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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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Very Good Morning

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here with you in this beautiful city of Bali to address this important workshop.

Let me, at the outset; express my deep thanks and gratitude to the “Directorate General of Labour Inspection and OSH Development” of the Ministry of Manpower of the Republic of Indonesia for inviting SESRIC to this important workshop and for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements they made to ensure the success of the workshop. I would like also to congratulate you for your new Work Plan 2020-2025.

Seizing this opportunity, I would like to brief you on the mandate and activities of SESRIC. The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries, in short SESRIC, is a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) founded in May 1977. The Centre started its activities in Ankara on 1 June 1978.

The Centre is mandated to work in three broad areas of research, statistics and training, which are reflected in the name of the Centre.

In the area of statistics, SESRIC serves as the main socio-economic statistical and information bank on and for the OIC countries. The Centre collects, manipulates and disseminates the necessary socio-economic statistical data and background information that would make the OIC countries better informed of each other's capacities, potentials and needs. The Centre hosts the most comprehensive statistical database on OIC countries (OIC Statistical database (OIC-Stat Database)). Currently, the OIC-Stat Database contains data on 780 socio-economic indicators classified under 24 categories for the 57 member countries dating back to 1985.

Meanwhile, through its flagship OIC-Statistical Capacity building Programme (OIC-StaCaB), the Centre contributes significantly to the efforts of the member countries towards improving the technical capacities of their National Statistical Offices (NSOs). In addition, SESRIC assumes the role of the Secretariat of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StaCom), the only OIC cooperation fora in the domain of statistics.

In its capacity as the main socio-economic research organ of the OIC, the Centre studies and evaluates the economic and social developments in the OIC member countries in order to generate proposals that could initiate and enhance cooperation among them.

In this context, the Centre undertakes regular research activities on a wide range of socio-economic issues of concern to the OIC member countries. Within this framework, SESRIC contributes to the OIC policy dialogue mechanism through preparing technical background reports and research studies on several socio-economic cooperation issues

placed at the agenda of various related OIC conferences and meetings, particularly the sectoral ministerial conferences of the OIC.

These regular background reports are prepared by the Centre with a view to analysing the current situation at the OIC level and suggesting the appropriate policy actions that need to be taken in order to address the challenges and strengthen the intra-Islamic cooperation in the concerned areas.

In the area of training and technical cooperation, SESRIC plays a significant role in enhancing the south-south cooperation and collaboration among OIC member countries. Through different modalities, SESRIC facilitates the transfer of knowledge, know-how, best practices and experience among the member countries. The modalities includes capacity building programmes, training courses, study visits, training workshops, networking and reverse linkages projects.

In this regard, SESRIC currently manages 30 sector-specific capacity-building programmes. Through these programmes, the Centre provides training opportunities to an increasing number of staff in various national institutions in the OIC member countries with a view to contributing to the efforts of these countries towards enhancing the human capacities of their institutions. SESRIC implements its various training and technical cooperation projects and activities in collaboration with relevant national, OIC, regional and international institutions.

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I would like to stop here and, with your permission Mr. Chairman, invite my colleague Mr. Mehmet Fatih Serenli, Director of Training and Technical Cooperation Department at SESRIC to deliver a presentation on “The Role of SESRIC in Supporting the Efforts of our Member Countries in the domain of Occupational Safety and Health”.

Thank you for your attention!

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