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***RESOLUTIONS OF
THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (ONLINE) OF
THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY
(IOFS)***

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RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-1 -2020**ON****NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF MEMBER STATES AND SECRETARIAT OF THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY**

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Taking into consideration the gracious decision of the Republic of Turkey to host the Third Session of the General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security,

Cognizant of the elaborate arrangements made for the success of the General Assembly,

Underscoring and highly appreciating the input and amazing technical assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey,

1. **Expresses deepest appreciation and gratitude** to His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of the Republic of Turkey, and the Government of the Republic of Turkey for technically hosting the Third General Assembly of the IOFS.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-2-2020
ON
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE ISLAMIC ORGANIZATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Pursuant to Article 10 (2a) of the IOFS Statute, hereby:

1. Elects the Republic of Turkey as Chairman of the General Assembly;
2. Also elects the following countries as the Vice-Chairmen of the General Assembly:
 - 2.1. Republic of Mali (Vice-Chairman);
 - 2.2. United Arab Emirates (Vice-Chairman);
 - 2.3. Republic of Kazakhstan (Rapporteur).

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-3-2020**ON****MEMBERSHIP, ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL MATTERS**

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the IOFS Statute and Financial Regulations,

In furtherance of the Resolution No1/46-E of the 46th Session of the CFM held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019 which invited OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS at their earliest convenience,

Commending the voluntary contributions received from the esteemed Republic of Kazakhstan and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as mandatory contributions received from the esteemed Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh,

Also admiring the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for provision of the Technical Grant in order to hire international consulting firm for conducting the comprehensive analysis and study of the IOFS/Secretariat structure and operations titled "*The Preparation of a Study on the Preliminary Institutional Framework for the Islamic Organization for Food Security*",

Considering the Reports of the 4th and 6th Executive Board of IOFS on the need to appoint a Financial Control Committee made up of representatives from three Member States, for a three-year period,

1. **Commends** the generous voluntary contribution of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through its financial support aiming at the IOFS institutional development, and transfer of the first tranche in the amount of 400 000 USD out of pledged 2 million USD payable over 5 years;
2. **Highly appreciates** the transfers of mandatory contributions of the esteemed Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh to the budget of IOFS;
3. **Notes and approves** the financial situation upon the budget and the closing accounts including:
 - a) Financial statement on 2019; b) Revised budget for 2020; c) Financial statement for 10 months of the 2020;
4. **Approves** the revised formula of calculating mandatory contributions by IOFS Member States and the scale of IOFS contributions;

5. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Financial Control Committee made up of representatives from the esteemed Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh, for a three-year period and **desires** that the officials of above said Members States appoint their representatives and convene the meeting of the Financial Control Committee in the first half of 2021;
6. **Endorses** the commenced study titled "*The Preparation of a Study on the Preliminary Institutional Framework for the Islamic Organization for Food Security*" along with international consulting firm hired by virtue of graciously granted financial support by the esteemed Islamic Development Bank and **requests** the Secretariat to finalise the assignment in due course;
7. **Requests** the Secretariat to assess results and recommendations of study conducted by the international consulting firm and to amend Personnel Regulations and Financial Regulations if needed, among others. The amendments shall be prior approved by the Executive Board of IOFS;
8. **Salutes** the ratification of IOFS Statute by the Republic of Mali, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Turkey and **invites** OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS at their earliest convenience and **urges** Member States to support activities and programmes of IOFS and transfer mandatory contributions in proper manner;
9. **Notes with satisfaction** the conducted work of the Secretariat upon interaction and collaboration with governmental or non-governmental regional and international organisations concerned with agriculture, rural development and food security and **approves** retroactively Memorandums of Understanding earlier concluded with those institutions.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-4-2020
ON
OIC PLAN OF ACTION ON
DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC COMMODITIES

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the Resolution No1/46-E of the 46th Session of the CFM held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019 on the OIC Plan of Action on the Development of Strategic Commodities,

Inspired by the OIC Five Year Cotton Action Plan (2007-2011) approved by the 22nd Session of COMCEC, and endorsed by Resolution No.1/35-E of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18-20 June 2018,

Underscoring the role of the Agricultural Research Institutions of Member States as Centers of Excellence for the development of capacities of Member States and exchange of research outcomes in the specified activities;

Giving effect to the relevant provisions of Resolution No. OIC/7-MCFSAD/2016/RES-FINAL adopted at 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016, which urged Member States to support production and utilization of cost-effective and quality agricultural inputs, mechanization and agrochemicals that are affordable and accessible to all stakeholders,

Considering the Report of the 4th, 5th, 6th Executive Board of IOFS on the need to adopt the OIC Plan of Action for Strategic Commodities in the three subsectors, namely Wheat, Rice, and Cassava,

Bearing in mind the role of IOFS in the execution of OIC programmes as enshrined in its Statute, including its aims and objectives,

Emphasizing the role of the Private Sector, Centers of Excellence, Community-based Organisations and Smallholder farmers in mobilizing human and material resources for the successful implementation of the Programme,

Taking into consideration the Concept Notes on the OIC Plan of Action for Strategic Agricultural Commodities for Rice, Wheat and Cassava and the various inputs provided by Member States thereon,

Also taking into consideration the proposed mandate and composition of the Steering Committees and Centers of Excellence for the said commodities,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Requests** the Secretariat: a) to launch two or three pilot-testing Centers of Excellence; b) to work out precise mechanisms of operation with indication of sources of funding, budgeting and other technical matters of these centers; c) to consider formation of an *ad-hoc* food basket applicable to each OIC Member State;
2. **Emphasizes** the necessity to assess the principal role of Centers of Excellence, in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank and a host country, based on experiences and performances of the pilot-testing Centers of Excellence;
3. **Invites** the relevant OIC institutions to support IOFS as members of the Project Committees to ensure the operationalisation of the Programme at all levels;
4. **Calls upon** the relevant OIC institutions, regional and international organisations as well as national and multilateral financial institutions to support the effective implementation of this Plan.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-5-2020
ON
DEVELOPMENT OF PALM-OIL

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the provisions of Resolution 1/45-E adopted by the 45th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh on 5-6 May 2018, which recognizes the importance of strengthening South-South cooperation among OIC Member States by exchanging experiences, sharing knowledge and transferring technology for sustainable agricultural development,

Also Recalling the various South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation initiatives of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, aimed at technology transfer among Member States, including the Reverse Linkage (RL) initiative of the Islamic Development Bank,

Conscious of the fact that the palm-oil industry represents one of the major strategic commodities for food and agriculture, in which OIC Member States enjoy global comparative advantage,

Bearing in mind the need to provide evidence-based research and scientific counter-narratives, *vis-à-vis* on-going negative campaigns relating to the nutrition health and environmental value of palm-oil,

Convinced of the high premium food and nutrition properties of palm oil and its relevance to the food security objectives and developmental aspirations of our Member States,

Commending the contribution of the Government of Malaysia to the successful execution of a project on value-chain development of Palm-Oil in Sierra-Leone, under the IsDB's Reverse Linkage Programme,

Having reviewed the Concept Note provided by the Secretariat on this issue,

1. **Welcomes** the commencement of the new IOFS Programme titled "*Development of Palm Oil*";
2. **Urges** OIC Member States to provide their expertise and technical assistance for capacity development of potential palm-oil producing Member States, within the framework of intra-OIC South-South and Triangular Cooperation;
3. **Calls** upon OIC Member States to support intra-OIC cooperation for the development of Palm-Oil and similar staple commodities, in line with the over-arching objectives of collective food security and socio-economic development;

4. **Invites** the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and other OIC institutions to accord priority in support of the funding and training requirements of the capacity-building initiative in the Palm-Oil subsector.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-6-2020**ON****ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OIC FOOD SECURITY RESERVE**

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the Resolution of the 4th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran from 13-15 Shaaban, 1415 AH (14-16 January 1995) on the evaluation of OIC Food Security Reserve,

In furtherance of the relevant provisions of Resolution No. OIC/7-MCFSAD/2016/RES-FINAL adopted at 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016, which requested IOFS to study the creation of OIC Food Security Reserve as recommended by the 4th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development,

Taking note of the inputs provided by OIC Member States to the draft Protocol on OIC Food Security Reserve,

Pursuant to the noble principle of Islamic solidarity enshrined in the OIC Charter and the relevant provisions of the Statute of IOFS,

Underscoring the importance of a food security reserve mechanism to address the chronic food security problems in OIC Member States,

Giving effect to the relevant provisions of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action, especially those relating to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and South-South Cooperation,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Underlines** the well-done work by the Secretariat in respect of: a) proposing the new pioneering approach that enables transboundary share of reserves among OIC countries; b) commissioning an international consulting firm hired by virtue of TA Grant graciously provided by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), that will shape the operational mechanisms of the Protocol; c) collecting the relevant data; d) the on-going discussions with a various public and finance institutions upon the draft of the Protocol; and e) conducting experts meeting held online on 09 November 2020;

2. **Appreciates** the intention of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to support the programme and co-finance the Grain Fund project including the feasibility study;
3. **Commends** the trade financing, trade development and capacity building activities of International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) in agricultural sector and food security and **welcomes** aspiration of (ITFC) for its in-kind support to the establishment of the Grain Fund and managing its resources;
4. **Demands** from the Secretariat in coordination with Member States and experts to address technical issues related to the concrete quality standards of reserved products, preservation and storage expenses, all technical and financial details of the Food Security Reserves as well as to avail viable mechanisms of the Grain Fund operation;
5. **Emphasizes** the need to conduct further in-depth study of the subject and assessment of existing food reserve banks worldwide and based on learnt *pros* and *cons* to propose the best solutions for reliable OIC food security reserves;
6. **Invites** OIC Member states to provide the necessary political will in supporting the programme and to nominate relevant experts to discuss the draft Protocol.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-7-2020
ON
ISLAMIC FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling Resolution OIC/ICAM-5/2010/RES/FINAL adopted by the 5th OIC Ministerial Conference on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural Development, held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan on 26-28 October 2010, which provided for a value chain approach to agriculture and improvement of the market functioning, the best harvest handling and addressing the issues connected to climate change,

Giving effect to the relevant provisions of Resolution No. OIC/7-MCFSAD/2016/RES-FINAL adopted at 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana (Now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016, which called upon Member States to invest in infrastructure for market and value-chain development at national and regional levels, including local manufacturing, transport, energy, ICT, post-harvest handling, processing, storage and distribution,

Reaffirming the RESOLUTION No.2/46-E of the 46th CFM session held in in Abu Dhabi, State of the United Arab Emirates, indicating the successful launching of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) in Kazakhstan and encouraging all Member States to take advantage of the facilities of AIFC, namely AIFC Stock Exchange (AIX), Islamic Finance, Green Finance, and etc.

Taking into consideration the Reports of the 4th, 5th, 6th Executive Board of IOFS held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan,

Having scrutinized the Report of the Dinar Standard International Consulting Firm, Dubai, UAE, hired by the Secretariat,

In furtherance of the various Notes Verbales addressed by IOFS Secretariat to Member States, requesting inputs and contacts of food processing establishments of Member States,

Considering the urgent need to establish intra-OIC food supply chains and address the challenges of post-harvest losses and food waste, which have contributed to acute hunger and food crises affecting OIC countries,

Conscious of the need to promote advocacy and business linkages in the field of food processing among food processors and related producers in the whole value chain and to identify potential partnerships and investment opportunities in the

field of food processing based on efficient mechanisms within IOFS Member States,

Emphasising the importance of engaging IOFS Member States and private sector on issues and challenges relevant to food processing industry, while exchanging researches, studies, new innovations and techniques with a view to sharing up-to-date information on legislative and regulatory developments in their Member States,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Decides** to establish IFPA as a subsidiary of IOFS by virtue of Article 2 para 2 of its Statute in the form of a non-profit organization within the jurisdiction of the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) under common law system;
2. **Necessitates** the Secretariat to conduct in-depth study on further operation of the IFPA for the benefit of OIC food sector;
3. **Encourages** Member States to provide their private sector establishments working in the field of food processing to establish a mechanism for cooperation with IFPA;
4. **Urges** Member States to enhance intra-OIC food market upon food supply chains via building strong linkages for food processing establishments with food producers and raw material providers and also with all relevant agri-food support institutions such as banks, vocational and research institutions, standardization agencies, farmers' associations, food unions and all relevant umbrella bodies for agri-food etc.;
5. **Invites** all relevant OIC institutions, regional and international organisations to share with IFPA their expertise in food processing and agro-industrial development, particularly as they relate to modern methods of addressing post-harvest losses and food waste including advanced technological platforms;
6. **Further invites** Member States to assist small and medium-sized agri-food producers to penetrate through IFPA into intra-OIC markets, while contributing to increasing export revenue through value-added industrial processes and attracting inward investment in the food value-chain.

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RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-8-2020
ON
FOOD SECURITY GOVERNANCE

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling existence of the various programmes running by OIC institutions aimed at increasing capacity building, reverse linkage, sharing of experiences, among others,

Aware of the role of the IOFS in ensuring the implementation of the said OIC Resolution on Food Security Reserve, in collaboration with other OIC institutions,

Cognizant of the need to strengthen national food security governance and systemize approaches to shape the governance in a range of Member States,

Inspired by the achievements of several Member States upon shaping and establishing of sound national food security governance,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Welcomes** the commencement of the new IOFS Programme titled “*Food Security Governance*”;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to further advance the Programme and **Invites** Member States and OIC institutions to support its building-up and provide valuable inputs;
3. **Compliments** the desire of the esteemed State of UAE to provide capacity building support on three dimensions in this regard, namely on *National Strategy and Policy, Strengthening Institutional Framework, and Implementation of the effective mechanisms*;
4. **Invites** the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and other OIC institutions to explore possibility to fund the training and capacity-building initiatives in the domain of Food Security Governance, including Reverse Linkage Programmes.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-9-2020
ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL GENE BANKS

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the Astana Declaration adopted at the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan) on 10-11 September 2017 and the STI Agenda 2026,

Considering the crucial role of science, technology and innovation in addressing food security challenges facing its Member States,

Desirous of adopting a value-chain and integrated approach to the development of agriculture, rural development and food security, especially in the upstream sector of agriculture and seed enhancement,

Conscious of the need a regional mechanism for protection, conservation, exchange of views, human and institutional capacity development with regard to plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture in OIC Member States,

Bearing in mind the importance of elaborating a permanent framework for cooperation among Member States with a view to supporting local, national and regional actions and collective responses on the sustainable use of plant and animal genetic resources for increased agricultural productivity and sustainable food and nutrition security,

Expressing deep appreciation to the Government of United Arab Emirates for technical hosting a Workshop on Development of Gene Banks in OIC Member States (5-6 July 2020),

Commending the swift response of Member States in submitting their national experiences on the operations of National Gene Banks in their respective countries,

Expressing deep appreciation to the OIC Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) for collaborating with the Secretariat of IOFS on this Workshop,

Also expressing appreciation to the various OIC institutions, regional and international organisations for their support for the convening of the said Workshop,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Compliments** results and outcomes of the Workshop on Development of National Gene Banks under the theme: “*Promoting Intra-OIC Food Security Through Agricultural Biodiversity*”, held virtually in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 5-6 July 2020, in collaboration with the Government of United Arab Emirates, Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH), and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB);
2. **Solicits** from the Secretariat along with Member States and relevant OIC and international institutions to actively implement the Plan of action elaborated in the Workshop, particularly the establishment of the Technical Committee on Development of Gene Banks, as well as to follow the recommendations of the experts, and further determine the common vision upon mechanisms for conservation and sharing of genetic resources for food and agriculture within the OIC region;
3. **Convines** Member States to elaborate and maintain close cooperation and professional network among national genetic banks stakeholders in order to exchange best practices, knowledge and experiences aiming at creation of one genetic resources multiplication center.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-10-2020
ON
WATER MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the Astana Declaration adopted at the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan) on 10-11 September 2017 and the STI Agenda 2026,

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of Resolution No. OIC/7-MCFSAD/2016/RES-FINAL adopted at 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016, which invited Member States to invest in efficient and effective water management and irrigation infrastructure to facilitate a stable and predictable water supply system, as well as affordable, reliable renewable energy for agricultural production,

Considering the crucial role of science, technology and innovation in addressing food security challenges facing its Member States,

Also considering the current challenges of water scarcity in OIC member states, as evident in their total renewable water representing only 13.3% of the world total between 2013-2017 with 26 Member States considered as suffering from water scarcity, 6 others suffering from water stress and 14 Member States afflicted by absolute water scarcity,

Convinced on the need to promote awareness among OIC Member States towards exchanging best practices on water-use efficiency and management for food and agricultural development,

Conscious of the importance of mainstreaming intra-OIC cooperation for collective and integrated actions towards addressing the chronic water stress and dearth of innovative irrigation technologies,

Desirous of deepening data exchange to enhance policy formulation, monitoring and regulation on water use efficiency along the food sector value-chain,

Underscoring the need for scaling-up collaboration among the relevant OIC institutions and multilateral development financing agencies in support of water-related infrastructure and investments, including the implementation of OIC Water Vision and the Sustainable Development Goals,

Commending the role of national centers of excellence in disseminating research outcomes and transfer of modern technology in the domain of water management and regulation and preservation for food and agriculture,

Also commending the inputs and collaboration of the relevant OIC institutions, regional and international organisations on this issue,

Mainstreaming the role of the Private Sector, the investment community and civil society organisations in support of financing acquisition of modern water technologies and advocacy for conservation and management of water at the social and community level,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Welcomes** the commencement of the new IOFS Programme titled “*Water management in agriculture*”;
2. **Expresses** its intention to convene a Roundtable on Water Management in Agriculture of the OIC Member States in coordination with the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2021, and **demand**s from the Secretariat to conduct the series of workshops upon this topic that enable and facilitate the capacity of stakeholders in water management;
3. **Compliments** the desire of the esteemed Turkey to share its experience and knowledge as a benchmark of advanced national practice;
4. **Commends** the collaboration of the OIC Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) in developing the programme;
5. **Stresses** the need to give appropriate consideration on the programme and **request**s the Secretariat to elaborate its building-up mechanisms;
6. **Convinces** Member States to actively participate in providing valuable inputs and to mainstreaming the role of research institutions in OIC Member States.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-11-2020**ON
TRANSBOUNDARY PEST CONTROL MANAGEMENT**

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Conscious of the recent situation with invasion of locust in a various of OIC Members States,

Sharing concerns of the OIC General Secretariat upon negative implications of this kind of cross-border invasions for the intra-OIC agriculture industry,

Stressing the need of international community including multigovernmental organisations take control and manage the issue,

Considering the importance of adequate and efficient international regulations for facilitating the mitigation of pest invasions,

Emphasizing the crucial role of science and technology as well as research and development in addressing the issue,

Noting the issue is concerning and touching upon agendas of the various organizations including OIC Standing Committee for Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH),

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Welcomes** the commencement of the new IOFS Programme titled “*Transboundary Pest Control Management*”;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to elaborate the programme mechanisms and **Invites** Member States and OIC organisations to support its building-up and provide valuable inputs;
3. **Invites** the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and other OIC institutions to support the programme in respect of financing and sharing technical experiences.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-12-2020
ON
PROMOTION OF AGRI-TRADE AND INVESTMENT AMONG IOFS
MEMBER STATES

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Giving effect to the relevant provisions of Resolution No. OIC/7-MCFSAD/2016/RES-FINAL adopted at 7th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016, which urged member states to undertake investor-protection measures in the domain of agriculture and food security as well as ensure such protection across the OIC Member States,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among OIC Member States, adopted vide Resolution No.1/8-E of the 8th Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Inspired by the provisions of the OIC Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among OIC Member States, adopted by the 12th Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Also inspired by the provisions of the Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System adopted by Resolution No 1 of the 6th COMCEC in Istanbul, Turkey on 7-10/10/1990,

In furtherance of the provisions of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action adopted at the 13th OIC Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, particularly with reference to the new target of 25% for intra-OIC trade in 2025,

Desirous of promoting food security through increased trade and investment in the food and agricultural sectors, particularly as food trade deficits rose to US\$67 billion in 2018 alone, thereby posing serious socio-economic challenges to Member States,

Considering the various constraints to intra-OIC trade in the food sector, ranging from logistical, financial, investment, institutional, legal and commercial obstacles, among others,

Aware of the need to pool resources aimed at ensuring promotion, financing and facilitation of trade in food and agricultural commodities, including development of productive capacities of Member States as well as supporting professionalization of smallholder producers and family agriculture through providing vocational training programmes and access,

Convinced of the need to reverse the trend whereby food trade imports to OIC countries are dominated by non-OIC countries to the exclusion of other OIC Member States, due to logistical, institutional, financial and legal and technical constraints,

Expressing their concern at the non-implementation of various trade-enhancing multilateral trade agreements in force among OIC Member States and the urgent need to draw the attention of Member States to the operationalisation of these agreements in the interest of increased agri-food trade cooperation,

Aware of the need to reverse the current financial exclusion of the populations in OIC Member States, which has continued to constrain access to finance and credits by the Small and Medium Enterprises, smallholder farmers and start-up agribusinesses owned by youth and women, through the popularization of Islamic Financial products,

Desirous of ensuring participation in the Halal food market, considering its ethical value beyond the hitherto confines of the livestock and beverages sector,

Also desirous of encouraging the implementation of trade facilitation measures, ease of doing business and elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers with the aim of promotion active food trade relations among its Member States,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Endorses** the commencement of the programmes titled the “*National Food Sectors Development in cooperation with state investment agencies*” and “*Food Safety and Halal Food Development*”;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to embark on developing these programmes and methods for implementing them subject to further fine-tuning in harmony, strategic cooperation and partnership with the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB), Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture (ICCIA) and other international relevant institutions;
3. **Requests** the Director General to facilitate collecting useful data with reference to existing IOFS food balance database platform that allows to explore new market places for intra-OIC trade;
4. **Calls** upon the Islamic Development Bank Group (IDB) to support the various programmes aimed at agri-trade financing, insurance and export credit and prioritise agri-food financing within the realm of their operations;

5. **Also calls** upon the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) and Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture (ICCIA) to collaborate with IOFS Secretariat towards staging biennial food and agriculture trade events.

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RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-13-2020

ON FOOD HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMES

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Conscious of the situation with poor food security and malnutrition of people especially during COVID-19 outbreak periods, and armed conflicts, natural as well as man-made disasters,

Aware of the drastic increase of food insecure and vulnerable people across the OIC region, including the increase of refugees,

Inspired by the vital philosophy of Islamic Solidarity among brothers and sisters within Ummah,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Welcomes** the commencement of the new IOFS Humanitarian Food Programme titled “*Flour for Humanity*”;
2. **Requests** the Secretariat to consider developing “*Flour for Humanity*” to ensure its sustainability and that the sources of flour production are not far away from the beneficiary countries, or within the country itself;
3. **Requests** the Secretariat to coordinate and communicate with the Islamic Development Bank and “*The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Project For Utilization of Hady & Adahi*” regarding “*Adahi/Qurbani Meat Initiative*” to develop a feasibility study in order to achieve integration with other existing projects and joint Islamic work;
4. **Convinces** Member States to provide the Secretariat with their valuable inputs and remarks regarding the “*Flour for Humanity*” and “*Adahi/Qurbani Meat initiative*”;
5. **Recognizes** the importance of public awareness raise of these humanitarian programmes and close cooperations with international food organisations, donation and charity funds, philanthropists, among others.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-14-2020
ON
ENHANCEMENT ON IOFS FOOD BALANCE DATABASE

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling the Plan of Action OIC/GA-IOFS/2016/POA adopted by the 1st General Assembly held in Astana (now Nur-Sultan), Kazakhstan on 26-28 April 2016,

Giving effect to the relevant provisions of Resolution № IOFS/GA/1-13-2019 adopted by the 2nd IOFS General Assembly held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 27-29 August 2019, which requested the Secretariat to create a comprehensive and complete Food Balance Database on the Internet platform on all aspects of food security for the mutual exchange of information between all countries participating in the IOFS,

Inspired by the possibilities of the existing advanced IT solutions to collect and maintain necessary information of food balance,

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Notes with satisfaction** the establishment of the IOFS food balance database on IT platform maintained by the Secretariat;
2. **Compliments** the desire of SESRIC to cooperate with IOFS on matters related to the development of food balance database;
3. **Requests** the Secretariat to further advance the food balance database and to continue strengthening its quality and service delivery and share data with the esteemed Member States;
4. **Suggests** the Secretariat to improve analytical tools of the database in order to facilitate the intra-OIC food trade and to consider possibility of arranging workshop to gather feedback from Member States;
5. **Invites** Member States to benefit from the data and support building-up the database and provide relevant statistical, analytical figures and data in line with the *Note Verbales* sent by the Secretariat on 02 October 2020.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.

RESOLUTION № IOFS/GA/3-15-2020
ON

DATE AND VENUE OF THE 4TH IOFS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Third General Assembly of the Islamic Organization for Food Security (IOFS) held online in Ankara, the Republic of Turkey, on 02-03 December 2020/17-18 Rabi Al-Thani, 1442H,

Recalling sub-clause (f) clause 2 of Article 10 of the IOFS Statute,

Noting the utmost importance of ensuring rotational and equitable geographic representation and participation of the Member States in the organs and activities of the IOFS;

Reiterating the Resolution № IOFS/GA/1-16-2019 of the 2nd General Assembly of IOFS, which adopted a scheme for hosting the General Assembly Meetings (ordinary sessions) on the “1 plus 2” principle as of:

- ✓ *Year 1: IOFS Headquarters Hosting State*
- ✓ *Year 2: IOFS Member State*
- ✓ *Year 3: IOFS Member State:*

Having considered the report of the Director General on this issue,

1. **Determines** city of Nur-Sultan, the Republic of Kazakhstan as the venue of the 4th General Assembly;
2. **Reaffirms** the commitment of Kazakhstan to conduct all arrangements including technical preparations, event budgeting in coordination with the Secretariat of IOFS;
3. **Requests** Director General to report to the next meeting of IOFS Executive Board the progress on this commitment.

Adopted in Ankara, 03 December 2020.