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**Report of the  
of the “First Project Committee on the OIC Cotton Action Plan”  
4<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Izmir, Turkey**

1. The meeting of the project committee was held on 4 – 5 Feb 2009 in conjunction with the First Meeting of the Centres of Excellence of Cotton in OIC Countries which was held on 2-3 Feb 2009 in Izmir, Turkey.
2. From the IDB, the Chairman of the Project Committee, Dr. Mousa Traore chaired this meeting.
3. At the outset, the Chairman elaborated on the mandate of this committee and shed light on its composition which includes the OIC institutions and the Six Centres of Excellence.
4. The following projects were presented at the meeting by the respective owners of these projects.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Owner of the Project</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Estimated budget</b>	<b>Remarks of the Project Committee</b>
1 Turkey	Ege University, Faculty of Agriculture	Production, Marketing and Trade Policies for Cotton Production in the Cotton Producing OIC Countries	870,000 US \$	This Project may be forwarded to the Steering Committee for its review.
2 Turkey	Izmir Commodity Exchange	The Project of Development of Commodity Trade in Terms of Cotton among the Member Countries of OIC	12.5 mn US\$	To be resubmitted to the Project Committee after some reformulation and due consultations with ICCI and the concerned stakeholders.
3 Turkey	BORNOVA Plant Protection Research Institute & NCRI	Cotton Integrated Pest Management Education and implementation Project	1.7 mn US\$	To be submitted to the Steering Committee after some reformulations.
4 Bangladesh	Cotton Development Board	Improvement of cotton production facilities in Bangladesh	6.38 mn US\$	This project will be resubmitted to the project Committee meeting after it has been revised in consultation with Pakistan and other parties.

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5 Senegal		Programme de Development du Secteur do Cotton et des Textiles des paye member de L'OCI	2.7 mn Euro	There is a need to consult the other stakeholders especially high producing countries like Burkina Faso and come up with joint proposals as a particular country may be better in one aspect and another on another aspect. A preliminary Grant to strengthen this Project and to organize a regional meeting should be provided. In this regard, the Common Fund for Development could be approached. The regional Meeting of all stakeholders should be organized as soon as possible.
6 Egypt	Cotton Research Institute	Cotton Fiber and yarn evaluations as a sustainable integration in Islamic countries Training	355,000 US\$	This project needs to properly prepared and resubmitted to the Project Committee.
7 Egypt	Cotton Research Institute	A training course for improvement in cotton breeding production and technology in OIC countries	75,000 US\$	To be resubmitted to the Project Committee with some reformulations.
8 ICDT		Forum on Trade and Investment In Cotton Sector among the OIC Member States to be held on the sidelines of the 12 <sup>th</sup> OIC Expo in Cairo, EGYPT, 11-16 October 2009.	120,000 US\$	The Project Committee cleared the project and decided that it be forwarded to the Steering Committee for necessary action. The Project Committee requested the Steering Committee and the Government of Egypt to extend its support in organizing this important forum.

5. The Project Committee appealed to OIC Cotton Producing member states, the business community of OIC and the OIC institutions to actively participate in this Forum and extend their full support in its organization.
6. It was also decided that the Project Committee meetings will be held twice a year and more frequently if so needed.
7. The project proposal submitted by Uganda was not reviewed because there was no presenter to present the proposal. The Committee, however, took note of the proposal which will be included in the agenda of the next Project Committee meeting.
8. The West African Development Bank made a presentation on two projects related to Cotton Funds. The committee took note of the project proposals which, it agreed, could help revitalize the cotton sector in West Africa. The Committee decided that it will continue to follow the constitution of these funds and the progress of these funds.
9. The Project \Committee decided that any project proposal received in any language other than English should be translated in English or at least its summary should be prepared in English so that all the participants may evaluate the full potential of the project. In this regard, it was decided that such projects be submitted to the Project Committee in English or at least the summary in English language.
10. The Chairman of the Project Committee informed the delegates that the next Project Committee will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of COMCEC. Therefore, the Chairman requested the participants to submit the revised proposals as well as new project proposals by end March 2009 through formal channel.

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