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1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> OIC Conference of Transport Ministers (OICCTM) under the theme “*Strengthening Transport Connectivity to Deepen Fraternity among OIC Member States*” was held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), preparatory to the 2<sup>nd</sup> OICCTM, was held in Istanbul on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.
2. Ministers and Heads of Delegation from OIC Member States, OIC institutions, regional and international organizations participated at the Conference.

**OPENING CEREMONY**

3. Following the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur’an, H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Uraloglu, Minister Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Türkiye, in his capacity as Chairman of the 1<sup>st</sup> OICCTM, made his opening statement. In his statement, H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Uraloglu emphasized Türkiye’s active role and support within the OIC and highlighted the importance of transport and communication network in developing intra-OIC growth to the region.

**ELECTION OF THE BUREAU**

4. The Conference unanimously elected members of its Bureau as follows:
  - Chairman: The Republic of Türkiye;
  - Vice Chairman: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
  - Vice Chairman: Republic of Senegal;
  - Vice Chairman: The State of Palestine.

**SPEECH OF OIC SECRETARY GENERAL**

5. In his speech before the Conference, H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, the Secretary General of the OIC, which was delivered by H.E. Dr. Ahmad Kawesa Sengendo, the Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, highlighted the importance of expanding intra-OIC trade relations, wealth creation, investment promotion and increased of economic welfare for the citizens of OIC Member States.
6. The Secretary-General underscored the strategic importance of transport connectivity among OIC Member States, which represent a significant share of the world’s landmass and population. He highlighted that efficient transport systems are essential for enhancing intra-OIC trade, investment, economic growth, and overall prosperity. Noting persistent infrastructure gaps and below-average network performance in many Member States, he called for the development of a comprehensive OIC transport cooperation framework, including harmonized policies and integrated systems, while leveraging emerging technologies and smart mobility solutions. He further emphasized the importance of expediting the Dakar–Port Sudan Railway Project as a flagship initiative to strengthen regional connectivity and intra-OIC cooperation, urging Member States to

take practical and concrete measures to accelerate its implementation and advance broader transport development efforts.

**STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

7. In his address as Chairman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> OICCTM, H.E. Mr. Abdulkadir Uraloglu, thanked Member States for their confidence and reaffirmed Türkiye's commitment to advancing intra-OIC cooperation and called for collective efforts to achieve justice, dignity, and prosperity for all amidst growing socio-economic challenges, which include challenges in supply chains, technological transformations and climate change. The Minister highlighted the rapid transformations in the global economy, including shifting trade routes, emerging production hubs, and technological advancements, and called for urgent strengthening of solidarity and mutual trust among OIC Member States. He stressed that transport today is not only a driver for trade and development, but also a vital instrument of humanitarian solidarity and crisis response. Expressing deep concern over the situation in Palestine, he emphasized the shared responsibility of the Muslim Ummah to protect the oppressed and adopt a united stance in addressing the ongoing humanitarian tragedy in Palestine.
8. He further underscored that transport infrastructure represents the nerve-centre of civilization, enabling market access, trade flows, and strategic lines for trade and prosperity. Highlighting Türkiye's growing role as a reliable multimodal logistics hub connecting regions with uninterrupted capacity, he outlined national infrastructure milestones aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and resilient supply chains. The Minister reaffirmed Türkiye's commitment to deepening cooperation with OIC Member States and its readiness to provide technical support to advance joint transport initiatives. The Minister called on Member States to collectively define clear priorities and move decisively from aspiration to implementation by establishing a coherent and complementary division of labour among relevant institutions. He emphasized that the OIC, with its significant trade volume and strategic transport corridors, provides a unique platform for advancing structured cooperation. He also called for effective integration of landlocked Member States into transport networks.
9. H.E The Minister, reiterated the commitment of Türkiye, based on the decision adopted at the first meeting of the OIC Conference of Transport Ministers held in 1987, for the establishment of an OIC specialized institution to be hosted by Türkiye entitled "Land Transport Centre", with the aim of having a comprehensive framework in the field of land transport and requested the General Secretariat and its relevant institutions, to prepare necessary documents in coordination with the Chair and submit them to the Third OIC Conference of Transport Ministers to be held in 2028.

**STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC OF TÜRKIYE**

10. The President Türkiye, H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in his video message to the Conference, underscored that in order to diminish the significance of geographical distances between OIC Member States, effective and strategic connectivity becomes ever more critical to the global economy, trade routes, production networks, and intra-OIC cooperation and progress. He stressed that development, competitiveness, and regional integration depend on effective, reliable, and integrated transport systems, noting that strong intermodal linkages foster not only trade but also social and cultural bonds. The President highlighted Türkiye's flagship national transport projects and its active engagement in regional connectivity initiatives including the revitalization of the historic Silk Road, the strengthening of Caspian connections, and the Development Road

Project. The President called for the advancement of cross-border corridors and joint OIC projects that generate added value, transform geographical advantages into strategic opportunities, and enhance solidarity on international platforms. The President stress that such initiatives should be guided by well-coordinated transport strategies supported by close coordination and robust follow-up mechanisms. He particularly stressed the need to have a Centre to coordinate and harmonise the land transport in OIC Member States.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WORK PROGRAMME**

11. The Conference adopted its Agenda and Work Programme.

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING**

12. The Chairman of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM), preparatory to Ministerial Session, Mr. Burak Aykan, General Director, General Directorate of European Union and Foreign Relations of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Türkiye, presented the report of the SOM, which was held in Istanbul on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. The Meeting adopted the Report of the SOM.

#### **STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION**

13. Participating Ministers and Heads of Delegations addressed the Conference, underscoring the strategic importance of transport connectivity in responding to evolving economic realities, emphasizing that borders should function as gateways rather than barriers. They stressed that efficient and integrated transport networks strengthen economic resilience, stability, and solidarity among Member States. Delegations presented updates on national connectivity initiatives and major transport corridors across maritime, air, land, rail, and road sectors, including the modernization of airports, seaports, railways, and logistics hubs to facilitate trade and transit of goods and services.
14. The Ministers called for forward-looking transport policies aligned with investment strategies and regional cooperation frameworks to support intra-OIC trade, economic growth, and shared prosperity. They highlighted the need for comprehensive and complementary multimodal approaches linking countries, regions, and continents through efficient and sustainable systems. They called for climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable transport systems capable of withstanding emerging environmental challenges while reducing ecological impact. They underscored the importance of integrating advanced, state-of-the-art technologies including intelligent transport systems, smart infrastructure, real-time monitoring and data-driven management tools, as well as fully digitalized and automated border procedures, to enhance efficiency, safety, transparency, and seamless cross-border mobility with reduced administrative barriers.
15. The Ministers further stressed the importance of harmonizing legal and regulatory frameworks, coordination of legislation, streamlining customs procedures, and implementing single-window and one-stop payment systems, as well as mutually recognizing certificates and technical standards.
16. The Meeting underscored the value of strengthening South-South cooperation and partnerships as drivers of sustainable development. The Ministers called for reinforced capacity-building initiatives, investment in qualified human resources, adaptation of skills to emerging developments, and continuous skills development to ensure the effective management of modern transport systems.

17. Recognizing the financial requirements of large-scale infrastructure projects, Ministers emphasized mobilizing sustainable and long-term financing for regional and cross-border initiatives. They encouraged greater utilization of Islamic financing instruments and innovative financing and risk-sharing mechanisms to support the expansion and modernization of railways, ports, and multimodal hubs, while reaffirming their commitment to coordinated implementation and follow-up to achieve comprehensive connectivity for socio-economic development.
18. Member States also commended the pivotal role of the OIC and its institutions in advancing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation, particularly in strengthening transport connectivity. They called for translating commitments into tangible actions and inclusive projects that foster solidarity and enhance the welfare of the Ummah. In this regard, the Dakar–Port Sudan Railway Project was highlighted as a strategic initiative to further promote economic integration and strengthen social and cultural ties among Member States. The concerned Member States were called upon to take effective steps to have the Project implemented at the earliest.
19. In line with the decision of the First OICCTM, the initiative of establishing an OIC specialized institution on land transportation to be hosted by Türkiye entitled “Land Transport Centre”, was welcomed by some Member States.

#### **DATE AND VENUE OF THE 3<sup>rd</sup> OICCTM**

20. The Conference encouraged Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the next OICCTM in 2028, and inform the Secretary General on the matter at their earliest convenience.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION**

21. The Conference unanimously adopted the Resolution on Strengthening intra-OIC Cooperation in the Transport Sector.

#### **VOTE OF THANKS**

22. The Ministers and Heads of Delegation thanked His Excellency the President of the Republic of Türkiye for his video message submitted to the Conference. The Ministers commended the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic Türkiye on his Chairmanship and expressed deep appreciation for his continued support and high patronage of the Conference. They also expressed their gratitude to the Government and People of the Republic of Türkiye for the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to the delegates and for the excellent arrangements made to ensure the success of the Conference.
23. The Conference commended the OIC Secretary General, H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, for his dedicated efforts toward advancing the objectives of the Conference. The Meeting further expressed its appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat and the relevant OIC institutions for their tireless and sustained contributions to promoting socio-economic development and enhancing the welfare and prosperity of the Member States.

**Adopted in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye,  
12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**