

RESOLUTION NO.3/42-S&T
ON
HEALTH MATTERS

The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism) held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Recalling Resolution No. 3/41 – S&T on Health Matters adopted by the 41st session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Referring to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers and the Steering Committee on Health , including those adopted by the 4th Islamic Conference of health Ministers (Jakarta, 22-24 October 2013);

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Taking note of the progress made in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014 – 2023;

Appreciating the hosting by Turkey of the 2nd Meeting of Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) of the OIC-SHPA (23-24 February 2015) and the 9th Meeting of the Steering Committee on Health (25-26 February 2015);

Taking note of the establishment of the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group and holding of its first meeting in Jeddah on 25-26 June 2014;

Appreciating the convening of a meeting of OIC Ambassadors accredited to the WHO which was held in Geneva on 29 September 2014 under the chairmanship of the then Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia to mobilize support for Member States affected by the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa;

Appreciating the joint efforts of OIC and IDB in assisting the member states affected by the Ebola Virus Disease EVD in West Africa including the convening of the resource mobilization conference on 05 November 2014;

Taking note of holding of the inaugural meeting of the OIC collaborative Project on Maternal and Child Survival Programme in seven selected OIC member states in conjunction with SESRIC, IDB, WHO, UNFPA and USAID, held in Ankara on 19-21 January 2015;

Further taking note, with appreciation, of the efforts by Islamic Advisory Group on polio eradication including the convening of International Ulama Conference on child

health and immunization in Somalia organized by the OIC, IDB, IIFA and WHO in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan on 28-29 January 2015;

Welcoming the progress in the OIC-IDB-IAEA Cooperation project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;

Appreciating the ongoing cooperation in the field of health between the OIC and international partners such as the World Health Organization, the Global Fund to fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the Stop TB partnership, the Roll Back Malaria, UNICEF, UNFPA and the GAVI Alliance;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to continue their efforts in implementing the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014-2023 in coordination with the respective Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) for each of the six thematic areas of the Programme;
2. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat to continue coordination with the OIC Technical Committee on Development and Harmonization of Standards of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines and the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group and the IDB toward promotion of self-reliance in production of vaccines and exploring possibilities for viable and practical mechanisms for Pooling of Procurements of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines;
3. **Invites** interested vaccine manufacturing companies from OIC Member States to join the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group;
4. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat in close coordination with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to urgently organize meeting of Member States to discuss for Pooling of Procurements of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines;
5. **Invites** Member States to participate in training sessions on pharmaceutical regulatory system to be organized by Malaysia in November 2015 and further invites the Member States to utilize the WHO Collaborative Centers relevant to various aspects of health;
6. **Welcomes** the contributions of NGOs in implementation of OIC-SHPA 2014 - 2023;
7. **Welcomes** the meeting of OIC Ambassadors accredited to the WHO which was held in Geneva on 29 September 2014 under the chairmanship of the then Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia to discuss the Ebola Virus

Disease outbreak and takes note on the necessity of immediate actions and continuous solidarity to confront the outbreak;

8. **Welcomes** the OIC-IDB joint efforts in contributing towards international response to the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease in West Africa and lauds the IDB for the approval of US\$ 10 million as seed money for a special fund dedicated to assisting states to fight Ebola Virus Disease;
9. **Expresses gratitude** for the generous contribution of US \$ 35 million by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz (May Allah have mercy on him) towards OIC-IDB efforts to contain the spread of Ebola and **calls upon** other Member States and organizations to contribute towards these efforts;
10. **Requests** participating Member States in the OIC collaborative Project on Maternal and Child Survival Programme to facilitate the work of National Focal Points in collecting and compiling the necessary data on the state of Maternal and Newborn Health Care in their respective jurisdictions;
11. **Further requests** all Member States to continue their efforts to increase coverage of immunization and ensuring all children are vaccinated against preventable diseases in particular polio, as well as to engage in multilateral and bilateral cooperation, including by exchanging epidemiological information, laboratory monitoring data, and carrying out simultaneous supplementary immunization activities as appropriate;
12. **Reiterates** its support for the religious injunctions (Fatwas) of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy regarding the safety and acceptability in Islam of polio vaccination and declaring it a duty of all parents and communities to protect children and to allow health workers to carry out their duties in safety;
13. **Encourages** the Member States to participate and contribute to the OIC-IDB-IAEA joint project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;
14. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen cooperation in the area of health training and education including offers of scholarships in the field of health education under the 'OIC Educational Exchange Programme: Promoting Solidarity through Academia';
15. **Urges** the Member States to undertake necessary steps to promote healthy life style and strengthen control of non-communicable diseases including obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases;
16. **Requests** potential donors, including the OIC Member States, to contribute generously to the GPEI and the Global Fund to support activities against polio, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria;

17. **Welcomes** the approval by IDB of an amount of Euro 15.00 million for “Support to Yellow Fever Vaccine Production Project in Senegal” out of the total estimated project cost of Euro 23.02 million. The project will address the regional and global demand for yellow Fever Vaccine through increasing its production from 4.5 million to 15-30 million doses per year.
18. **Emphasizes** that in support of national development efforts in the area of health, an enabling international environment, supportive of universal, non-discriminatory, timely and affordable access to medicines, vaccines, equipment, technologies, knowledge and information and other supplies is required to guarantee comprehensive provision of health care services for women, children, adolescents, elderly and other groups in vulnerable situation;
19. **Urges** the Member States to ensure that health is central to the post-2015 development agenda;
20. **Encourages** all Member States to actively participate in the 5th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers to be held in Turkey in November 2015;
21. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
