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Closing Remarks of H.E. Mr. Nebil DABUR

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Distinguished Participants, Dear Sisters and Brothers,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ and Very Good Day,

- **الحمد لله** We came to the end of the three days virtual work of the 10th Session of the OIC-StatCom.
- I pray Allah Almighty to end the pandemic soon and we meet physically in the next Session at our Headquarters in Ankara as usual Insha'Allah.

- **First of all, as SESRIC and in our capacity as the Secretariat of this important OIC cooperation forum in the domain of statistics, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for devoting parts from your valuable time during these three days to attend and participate in this session virtually.**

- **I congratulate you all and commend your contributions to the success of the 10th Session of OIC-StatCom through your valuable presentations, deliberations, exchange of views, knowledge and experience on all the agenda items of the meeting.**

- **Our sincere thanks are also extended to our traditional and main partner, the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), for their continuous collaboration and support in organising the Annual Sessions of the OIC-StatCom.**

- **I would like also to thank H.E. the Secretary General of the OIC for his kind message that he sent to us at the opening of the Session and the host country of our Centre, the Republic of Turkey, for its continuous support and encouragement of the various activities and initiatives of the Centre.**

- **On behalf of you all, I also thank the newly elected Chairman of the 10th Session, Mr. Adnen LASSOUED, Director General of Statistics Tunisia, for his effective management of the online sessions during these three days.**

- **Let me also extend my thanks to my colleagues at Statistics and Information Department for their excellent technical preparation for the session including the reports and documentation management and of course my colleagues at the IT Department of SESRIC and our translators to ensure the success of this online Meeting.**

- **As the Secretariat of this important OIC cooperation forum in the domain of statistics, we believe that the deliberations, the technical presentations, and the exchange of views on best practices and experiences during the 10th Session would add value and further strengthen the technical cooperation among the NSOs of our member countries.**

- **We also believe that the OIC-StatCom Strategic Vision for 2030 and the Programme of Action (PoA) 2021-2025, adopted in the 9th Session of OIC-StatCom, moved the work of the Commission to a more focused and results oriented approach. In this respect, your responses to the Secretariat's survey on the implementation of the key actions of the PoA 2021-2025 will enable us to report the progress recorded in a comprehensive way.**

- **On the other hand, we are very much aware of the fact that the current global development agenda has increased the burden on your and our shoulders and definitely has introduced new challenges for all NSOs, particularly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- **Therefore, improving the current conditions of NSSs requires a collective and comprehensive cooperation approach that involves the national, regional, and international stakeholders based on South-South and Triangular cooperation modalities.**

- **In this connection, I would like to assure you that SESRIC will further improve its contribution and continuous efforts towards enhancing the technical capacities of the NSOs of the member countries through a maximum utilization of its role as the Secretariat of the OIC OIC-StatCom and through its Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB). In so doing, you will find us, as usual, ready and willing to strengthen our cooperation and collaboration with your esteemed institutions.**

- **Before closing, I would like to make a reminder on two issues. First, you can still provide us with your feedback on the Draft Resolutions up to 15 October, and after including all the received comments, then, we will announce and send you the final version of the Resolutions in three languages. (Also, the Resolutions will be available in the website of the OIC-StaCom).**

• Second, we would highly appreciate receiving your responses on the questionnaire concerning the identification of the technical agenda of the 11th Session by 30 November. Your feedback will enable us to better shape the technical content of the 11th Session of OIC-StatCom to be held next year physically Insha'Allah.

Thank you all once again. والسلام عليكم ورحمة الله وبركاته