**FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ ADOPTED BY THE 4TH MEETING OF THE OIC-PESNET**

MARRAKECH, KINGDOM OF MOROCCO
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*The 4th Meeting of the OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET) which was organised physically in Marrakech, Kingdom of Morocco, on 29 February – 1 March 2024,*

**Expressing their thanks and appreciation** to the National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco, as the Chair, for the warm welcome and hosting the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET, as well as the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), as the Secretariat, for their content development and logistical efforts in co-organising the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET;

**Recalling** the final communiqué adopted by the 3rd Meeting of the OIC-PESNET held virtually on 2-3 June 2021 and all other final communiqués adopted by the previous meetings; as well as the resolutions or communiqué adopted by various OIC for a pertinent to Public Employment Services (PES);

**Referring** to the 2nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held on 25-26 April 2013 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, during which the establishment of a Forum for public employment institutions among the OIC member countries was endorsed;

**Reiterating** the importance of increasing intra-OIC cooperation to facilitate the sharing of information, good practices, and experiences on policies and initiatives in the domain of labour and employment in line with the resolutions of relevant OIC fora, including the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;

**Recalling** the principles and objectives set forth in Goal 2.9.14 and 2.9.15 of the "OIC-2025 Programme of Action" and Goal 8 of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals" that promote full and productive employment and decent work for all;

**Recognizing** the common challenges, including youth unemployment, the need to develop strong entrepreneurship ecosystem, insufficient labour market information, and the imperative of sustainable growth and economic inclusion, which are crucial for Network members to strengthen their efforts in stimulating cooperation among member countries in the domain of labour and employment;

**Acknowledging** the recommendations and outcomes of the previous OIC-PESNET meetings, as well as the presentations and discussions of the 4th Meeting, which focused on entrepreneurship for sustainable growth and economic inclusion, and improving youth's entrepreneurial skills for better economic integration;

1. **Encourages** national public employment agencies and institutions of the OIC member countries for the implementation of the OIC Labour Market Strategy;

2. **Calls upon** the national public employment authorities of the OIC member countries to actively participate in developing, elaborating, and implementing activities within the OIC-PESNET framework, aimed at enhancing the quality and effectiveness of public employment services in OIC member countries;

3. **Encourages** the national public employment agencies, institutions, and other relevant national institutions in OIC member countries to actively engage in SESRIC's Public Employment Services Capacity Building Programme (PES-CaB);

4. **Urges** the national public employment authorities of the OIC member countries, which have not done so, to notify the OIC-PESNET Secretariat of the details of their National Focal Points (NFPs), which shall be a national public or governmental body responsible for implementing labour market policies or managing placement and active support services at the national level;

5. **Acknowledges** the importance of strengthening partnerships among public employment agencies and institutions of the OIC member countries through establishing collaboration and cooperation, conducting joint projects and facilitating the exchange of best practices;

6. **Recognizes** entrepreneurship as a key driver of economic growth and **promotes** entrepreneurship as a means to create job, drive innovation, and foster economic growth;

7. **Emphasizes** the importance of encouraging youth to pursue entrepreneurship, especially in green entrepreneurship, and supporting them in this process by establishing a dynamic entrepreneurial ecosystem that provides access to financing, mentorship, and opportunities for skill development;

8. **Stresses** the need for comprehensive training programmes as well as targeted support mechanisms for NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) youth that enable soft skills and professional competency development in order to improve their employability and enhance economic opportunities;

9. **Recognizes** the significance of Information Technology (IT) and digital technologies in skills development systems, investing in infrastructure and supporting digital literacy programmes to enhance the use of digital technologies for economic inclusion;

10. **Reiterates** its commitment to providing comprehensive support for Palestine, including capacity building activities for Palestinian officials to enhance the public employment services of the State of Palestine;

11. **Endorses** the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2024-2026, which was proposed, reviewed and adopted during the 4th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET;

12. **Recommends** the establishment of two commissions, one dedicated to mobilising funds for implementing the OIC-PESNET Work Plan and another focused on engaging with OIC member countries that have not been actively involved in the Network;

13. **Recommends** that the Chair of the OIC-PESNET, in collaboration with the Secretariat, establish closer cooperation with relevant regional and international institutes, networks and organisations, including but not limited to, the Specialised Agencies of the UN (such as ILO, IOM), IsDB, and the World Association of Public Employment Services (WAPES), to enhance the impact of efforts within the framework of the OIC-PESNET;

14. **Expresses its thanks** to the Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) of the Republic of Türkiye for its role as Chair of the Network for the past two years and for its efforts in implementing the OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2021-2022; and **congratulates** the National Agency of the Promotion of Employment and Skills (ANAPEC) of the Kingdom of Morocco for assuming the role of Chair of the Network for the upcoming two years;

15. **Decides** to convene the 5th Meeting of the OIC-PESNET in 2026 and to organise an online meeting of the National Focal Points (NFPs) in 2025 to evaluate and monitor the progress achieved towards implementing the adopted OIC-PESNET Work Plan 2024-2026.