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WELCOME MESSAGE
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Bismillahirrahmanirrahim,

Mr. Chairman,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure and privilege, on behalf of the COMCEC Coordination Office, to express our thanks to SESRIC and IDB Group for hosting this second session of the OIC Statistical Commission. And also it is a great pleasure for me personally to be a part of this important event.

This Commission has a particular significance in bringing together our Member Countries and in demonstrating a high level of collaboration and cooperation in our statistical endeavours. We, as COMCEC Coordination Office, believe that the activities of this Commission are great steps forward in building strong and efficient statistical systems in our member countries.

Today, the demand for quality statistics on the indicators of countries worldwide for creating better decision-making systems and for monitoring the performance and progress of development of countries has increased considerably. With the globalization trends in economic, financial, trade

related and social activities; governments, private sector, researchers and the all related parties demand more reliable and comparable statistics for their own country and for other countries for regional and global aggregates.

This meeting today represents second step of a very important work to build sustainable and effective statistical systems in each of our Member Countries. In order to make the Commission more operational, all our Member Countries should give their support to this body for a strong cooperation in the field of statistics within the OIC.

As it is stressed in the draft Strategic Vision Document prepared by the Second Working Group established under the Commission; this Commission I believe will bring about a dynamic platform for the national statistical offices of the OIC member countries to share and exchange knowledge, experiences and best practices. In this regard I am of the opinion that the Working Group on “Statistical Indicators Specific to OIC Member Countries” and “Certification and Accreditation of Official Statistics Professionals” program (OStat) would be very beneficial to that end.

I would like to thank the SESRIC and IDB Group once again for the excellent arrangements made for hosting this meeting. I sincerely greet all participants and wish you all success in your endeavours.

Thank you for your kind attention.