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A meeting of the OIC Ambassadorial Group took place on the morning of the 18th January 2013, in the room XXIII of the Palais des Nations, Geneva. The meeting was convened to proceed to the handover of the Chairmanship of the OIC Group in Geneva between Kazakhstan and Djibouti.

I - The Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan, H.E Mr. Mukhtar Tileuberdi, in his capacity as chairman of the OIC Group in Geneva, opened the floor.

He made a statement summarizing the major achievements his Country, as Chair of the Council of Foreign ministers of OIC and as of the OIC Group, has undertaken during his tenure.

He hence presented some concrete actions conducted during this period. (The full text of the presentation is herewith attached).

II- The new chair, Ambassador and Permanent representative of the Republic of Djibouti, His Excellency Mohamed Siad DOUALEH, took the floor to express his humility, determination and passion to lead the direction of the OIC Group in Geneva. He reiterated the proud and happiness of his country for having hosted the OIC CFM on November 2012 and its full engagement to totally contribute for the advancement of the OIC objectives and plan of action.

Ambassador Doualeh recalled the challenges faced these times by the Muslim world. In his capacity of new chair, he will continue to consolidate the engagement of the group for promoting the Muslims values and contributing to the international cohesion and for the advancement of the shared vision of peace and cohabitation.

The Ambassador of Djibouti added that Geneva is a centre of various organisations of the UN System. Accordingly, the OIC group has organised itself in divers coordinations in order to cover these multiples thematic and to foster its collaboration in these fields.

However, it has to be noticed that the established structure is not fully operative. Therefore, it would be timely to analyse the work of the group and to revitalize the activities of the various groups in order to enhance their performance and to review the frequency of the meetings. In this regards, He warmly congratulated Pakistan, as Coordinator for the Human rights and humanitarian issues for the work for the advancement of the groups views in Human rights issues and for the promotion of the values of the Islamic Oumah.

Finally, he reassured the participants on his full and unconditional dedication to conducting the efforts of the OIC group in Geneva for the realisation of the OIC Objectives and policies. He took also this opportunity to thanks all the OIC Members who have provided their support to the candidature of Djibouti for the post of the Director General of the UNESCO.

The OIC Office Ambassador, His Excellency Slimane CHIKH, took the floor to thank both Ambassador of Kazakhstan and Djibouti for their dedication towards the OIC as Organisation. He warmly praised the work of the outgoing chair for his cooperation with the OIC Office in Geneva and the actions conducted during his presidency. He similarly assured to the new Chair of the full support of his Office during his chairmanship.

He looked forward for strengthening the work of the Group and for raising more visibility in the international environment. Accordingly, the OIC Ambassador announced that he is in closed discussions with the UN/Arab League Special envoy for Syria, Mr Lakhdar Ibrahimi to invite to him in Geneva to brief the Group on the latest development of the situation in Syria.

Additionally, he informed the OIC Ambassadors on his contact with the CERN in order to organise a visit for the OIC Group in Geneva. This visit would be a great opportunity to develop

close cooperation between this institution with interested OIC scientific and technical organisations working in this field.

Remarks of the OIC Ambassadors

The Ambassadors of the OIC group all welcomed the new chair and thanked the outgoing one, Kazakhstan, for his dedication in conducting the work of the group during his tenure, as well as for his leadership towards the coordination of Islamic Countries.

They also warmly praised the work and the collaboration of the OIC Office in Geneva in providing support and guidance for the improvement of this Group. They commended the OIC Office Ambassador's vision for the improvement of the Group and encourage him and his dedicated team for their continuous and tireless effort to grant the group with more visibility in the international Geneva arena.

The Ambassadors recommended more involvement on 3 main tracks that need more cooperation between Members States and active implication of the group for the advancement of the OIC Agenda. The three main priorities suggested are namely the political track, the technical issue and the Humanitarian area.

The OIC Ambassadors expressed also their views on substantive issue by calling for further strengthening of the group unity to face main challenges. The advancement of OIC fundamentals objectives namely the cause of Islam and Palestine remains of particular importance. The OIC group need to work at all levels to further strengthen unity and cooperation on particular issues and challenges that Islamic countries are facing and will continue to face undoubtedly .

On the procedural side, the OIC Group Ambassadors called for active revitalization of the work of the some coordinations that compose the Group. The related thematic issues (Economic, Health, new technologies, Disarmament) are on urgent need to be restructured because of their importance for the development of the OIC countries. In this regard, the relevant OIC resolutions and plan of action, notably the UN/OIC Matrix issued in last May, should constitute the basis which will help establishing a clear and ambitious agenda of the OIC Group for the next year.

They agreed to provide the OIC Group with means to ameliorate the work of the Group. Therefore some delegations called for larger financial contributions for the OIC Group activities. It should particularly be used to ensure simultaneous interpretation in French; a service that would ensure further implication of French speaking countries to the work of the OIC Group in Geneva.

In his concluding remarks, the Ambassador of Djibouti, in his turn, thanked all his colleagues for their welcoming and warm words, as well as for their unconditional support. He assured them of his renewed dedication towards the achievement of the OIC goals and Objectives.

In this sake, he said that he looks forward for a clear and ambitious road map identified and set up collectively. He concluded by stressing on the need to give more visibility that would be consolidated by further credibility vis-à-vis a collective advancement of the OIC shared vision.