

REPORT

OF

ONLINE SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING
(Preparatory to the Ministerial Session)
OF THE 3rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ISLAMIC
ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY (IOFS)

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ANKARA, TURKEY, 02 DECEMBER 2020**

The Senior Officials Meeting of the 3rd General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (hereinafter – “SOM”) was held online in Ankara, Turkey on 02 December 2020. The meeting was attended by delegates of IOFS Member States, OIC Member States, representatives of OIC institutions and International Organizations. The List of Participants is attached to the Report as Annex 1.

Opening of the SOM

1. The meeting commenced with a recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.
2. His Excellency, Mr. Ahmed Saleh A. Alkhamshi, Deputy Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in his capacity as Chairman of the First Session of IOFS General Assembly gave a welcome speech and supervised the adoption of the Agenda and Working Programme of the SOM. He also conducted the election of the SOM Bureau as follows:
 - Republic of Turkey (Chairman of the General Assembly)
 - Republic of Mali (Vice-Chairman);
 - State of United Arab Emirates (Vice-Chairman);
 - Republic of Kazakhstan (Rapporteur).
3. The Chairmanship transferred from Saudi Arabia to Turkey, and His Excellency, Mr. Akif Ozkaldi, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry took over the role of the SOM Chairman.

Progress Reports on Activities of IOFS

4. His Excellency, Mr. Abdulaziz A. Alhowaish, Chairman of the IOFS Executive Board in his statement underlined the problem of food insecurity as the main challenge today and in the future, due to the facts that demand for food grows sharply, driven by population growth, the increase in per capita income and the

change in food consumption patterns. He informed that two sessions of the IOFS Executive Board took place in 2020, during of which many important issues in food security and functioning of the IOFS were discussed as a basic support for joint Islamic action including the agenda today.

5. His Excellency, Mr. Yerlan A. Baidalet, the IOFS Director General presented a Progress Report on the activities of the IOFS Secretariat since the last General Assembly which covered all aspects of day-to-day operation of the Secretariat as well as developing of all far-reaching programmes.

Membership, Administrative and Financial Matters

6. The Meeting reviewed the presentation by the Director General on the various Administrative, Budgetary and Establishment Matters as recommended by the Executive Board and endorsed the draft Resolutions submitted thereon.

IOFS Programmes

7. The meeting also listened to explanations and description by IOFS Director General upon main programmes that IOFS is currently dealing with. The meeting discussed the proposals, and endorsed the draft resolutions on the following programmes, namely:
 - OIC Plan of Action on Development of Strategic Commodities (Wheat, Cassava and Rice+...+ Palm-Oil);
 - Establishment of the OIC Food Security Reserve;
 - Establishment of the Islamic Food Processing Association;
 - Food Security Governance;
 - IOFS Programmes on Science, Technology and Innovation;
 - Agri-Food Trade and Investment Promotion;
 - Food Humanitarian Programmes;
 - Enhancement of IOFS Food Balance Database.

Venue and Date of the 4th General Assembly

8. The Meeting agreed that the 4th General Assembly of IOFS will take place in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan and requested the Government of Kazakhstan to

determine the exact date and make due arrangement in coordination with the IOFS Secretariat.

Draft Resolutions, Draft Agenda and Draft Work Programme

9. The meeting reviewed and finalized drafts of the Resolutions along with their annexures and this Report of SOM of the 3rd General Assembly.

Vote of Thanks

10. The Meeting expressed gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Turkey for the excellent arrangement made for the SOM. It also expressed its thanks to the Chairman for his leadership and wisdom in steering the SOM. The meeting also commended the Chairman of the Executive Board and Director General and officers of the IOFS Secretariat for the excellent preparations and arrangements, which facilitated the success of the meeting.

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_____ **Mr. Akif Ozkaldi**