

First Session of the OIC Statistical Commission

11-12 April 2011, Istanbul – Turkey

FINAL COMMUNIQUE

First Session of the OIC Statistical Commission

11-12 April 2011, Istanbul – Turkey

FINAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE FIRST SESSION OF OIC-STATISTICAL COMMISSION

We, the representatives of the National Statistical Offices of the Member States of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC-NSOs) and the international and regional institutions attending the First Session of OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom) in Istanbul, Turkey on 11-12 April 2011,

Acknowledging the importance of well-functioning National Statistical System for policymaking and strategy development in OIC Member States,

Recognizing NSOs as the providers of the official statistics; and

Expressing our strong support for the OIC-StatCom towards enhancing our cooperation and collaboration among ourselves and toward initiating strategic alliances with international community,

Agreed to issue the following communiqué:

- 1) We **recognise** the importance of the production and dissemination of statistical data according to the internationally accepted methodologies, standards, fundamental principles, and the opportunities for the coordination and cooperation among OIC Member States and international organisations.
- 2) We **commit** to develop a strategic vision for the OIC-StatCom towards more effective statistical systems and elaborate, implement and monitor short, medium and long term plans to achieve the vision.
- 3) We **endeavour** to raise the profile of statistics through advocacy towards the political authorities of the member states for a better allocation of human and financial resources.
- 4) We **recognise** the importance of statistical indicators specific to OIC Member States, and in this regard, agree to establish a working group on this subject which will develop common standards and methodologies for these indicators and report the outcomes to the next session of the Commission.
- 5) We **welcome** the initiative of the Secretariat of OIC-StatCom to develop and maintain the OIC-StatCom Website with comprehensive statistical information on OIC Member States.
- 6) We **call upon** the member states and international agencies to focus on statistical capacity building and develop more statistical capacity development programmes.
- 7) We **expect** that OIC-StatCom recognise different development levels of the NSOs and capitalise on the opportunities presented.
- 8) We **express** our thanks and appreciation to SESRIC and IDB for organising the First Session of OIC-StatCom.

The Members of the OIC-StatCom

Istanbul, 12 April 2011