3rd Session of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers

In view of mandating the ISSP to undertake the secretarial works of "The 3rd session of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers" held in Istanbul, turkey under the title of ***"Empowering Youth for Peace and Development"*** in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the "Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Organization of the Islamic Conference for Dialogue and Cooperation.

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However, after preparatory meetings held and attended by representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sport in Turkey and one meeting with some VIP Personalities (held on 5th October, 2016) , all items included in the Agenda were discussed, then a number of decisions (as prepared by the ISSF and Organization of the Islamic Conference for Dialogue and Cooperation, were issued. The most important decision issued deals with Strategy of Youth and Sport.

The Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers on October 6th, 2016 was opened by a recitation from the Holy Quran.

Then the Chairman of the Conference, His Royal Highness, Prince Abdullah Bin Musaed, representative of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia delivered a speech and handed over the Chair of the Conference to the Minister of Youth and Sport being the Chairman of 3rd session of said Conference.

Mr. Faisal Abdulaziz Al-Nassar delivered the speech of ISSF during the opening ceremony, and then a video presentation was made of the preparation of the Organizing Committee of the 4th Islamic Games in Baku 2017 to host the Game.

First: The report of General Secretariat of ISSF, covering the period between the two ISSF meetings, was submitted to include:

1- Meetings of the Council.
2- Meetings of the Congress/General Assembly.
3- Meetings of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
4- 2nd session of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers
5- Other variety of events:
    a) Signing the agreement of cooperation with Indonesia
    b) The agreement of cooperation with 'Just On Spot" company.
    c) Partnership agreement with "Events Lab" company.
    d) Islamic Conference for Young Leaders.
6- Sport Championships and Courses:
    a) 1st Islamic Triathlon Championships, Qatar.
    b) 2nd Weightlifting Championships, Uganda.
    c) 6th Sports Medicine Course, Morocco.

d) Prince Naif Bin Abdul Aziz 2nd Parachuting Championships, Saudi Arabia.
e) 3rd Weightlifting Championships, Turkey.
f) 2nd Islamic Triathlon Championships, Qatar
g) Tennis Championships, Indonesia.
h) Al Hilal Rugby Cup Championships.
i) 4th Weightlifting Championships, Jordan.

7- Islamic Solidarity Games.
a) 3rd ISLAMIC Solidarity Games, Palembang, Indonesia.
b) 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, Baku, Azerbaijan.

Second: a video about the ISSF was presented.

Third: The strategy of developing Sport between the years 2017-2025 in the member countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation was presented.

However, during the closing session of the conference, decisions related to the conference and variety affairs of Youth and Sport were issued, the most important of which are:

1. Welcoming hosting the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games by Azerbaijan during the period 12-22 may, 2017, wishing Azerbaijan all the success and good luck in organizing this major event, and appreciating the efforts of ISSF for communicating with the Islamic Countries in that regard and to urge them to take part in the Games in Azerbaijan to ensure that the Games could fulfill the goals planned for of solidarity and fraternity.
2. The Council urged signing agreements with specialized companies to support organization and activities of ISSF and secure financial resources and funds to help the ISSF accomplishing its goals for the benefit of Youth and Sport in Islamic Countries.
3. Take good care of the request of Turkey to host the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games in 2021 and to finalize necessary contacts and communications to organize this big event that will enable the ISSF to maintain its endeavors of holding Sport Activities for the Youth in Islamic Countries, and to encourage both Turkey and ISSF put the final touch to hold the Games in 2021 in Turkey.
4. To express appreciation to the kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Custodian of the Two holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdul-Aziz, His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed Bin Naiyf Deputy Crown Prince for hosting the Headquarter of ISSF and for the Financial & Moral Support endowed to the ISSF to emphasize the high caliber interest of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of issues related to the Youth in Islamic Countries.
5. To approve the Strategy Plan of Organization of Islamic Cooperation for the years 2017-2025 and to request the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to take suitable actions to accomplish the said Strategy Plan through its country members.
6. To establish the "Ministerial Permanent Council" of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers" in relation to Sport and Youth and to request Turkey (being the host country of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers) to coordinate with ISSF and the General Secretariat of Organization of Islamic Cooperation to take urgent and necessary action to invite country members of Organization of Islamic Cooperation to effectively participate in the Games to make sure that the Strategy Plan put for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation is accomplished.

7. To mandate the ISSF to establish the Executive Bureau of Strategy of Sport at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
8. To invite the Ministers appointed as members at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to interact and cooperate with the ISSF and the General Secretariat of Organization of Islamic Cooperation to activate the Strategy for the benefit of Youth and Sport at the country members.
9. To approve the budget submitted by the Executive Bureau of the Sport Strategy at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Re. No. OIC/ICYSM/2016/S-B/REV1 and requesting the ISSF and the General Secretariat of Organization of Islamic Cooperation to coordinate for the development system and panning for the budget to that funding can be provided by country members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and from other establishments at the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to enable carrying out the Sport Strategy.
10. Special thanks were extended to His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah Bi Musaed Bin Abdul Aziz the President of ISSF and to the General Secretary of ISS for their excellent and unique efforts to prepare that strategy.

Preparation progress for holding the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, Baku 2017

The General Secretariat of ISSF is preparing for holding the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games, Baku 2017 in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the Games through holding a Number of coordination meetings such as:

1- The 4th Coordination meeting for the "Supervising and coordination Committee" with the Organizing Committee.
2- The meeting for the Chief De Missions on 8-9 December.

Necessary invitation was forwarded to all National Olympic Committees members of ISSF to attend the

Meeting of the Chief De Missions and the Organizing Committee will cover expenses of traveling and accommodation of one representative from each Olympic Committee (however, the second delegate expenses will be the responsibility of his National Olympic Committee).

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		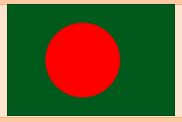		
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