



**DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT
ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
AS THE OUTCOME OF THE SENIOR EXPERTS MEETING
FOR THE 4th MEETING OF THE
OIC OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK (OIC-OSHNET)
Ankara, Republic of Turkey
11-13 April 2018 (24-26 Rajab 1439)**

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OIC-OSHNET is a broad network for collaboration among the OIC Member States on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). It serves as a distinguished platform for networking and idea-generation in fostering sustainable development in the field of OSH among the participating Member States.

The first-ever Senior Experts Meeting, held under the framework of OIC-OSHNET, took place on 11-13 April 2018 in Ankara, Republic of Turkey. It was hosted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey and jointly organized by the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA).

Its main objective was to bring together the senior level experts of the relevant OSH Authorities of the network with the aim of sharing knowledge and know-how and exploring cooperation opportunities for having more holistic and complimentary approach of joint action. Moreover, it was aimed to enrich the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the OIC-OSHNET.

The meeting was agreed to be concluded with a Joint Statement intended to further promote cooperation among the Member States of the OIC that would serve as a recommendation framework to be submitted to the 4th Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET on the issues regarding the OSH Agenda of the OIC.

More precisely, the Senior Experts agreed on the following recommendations:

- **Reaffirms** the importance of enhancing and strengthening inclusive cooperation among the Member States in developing sustainable OSH agenda;
- **Calls upon** the OSH Authorities of the Member States, which have not done so, to nominate the National Focal Points to the OIC-OSHNET at their earliest convenience in order to better operationalize collective cooperation agenda,
- **Expresses appreciation** to the representative of the Government of Azerbaijan for briefing the meeting on the current status of the establishment of the OIC Labour Centre to be headquartered in Baku, Azerbaijan,
- **Acknowledges** the importance of the early-take of the OIC Labour Centre and fully encourages of the prompt operationalization of the Center,
- **Recognizes** the relevant resolution of 4th OIC Labour Ministers Meeting, held in 21-22 2018 in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to establish an OIC Occupational Safety and Health Center in Ankara in the framework of the proposed OIC Labour Center that would make its activities in a way to achieve greater impact in the field of Occupational Safety and Health,
- **Requests** the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET to establish closer cooperation with relevant OSH Institutes, networks, NGOs and international organizations like ASEAN-OSHNET, JICA, SAWS, ILO, etc.
- **Calls** the Secretariat of the OIC-OSHNET, in cooperation with SESRIC and Member States, to make studies on priority issues in OIC-OSH Agenda i.e. developing a joint OSH legislation, research, training programmes and activities on exchanging of good practices and knowledge for the benefit of OIC Member States .
- **Invites** Member States to utilize from the OIC Capacity Building Programmes (OIC-CaB) of SESRIC, especially OIC-OSHCaB, more efficiently and actively which accommodates diverse modalities of cooperation to develop the capacities of the Member States through training, study visit, knowledge and experience sharing workshops,
- **Requests** SESRIC to coordinate in cooperation with the relevant national authorities of the Member States to seek ways and means of collecting the data of work accidents and occupational diseases annually in a standard system,
- **Provides** all forms of joint support for the cause of Palestine, including training and capacity building for Palestinian workers and officials to improve the OSH level of the State,
- **Urges** all Member States to take part in the 4th Meeting of the OIC-OSHNET which will be held on 08 May 2018 (22 Shaban 1439) in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey,

- **Also expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Turkey for hosting the Senior Experts Meeting for 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and for its arrangements, which ensured the success of the meeting;

With respect and high expectation for better future for Occupational Safety and Health and the whole Ummah this statement and list of recommendations are going to be presented to the high attention of the Heads of the Occupational Safety and Health Authorities of the OIC Member States at the 4th Meeting of the OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) which will be held on 08 May 2018 (22 Shaban 1439).
