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We, the representatives of Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), participating in the 6th session of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 5 – 7 December 2017;

Having examined the ummah's health plan;

We appreciate the efforts of the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat, and relevant OIC institutions, and their solidarity to implement this plan;

We recognize that enjoyment of the highest possible standards of health is one of the basic rights of every human being, without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, political belief, economic or social status;

We continue to consider that right to health must be at the core of the global agenda;

We reaffirm that policies prioritizing health result in the realization of sustainable development and raising the quality of economic development;

We affirm the centrality of health to social and economic development and the general safety of mankind;

We recognize that safety at all ages is an indicator of development and one of its most important conditions;

We reiterate the importance of translating the momentum and success of the Sustainable Development Goals vision to a comprehensive development process that will feature health in all policies;

We express our concern at the spread of non-communicable diseases, particularly heart and cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, chronic

respiratory diseases, their related risk factors and their social and economic impacts on Member States;

We reaffirm our commitment to the global objectives contained in the “Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases;”

We call again on Member States to realize the related objective – in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals – of reducing premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by one-third through prevention, cure and strengthening of mental health and safety;

We reaffirm the importance of mainstreaming the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco and its protocols to fight tobacco consumption in Member States;

We stress again the importance of providing opportunities for sustainable access to drugs and health technologies in the establishment of flexible health systems;

We reaffirm our commitment to continue according maximum priority to maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health in our national plans and to work to meet the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals;

We reiterate the need to promote national efforts and international cooperation to prevent and combat communicable diseases and epidemics, in particular malaria, polio and tuberculosis;

We reaffirm the importance of implementing the international health regimes to establish the minimum basic capabilities in Member States to prevent and control public health emergencies;

We call again on Member States to strengthen cooperation on reduction of, preparation for, tackling, and recovery from, health emergencies and risks;

We rely on the decisive role “health in all policies” in giving priority to health in the global development plan;

We note with appreciation that the thematic priorities of the OIC Strategic Plan of Action (SHPA 2014 – 2023) is aligned to the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan and may accommodate “health in all policies;”

We understand the need to develop multi-sectoral ideas to achieve highest standards of health desired, thus making “health in all policies” the appropriate vehicle for these ideas;

We stress the need to apply the lessons learnt from the experience of the Sustainable Development Goals so that “health in all policies’ can be successfully implemented;

We affirm that flexible health systems must be built on human-centred policies; that comprehensive health coverage must be enabled; and that “health in all policies” must be implemented;

We realize the fundamental importance of supporting the OIC General Secretariat with the necessary financial and human resources to prevent the health problems facing the ummah;

We thank the members of the Steering Committee on Health and Lead Country Coordinators for their contribution in the development and implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Plan of Action;

We resolve to support, promote and develop effective communication mechanisms and to exchange expertise and best practices in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Plan of Action;

We reiterate our support for the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Plan of Action and to carry out supplementary activities in and among Member States;

We underscore the importance of continued capacity building in OIC Member States in order to counter the health risks resulting from disasters, reduce, prepare for, confront, and recover from, health emergencies at the local, regional and international level, by adopting and facilitating the necessary mechanisms;

We enjoin again Member States to encourage their citizens seeking cure abroad to use existing health facilities in other OIC Member States, thereby leveraging similarities in culture and religion;

We continue to encourage OIC Member States and the General Secretariat to follow closely forms of technology use and to elaborate policies to protect public health from unsafe trends in technology usage;

We express our appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat for its continued support in the organization of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers sessions;

We strongly support all efforts aimed at making concrete progress in the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the 6th session of Islamic Conference of Health Ministers;

We call on the OIC General Secretariat to strengthen the capacities and mechanisms to enable the implementation, measurement and review the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action 2014 – 2023.
