslim World. It aims to develop the potential of livestock production in the OIC/OIFS countries, such as increasing the income of farmers, developing market infrastructure and developing rural areas. On the other hand, providing humanitarian assistance to the people in need in the OIC/OIFS countries.

The IOFS Secretariat proposes the creation of an international system (on-line platform) to organize the slaughter of sacrificial animals and the distribution of meat to needy people. This platform will simplify and facilitate a Muslim from anywhere in the world to make a ritual sacrifice. The project will be implemented through the authorized network of trusted livestock companies (farms, feedlots, slaughterhouses) located on the territory of any OIC/OIFS Member States. This project is compatible with the Adahi project successfully running by IsDB.

##### **Follow-Up and conclusion**

The Concept note of the new Qurbani meat project was duly circulated to IOFS/OIC Member States, with a request for inputs, comments, remarks and amendments to the projects, and also indicate their respective desires to participate in this highly important initiative.

The General Assembly is now invited to consider and approve the Concept Note of the Qurbani meat project. After the approval of the program, the IOFS Secretariat in close cooperation with the IsDB and other international organizations would start developing a feasibility study for the project.

#### **b) FLOUR FOR HUMANITY**

##### **Preamble**

Considering the drastic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic on food security and anticipation of elaborating uncertainty of food availability and flow of food supply that expect to

elevate hunger and raise the need for immediate food assistance in the world and especially in OIC region. This current situation requires the consolidation of all efforts to provide humanitarian support to the OIC/IOFS Member States.

Upon the request received from OIC Member States Somalia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and OIC Secretariat to combat the challenges of food shortages, IOFS Secretariat urgently calls to initiate “Flour for humanity” aid program to encourage participation in such a direct support program. Such an initiative will strengthen delivering flour supply to the OIC regions in need. This program will facilitate the grain producing from OIC Member States to participate in facing the food shortages.

It is proposed that governing the current program requires the formation of the Program Steering Committee as a decision-making body and composed of donor representatives from OIC Member States.

### **Follow-Up and conclusion**

The Draft Concept Note on Flour for Humanity was duly circulated to IOFS/OIC Member States, with a request for inputs, comments, remarks and amendments to the program.

IOFS Secretariat have begun negotiations with the OIC institutions and the UN World Food Programme regarding supporting this initiative on the delivery of humanitarian flour.

The General Assembly is now invited to consider and approval the Concept Note of new program Flour for Humanity. After the approval of the program, the IOFS Secretariat in close cooperation with the OIC and other international and national organizations will begin the implementation of the program.