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Closing Remarks by the Director General of SESRIC

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Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- ASA and Very Good Afternoon
- Alhamdulillah, we came to the end of the two days working sessions of the 8th Session of the OIC-StatCom.
- I can understand the long tiring working sessions. That is why I will be very brief in my closing remarks.
- First of all, as SESRIC and in our capacity as the Secretariat of this important OIC cooperation forum in the domain of Statistics, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for devoting these two days from your valuable time to attend and participate in this Session.
- I congratulate you all and commend your contribution to the success of the 8th session of OIC-StatCom through your valuable deliberations, exchange of views, knowledge and experience on all the agenda items of the meeting.

- Our sincere thanks are also extended to our traditional and main partner, the IsDB, for their continuous collaboration and support in organising the Sessions of the OIC-StatCom.
- On this occasion, I would like also to thank the host country of our Centre, the Republic of Turkey, for its continuous support and encouragement of the various activities and initiatives of the Centre.
- On behalf of you all, I also thank the Chairman of the Session, the delegate of Malaysia, Dr. Mohd Uzir MAHIDIN, for the effective manner in which he conducted the deliberations.
- Let me also extend my thanks to my colleagues at Statistics and Information Department for the excellent technical preparation for the session including the reports and documentation management, and my colleagues at SESRIC Event Team for the logistics arrangements they made to ensure the success of the Meeting. Of course, I should not forget to thank also our interpreters (translators) for their efforts in facilitating our communication during these two days.

Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- As the Secretariat, we believe that the deliberations, the technical presentations, the exchange of views on best practices and experiences that you have made during these two days would add value and further strengthen the technical cooperation among the NSOs of our member countries.

- We also believe that the amendments on the Rules of Procedure of the OIC-StatCom introduced and adopted in this Session will institutionalise the structure and undertakings of the Commission. With these amendments, I believe that we can move to a more focused and results-oriented approach, where the outcome of our work can generate the greatest impact and benefit for our member countries.
- We are very much aware of the fact that the current global development agenda has increased the burden on your shoulders and definitely has introduced new challenges for all NSOs both in developing and developed countries.
- Therefore, improving the current conditions of NSSs requires a collective and comprehensive cooperation approach that involves the national, regional, and international stakeholders based on South-South and Triangular cooperation modalities.
- In this connection, I would like to assure you that SESRIC will further improve its contribution and continuous efforts towards enhancing the technical capacities of the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the member countries through a maximum utilization of its role as the Secretariat of the OIC-StatCom and through its Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB).
- In so doing, you will find us, as usual, ready and willing to strengthen our cooperation and collaboration with your esteemed institutions.

- Thank you all once again.
- I wish you a nice and safe trip back to your home countries.

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