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**REPORT OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ISLAMIC  
ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY,  
JEDDAH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, 27-29 AUGUST 2019**

Introduction

At the invitation of the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the Second Session of the General Assembly of Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 27-29 August 2019.

2. The Session was attended by delegates from twenty-four (24) member-states of IOFS, and seven (7) member states of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) as well as representatives of seven (9 ) OIC, regional and international organisations. List of Participants is annexed to this Report.

Opening Ceremony

3. The Session opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, the Chairman of the First Session of IOFS General Assembly, His Excellency, Saparkhan Omarov, Minister of Agriculture of Republic of Kazakhstan delivered his opening address. In which he emphasized the readiness of his country to work for the realization of the objectives of IOFS. The Minister also enumerated the capabilities and potentials of Kazakhstan in the area of agriculture, rural development and food security.

Election of the Bureau

4. The Assembly approved the composition of the Bureau of the Session as follows:

- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - Chairman
- Republic of Tajikistan- Vice Chairman
- Republic of The Gambia- Vice Chairman
- Republic of Kazakhstan- Rapporteur

## Keynote Speeches

5. Following his assumption of chairmanship of the Second General Assembly, His Excellency, Abdul Rahman Al-Fadli, Minister of Environment, Water Resources and Agriculture of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomed all delegates to the General Assembly and underscored the importance of IOFS activities towards alleviating poverty and promoting the welfare of the teeming population of the Muslim world. He announced Saudi Arabia's special contribution of US\$ 2 million in support of the activities of IOFS.

6. In his own keynote address at the Opening Session, H.E Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, Secretary-General of OIC traced the role played the General Secretariat of OIC in the formation of IOFS and expressed his commitment to continue to support the new specialized institution of OIC on food security. (Copies of all keynote addresses are annexed to this Report.)

## Election of Director General and Members of the Executive Board

7. The General Assembly approved the appointment of the new Director-General of IOFS, in the person of His Excellency, Yerlan Bidaulet in accordance with the relevant provisions of the IOFS statute.

8. Similarly, the Assembly approved the reconstitution of the Executive Board of the Organisation with the following member states:

1. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Chairman)
2. State of the United Arab Emirates
3. People's Republic of Bangladesh
4. Republic of Turkey
5. Burkina Faso
6. Republic of The Gambia
7. Republic of Kazakhstan
8. Director General, IOFS

## Signing Ceremony

9. The head of delegation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency, Adamu Nasir Muazu, Director, Planning and Policy Coordination, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, signed the Statute of IOFS during the session. Similarly, two MOUs were signed with IOFS Secretariat by the following institutions:

1. The Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)

2. Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD)

#### Report of Senior Officials Meeting

10. The Assembly received the Report of the Senior Officials Meeting preparatory to the ministerial segment of the General Assembly, considered and approved the various recommendations of the Board, featuring, inter alia, the following issues:

#### Establishment of a Database on State of Food Security, Regional Food Security Reserve and Grain Fund

11. The Assembly reviewed the issue of establishment of a Database on State of Food Security in Member States, the Regional Food Security Reserve, and the Grain Fund. It directs the Director-General to conduct necessary studies and submit for the consideration of the General Assembly.

#### Reducing Post-Harvest Losses and Activation of B2B Cooperation through the Establishment of Islamic Food Processing Association (IFPA)

12. Upon detailed presentations by IOFS Secretariat and the Turkish Delegation, the Assembly agreed that necessary actions should proceed with a view to sensitizing all member states on the importance of IFPA in combatting post-harvest losses and promoting value-addition in the agricultural sector among member states. In addition, a workshop session was dedicated to discussing the issue of post-harvest losses and the development of a value-chain approach to agriculture, rural development and food security. Discussants dwelt on the various demarches necessary for the creation of the Association, while participants were unanimous on the urgent need for the Secretariat to forward both the Concept Note and Zero Draft of the Constituent Document to member states for onward transmission to their private sector and other relevant institutions and stakeholders in their respective countries.

#### Investment, Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters

13. The Assembly formulated its resolutions on the following issues:

1. IOFS 3-year Investment Programme;
2. IOFS Work Programme;
3. IOFS General and Financial Policies;
4. Provisional Organisational Structure of IOFS Secretariat;
5. Logo of IOFS;
6. Scale of Assessed Contribution; and

## 7. Budget 2020-2022.

### Vote of Thanks

14. At the end of the Second Session, the General Assembly addressed a note of appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud for hosting the meeting and for the generous hospitality and excellent arrangements, which ensured the success of the historical event.

**The Secretariat,**

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