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### 1. INTRODUCTION

This concise paper is a critical attempt to look into the tourism sectors of the OIC countries. The objective of the paper is to identify the problem areas that are preventing cooperation among the OIC countries and to come up with ways and means to strengthen cooperation in this important field. To perform this task the paper examined the basic tourism data of the OIC countries and generated a set of indicators in the process. This set of indicators is then used to appraise the tourism performance of the OIC world with World tourism indicators. The remaining parts of the paper are structured in the following manner, Section 2 explains the theoretical concepts and describes the data and methods used in the paper. Section 3 investigates the OIC basic tourism facts and indicators and compares them with world indicators. In this regard, the paper concentrates only on tourist arrivals and receipts as the main indicators. It thus does not take into account capacity and size factors, such as number of beds, mainly due to time and data constraints. For the same reasons, it was not possible also to consider inter OIC tourism data in details. Section 4 explores the problems facing tourism in the OIC world, particularly those limiting cooperation amongst them. Section 5, is the policy section. It endorses the broad objectives and recommended actions of the OIC Plan of Action (POA). Finally it concludes with some practical suggestions and steps to activate and realize those goals so as to enhance inter OIC tourism activity.

#### 2. GENERAL BACKGROUND

#### 2.1. Conceptual Issues

Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their permanent place of residence, for a period not more than a year, for leisure, business, and other purposes. In this sense, the term tourism covers both domestic and cross-boarder (International) tourism. Domestic tourism involves movement and travel of residents of a certain country within that country. Though vitally important for many

countries, domestic tourism is not considered in this paper for obvious reasons. International tourism, on the other hand, includes both inbound as well as out-bound tourism. Inbound tourism, refer to the travel of non-residents into a country, while outbound tourism is the reverse, with the residents of a certain country travelling across its boarder to other countries. Based on this definition, tourism industry includes all the socio-economic activities that are directly or indirectly involved in providing a service to tourists. These, *inter alia*, include the services of the following main sectors:

- Transportation services
- Hotels and lodging services
- Food and Beverage sector services
- Cultural and tourist attractions and entertainment
- Banking and financial services
- Promotion and Publicity

Equally important are the public services that deal directly with the tourists. Most notably amongst these are the following services

- the immigration control
- the consulate services
- tourist information and safety services

Historically, tourism was seen as mainly a cultural activity. The second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century has witnessed the commercialization of tourism. In recent decades tourism has become a fully-fledged industry contributing significantly to the economic and social development of many countries in the world. Nowadays the tourism sector has been widely regarded as a major potential source of output, employment and foreign exchange. Indeed it is so for many countries, including some OIC members. Accordingly, most countries, including some OIC members, have focused their attention and effort towards developing their tourism sector and the tourist-related industries. Many OIC countries have achieved notable success in this regard. The OIC countries in the North of Africa and in the Mediterranean basin in general, viz., Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt, Turkey and Lebanon serve as typical example in this regard.

### 2.2. Data and Methodology

International tourism and faire receipts and expenditure data is from the 'Compendium of Tourism Statistics of the World Tourism Organization the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> editions. There was no data in the available sources on Guinea-Bissau, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, and Tajikistan, and partial data was available for 17 other OIC countries. Since it is international tourism that is more significant, and is the subject matter of this conference, the paper is therefore restricted to the realm of international tourism. Accordingly, unless otherwise stated, a reference to tourism indicates international tourism.

A basic set of tourism indicators is provided in the following section including tourists International Arrivals (in number of visitors) and International Receipts, in millions of US dollars (Annexes I-IV). Annexes II and I include regional data and totals, on sizes, market shares, and annual percentage changes for the main tourist destinations and the other tourist destinations of the world for the period 1994-1999. They also show the percentage shares of the same variables for the OIC countries and compare them with those of the world. Tables 1 and 2 (in the text) abridge the main OIC information in annexes II and I.

The **Balance of International Tourism Payments** (**BOTP**) of each country is the sum of **Travel** and the **Fare Balances** of that country. The Balance of International Travel (**BOT**) is obtained by deducting each country's international tourism receipts from its international tourism expenditure. Similarly, the Balance of Fares (**BOF**) is obtained by deducting the international fare payments from international fare receipts of each country. The result of adding the two sub-balances begets the **BOTP** for each country. This figure is then related to the each respective country's Gross National Product (**GNP**) and to its Export of Goods and Services (**XGS**) total. The outcome of the GNP exercise is shown in annex III and that of the XGS is in annex IV.

#### 3. BASIC TOURISM INDICATORS OF THE OIC WORLD

### 3.1. Tourist Arrivals

Over the period 1995-1999, the total volume of tourist arrivals worldwide increased by an annual average of 3 per cent. Individual

increases varied ranging between 5.6 in 1995 to 2.7 in 1998. Arrivals in the world's main tourist destinations (**WMD**) increased by 2.7 per cent annually, during the period, compared to 4.8 per cent for the world's other destinations (**WOD**). This is an indication to relatively rapid and expanding tourist development in the WOD in comparison with the popular WMD. However the relative share of the WOD group ranged between 12.5 to 13.6 per cent (Table 1.A).

The main tourist arrival destinations in the OIC world (**OIC-MD**) are Morocco and Tunisia in the North of Africa, Malaysia and Indonesia in East Asia, Turkey in Europe, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, UAE and Bahrain in the Middle East, and Iran and Pakistan in South Asia. This group receives between 75 to 80 per cent of the OIC's total arrivals but only between 7 to 7.5 per cent of the world's total volume of arrivals. In comparison to the worldwide volume of arrivals the OIC world appear to be losing some ground. In this regard, the relative shares of the OIC world dropped down from 6.3 per cent in 1995 to 5.6 per cent in 1999. During the period 1995-99, the OIC-MD arrivals increased by only 0.6 per cent on average compared to 4.8 per cent for the OIC-OD. This also indicates a relatively more rapid expansion in the OD compared to the MD. However, MD still took 78 per cent of the OIC totals on average. While the OD share increased significantly over the period, it suffered a sizable drop in 1999 (Table 1.A.).

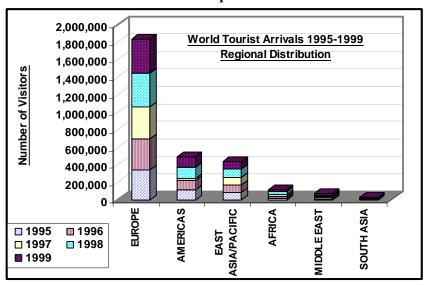
TABLE 1.A.
OIC COUNTRIES SHARES AND RATES OF CHANGE IN
INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS 1995-1999 (%)

	MA	RKET	C SHA	ARE(	ANNUAL CHANGE (%)					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98	
MD TOTALS	87.5	87.2	87.0	86.7	86.4	5.1	3.2	2.5	2.7	
of which OIC-MD	6.3	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	-4.1	5.1	-0.7	3.0	
OIC-MD/MD (%)	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5					
OD TOTALS	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.6	8.9	5.1	4.5	6.0	
of which OIC-OD	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.4	57.1	-5.7	15.0	-27.0	
OIC-OD/OD (%)	10.3	14.8	13.3	14.6	10.1					

Extract Appendix Table 1.1.

Note: Arrivals indicate the number of visits not persons even if a person makes many visits.

Graph 1



However, the regional share distribution of the OIC main destination vary widely with the middle east topping with bout 70 per cent on average and non at all in the Americas. The first raw of Table 1.B show the percentages of all OIC destination relative to world arrivals. The remainder of the table reflects the regional distribution of the OIC arrivals arranged in a descending order. This table also shows the annual rate of change of each region. The OIC East Asia region received the highest number of visitors, followed by the OIC Europe, the Middle East, Africa and then South East Asia and with nothing in the Americas region. In Africa too the OIC market shares appear to be considerable and increasing (Graph 2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statistical annex (I) is base for Tables 1A and 1B, 3A and 3B.

Graph 2

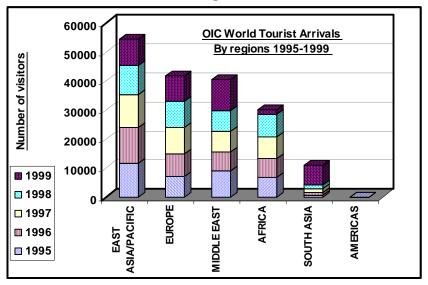


TABLE 1.B.
SHARES OF OIC MAIN DESTINATIONS IN WORLD TOURIST
ARRIVALS BY REGION

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	N	1ARK	ET SH	ARE(	ANNUAL CHANGE (%)								
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98				
OIC/WORLD(%)	7.6	7.6	7.5	7.5	7.0	5.6	3.5	2.7	3.2				
MIDDLEEAST	74.4	74.2	72.5	68.4	63.7	-29.3	8.0	1.8	24.4				
AFRICA	33.1	30.0	31.3	31.8	32.4	47.3	50.4	49.4	49.8				
SOUTHASIA	19.8	21.1	23.1	27.7	26.7	12.8	19.1	28.9	-0.1				
E. ASIA/PACIFIC	14.5	13.7	12.9	11.7	11.5	3.2	-6.4	-10.9	6.2				
EUROPE	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.8	12.5	13.5	-0.9	-24.1				
AMERICAS													

Extract Annex I

## 3.2. Tourist Receipts

World receipts from tourism too has increased throughout the period 1995-1999 though not at a consistent rate. The average annual rate of increase for the period was 2.24 per cent. However, this entire rise in receipts was in 1996 season, while they declined in the following seasons through to 1999. Thus, the highest and single increase was in the 1996 season (7.1 per cent).

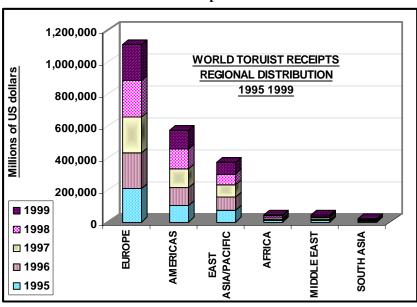
TABLE 2.A SHARES OF OIC MAIN DESTINATIONS IN WORLD TOURIST RECEIPTS BY REGION

	MA	ARKE	T SH	ARE(	ANNUAL CHANGE (%)					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98	
MD TOTALS	86.1	86.2	86.0	85.7	80.6	7.1	0.1	0.0	- 3.1	
of which OIC-MD	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.6	18.3	-0.7	-9.8	-2.2	
OIC-MD/MD (%)	5.8	6.4	6.3	<i>5.7</i>	5.8					
OD TOTALS	13.9	13.8	14.0	14.3	13.7	8.9	5.1	4.5	6.0	
of which OIC-OD	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	4.1	8.5	12.2	14.7	
OIC-OD/OD (%)	7.2	7.0	7.4	8.2	9.5					

Extract of Annex II.

Except for the last year, the share of the main tourist destinations in world tourism receipts averaged 85 per cent of total receipts during that period. Worldwide, the distribution of tourist receipts followed that of arrivals, but not in a proportionate manner. Europe took the lion's share of both, 61 and 51 per cent, with a higher share of arrivals than receipts. The America followed but with a higher share of receipts than arrivals. The same is true for East Asia, which suggest a higher receipt per visit for these two regions (Graph 3).

Graph 3



Unlike the world distribution, the OIC highest arrival and receipt shares were in East Asia with 31 and 37 per cent for arrivals and receipts. The OIC Europe (only Turkey) came second with 23.5 and 29 per cent respectively and here too the proportion of receipts surpass that of that of arrival. The Middle East, Africa and South Asia ranked in the next three positions with higher arrival than receipt rates. The fact that OIC Europe includes only Turkey is also very significant. It shows Turkey as the highest receiving single country among OIC group both in absolute volumes of visits and receipts (Graph 4).

The OIC-MD took about 80 per cent of the total OIC receipts leaving 20 per cent to OIC-OD. However, this amounts to only 5 per cent of the world's MD total receipts. Of the world's OD (13.5 per cent of the total), the OIC countries takes only 1 per cent. Thus of the world's overall tourism receipts the OIC world together receives about 7 per cent, which is about the same as its share in the world tourist arrivals.

TABLE 2.B.
OIC COUNTRIES SHARES AND RATES OF CHANGE IN
INTERNATIONAL TOURIST RECIEPTS 1995-1999 (%)

	M	ARKE	T SH	ARE(	ANNUAL CHANGE (%)						
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98		
MIDDLE EAST	44.1	47.6	49.8	40.1	52.5	18.3	16.5	- 3.6	34.7		
AFRICA	33.3	33.6	30.2	33.0	36.1	45.7	47.2	51.2	46.7		
SOUTH ASIA	8.7	9.9	10.4	12.3	11.4	28.3	13.8	21.4	-8.8		
E.ASIA/PACIFIC	12.3	13.1	10.6	9.6	10.0	17.7	-25.4	-19.0	15.4		
EUROPE	2.3	2.7	3.6	3.4	2.2	20.3	35.7	-3.4	-36.0		
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Extract of annex II

TABLE 3.A.
WORLD TOURIST ARRIVAL AND TOURIST RECEIPTS
REGIONAL SHARES

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1995-1999 (Totals)	Arrivals (%)	Receipts (%)
EUROPE	61.4	51.2
AMERICAS	16.6	26.4
EAST ASIA/PACIFIC	14.7	17.3
AFRICA	4.0	2.1
MIDDLE EAST	2.5	2.0
SOUTH ASIA	0.8	0.9
	100.0	100.0

TABLE 3.B.
THE OIC WORLD TOURIST ARRIVAL AND TOURIST RECEIPTS:
REGIONAL SHARES

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1995-1999 (Totals)	Arrivals (%)	Receipts (%)
EAST ASIA/PACIFIC	30.6	37.6
EUROPE	23.5	28.6
MIDDLE EAST	22.8	18.0
AFRICA	16.9	13.9
SOUTH ASIA	6.2	1.9
AMERICAS	0.0	0.0
	100.0	100.0

## Graph 4

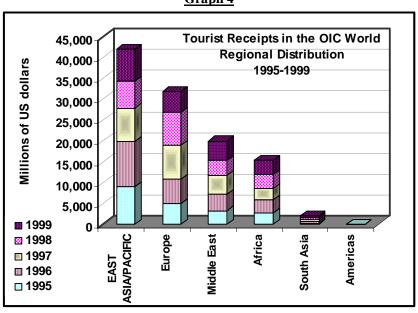


TABLE 4
ANNUAL AVERAGE CHANGE IN MAIN TOURISM INDICATORS
TOTALS AND REGIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS

	AVERAGE CHA	ANGE (%) P.A.
	Tourist Receipts	Tourist Arrivals
WORLD TOTAL	2.2	3.0
AFRICA	3.4	6.0
MD AFRICA	5.0	1.3
OIC-MD AFRICA	5.0	5.6
AMERICAS	2.8	2.7
MD AMERICAS	3.8	2.4
OIC-MD AMERICAS		0.0
EAST ASIA/PACIFIC	0.2	2.9
MD E.ASIA/PACIFIC	-1.2	2.8
OIC-MD E.ASIA/PACIFIC	-3.9	-1.8
EUROPE	1.2	2.7
MD EUROPE	-0.1	2.7
OIC-MD EUROPE	0.2	-0.8
MIDDLE EAST	3.5	7.8
MD MIDDLE EAST	7.2	4.5
OIC-MD MIDDLE EAST	7.2	-0.7
SOUTH ASIA	4.4	5.1
MD SOUTH ASIA	4.4	5.4
OIC-MD SOUTH ASIA	10.1	11.6
MD TOTAL	0.9	2.7
OIC-MD TOTAL	0.7	0.6
OTHER DESTINATIONS	1.9	4.8
OIC OTHER DESTINATIONS	7.8	4.5

Calculation based on data in Annexes I and II

## 3.3. Net Balance of Tourism (BOTP)

In this section, the paper calculates the BOTP of individual OIC countries. These are then related, as percentages, to the respective countries Gross National Products (GNP) and Exports of Good and Services (XGS). The results of the two exercises are then ranked and listed in a descending order (Annexes 3 and 4 respectively). The purpose of this exercise is to reflect the relative weight of Tourism to the individual OIC economies.

Table 5 ranks the OIC countries in descending order, into seven ranges, the highest of which include records of 50 per cent and over, and the lowest includes sub-zero records. Using this table, the OIC countries may be classed in five groups:

The first group includes countries with dominantly high BOTP both in relation to GNP and XGS and thus also very high contribution of the tourism sector in the economy. This group include only the Maldives in which Tourism is the main economic activity contributing over 70 and 54 per cent of the Maldives GNP and XGS respectively.

The second group includes countries with high and consistent share of tourism in the economy. The countries in this group have a relative BOTP exceeding 4 percent of GNP and or more than 10 per cent of XGS. The countries in this group include Tunisia, Lebanon, Comoros, Guyana, Bahrain, Jordan, Morocco, Syria and Turkey.

In the third group tourism play some role however, that role is either not consistent or not very significant compared to the size of the economy. The relative BOTP to GNP is between 0.1-3.9 and between 4 to 9 of XGS. It includes a range of countries including Egypt, Malaysia at one end and Turkmenistan at the higher end and Surname, Uzbekistan and Bahrain at the other end.

The BOTP in the forth group is either zero or negative and thus too its ratios to GNP and XGS. In this group tourism at best has a neutral effect but mostly a negative one on the balances of the economy. This group contains over a third of the OIC countries. The fifth is the no data group. The last two groups together make about 50 per cent of the OIC countries.

The following notes can be made following this exercise:

- The role of tourism in different countries is neither a function of the size nor the level of affluence of the country.
- So far only the countries with inherent (natural, historic etc.,) tourism potential, are generally the ones which tend to develop and extend their tourism industries.

- Tourism development is neglected in some resource rich as well as in most OIC poor countries. This is mainly due to the lack of cognizance in both but also to the lack of resources in the latter.
- Though a crucial factor, a natural resources potential alone can not make a successful tourism industry. That has to be coupled with insightful planning, public and social awareness, prudent and courteous management and sheer hard work.

TABLE 5
OIC COUNTRIES RANKED BY TOURISM WEIGHT
(Based 1995-99 period averages)

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	I. BOTP Relative to GNP (%)									
50 and over	Maldives (70.2 %)									
25-49										
10-24										
4-9	Tunisia, Lebanon, Comoros, Guyana, Bahrain, Jordan, Syria, Morocco									
0.1-3.9	Gambia, Egypt, Turkey, Malaysia, Albania, Turkmenistan, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Benin, Burkina Faso, Oman, Suriname, and Uzbekistan.									
0 and under	Algeria, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyztan, Pakistan, Uganda, Sudan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Mauritania, Yemen, Libya, Guinea, Cameroon, Djibouti, Niger, Togo, Mali, Chad, Nigeria, Gabon, Kuwait									
No data	Afghanistan, Brunei, G. Bissau, Kazakhastan, Mozambique, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, Tajikistan									
	II. BOTP Relative to XGS (%)									
50 and over	Maldives (53.8 %)									
25-49										
10-24	Comoros, Lebanon, Tunisia, Morocco, Syria, Turkey									
4-9	Egypt, Turkmenistan, Suriname, Guyana, Albania, Jordan, Indonesia, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Bahrain									
0.1- 3.9	Burkina Faso, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Malaysia, Benin, UAE, Brunei, Iraq, Oman, Uzbekistan, Algeria,									
0 and under	Kyrgyztan, Iran, Yemen, Azerbaijan, Mauritania, Guinea, Pakistan, Djibouti, Libya, Sudan, Uganda, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Gabon, Niger, Mali, Nigeria, Chad, Kuwait, Togo									
No data	Afghanistan, G. Bissau, Kazakhastan, Mozambique, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, Tajikistan									

Based on Annexes III and IV

## 4. PROBLEM FACING TOURISM AND TOURISM COOPERATION IN THE OIC WORLD

The problems facing the tourism sector in the OIC countries are diverse depending on the extent of development of the sector in the different countries. The paper divides these problems into two broad categories:

- 1. **Development-related Problems:** these include the problems hampering the development of tourism and tourism sector in OIC countries.
- 2. **Operation-related Problems:** These include the set of problems facing countries, which already have developed tourism Industries.

## 4.1. Problems of Development

#### □ Lack of awareness, knowledge and know how

Presumably, no country in the OIC world is still in the dark regarding the cultural value of tourism. However, in many OIC countries there is still a fundamental lack of basic cognizance as to the economic importance of tourism as an industry. This is true both for its positive impact as potential source of employment, export and foreign exchange, or its negative impact as a possible leakage of countries' own resources.

#### □ Lack of technical know-how and limited cultural orientation

Even when that fundamental awareness is there, there is generally the lack of knowledge and know how as to where to make a start? And how? Tourism as a modern industry is recent in the world. A part from the OIC countries in which there has been history tourism as a life style and way of life, tourism is also new and unfamiliar activity in most OIC countries. So, both for the authorities as well as for the people in general, dealing with mass influx of people is an unfamiliar territory. As a result, tourist's services tend to be very basic and lacking.

## □ Deficiency of Tourism infrastructures

Most OIC countries lack the infrastructures necessary for the development of successful tourism sectors. Primarily, amongst these, are

hotels and lodging services, transportation, safety, and security and tourist information services.

#### □ Absence and lack of Finance

While investment in services is a well-established activity in the developed world, it is still lagging behind in the developing world. Service investment projects in the developing world, and in tourism in particular, are often regarded as high-risk projects, among the investment community. This is particularly the case in areas that lack the basic infrastructures needed for the provision of such services. Accordingly, it is almost impossible for the OIC countries in this category to get access to reasonable financing, if any at all, for such projects. Thus, even when countries manage to tackle the problems of project identification and planning, the hurdle of finance subdues their plans.

### □ Weak promotional activity

Another problem behind the lack of development in tourism relates to the absence of publicity promotion and mass media exposure for the limited services available.

#### 4.2. Problems of Operations

Some of the developmental factors above are also relevant as operational factors, while all the operational factors are relevant for the countries still in the initiation phases of the industry. These, *inter alia*, include the following:

## □ Instability and Deficiency of demand

The demand curves facing existing services in many OIC countries are unstable and erratic. Since they are externally based they are easily swayed by many factors. This fluctuating and erratic nature of demand is the prime cause of concern among the main tourist destinations in the OIC world. While these countries can not influence the demand per se, they nevertheless may be able to use forecasting techniques and forward planning to determine the levels of service to suite expected levels of demand.

## □ Safety-related problems

The safety of the tourists is among the primary factors for any successful tourism industry and thus should be one of the basic objectives of tourism planning and provisions. Safety-related problems whether real or perceived exert negative impacts on the reputation of host places. In this regard, negative perceptions appear to play a detrimental role on the prospects of tourism in many OIC countries. Even such factors as rumors may cause havoc on complete tourist seasons.

## 5. POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS FOR CHANGE AND COOPERATION

The approach to resolving these and other problems requires the adoption of long-term strategies as well as medium to short-term plans, at the national as well as the regional and international levels.

#### **5.1.** At the National Level

### A. Long-term strategies

Some of the important elements of the strategy are:

- ♦ To promote and develop tourism as a modern industry to meet the growing demand for new and quality services, eco-tourism is a case in point in this regard. This is to be done by developing new resources and facilities as well as raising awareness about the existing resources and facilities.
- ◆ To raise education standards in general and tourism education and orientation in particular. This will help change peoples old and dated perceptions regarding tourism. It also raises the people's awareness of the opportunities and challenges involved in tourism. Education programs should be designed in such a way so as to boost the positive elements of tourism and to counter its negative impacts. Social positive attitudes, such as friendliness, helpfulness and honesty against negative ones as tourist harassment, fraud and crooked behavior are material factors, which help create long-term perceptions, and thus influence the popularity and reputation of tourist destinations.

- ♦ To cooperate and benefit from the opportunities available to countries from regional as well international institution. In this regard, the IFC of the World Bank has developed a special program for the tourism development. OIC Countries should make use of these resources and others to help identify, plan and fund tourism projects.
- ◆ To make efficient use of the mass media and promotional activity to publicize and promote existing attractions and the available services. Promotion is also vital in achieving all other tourism objectives.
- ◆ To enhance the atmosphere of harmony, stability, and cooperation among the OIC countries.
- To encourage and promote extensive private sector involvement in tourism through establishing joint venture particularly in the areas of capacity building and in enhancing and improving the quality of services in the sector.

#### B. Medium term to short term strategy

Some of the important elements of the strategy are:

- ◆ To endeavor to establish an atmosphere that raises confidence and encourages private sector investment, and its participation in managing the sector affairs.
- ◆ To improve the basic infrastructure of the country such as roads, public amenities, and transport with the purpose of developing tourism and the supporting activities.
- ◆ To create a safe and secure environment by establishing law and order and by putting into place the institutions and institutional set up that maintains social and societal peace.
- To improve the quality and the efficiency of tourist services. In this regard, the relevant authorities need to be trained and supported to provide world class services to visitors and tourists. These include information, immigration and visa, and police services. It should also

put into place the necessary laws and regulations, which control the quality of the services, provided by the private sector to tourists.

- ◆ Technical training: Emphasis to be placed on technical education both formally and informally. To provide technical training on different aspects of tourism. That should be offered particularly to the people and personnel engaged directly in the sector activities.
- ◆ To improve banking and financial services which facilitates the transfer of money. In this regard, a safe, easy and competitive system of money transfer is among the main factors of a successful tourism industry. Therefore, the existence of developed banking and financial system is prerequisite for attracting investment in general and for tourism in particular.

## 5.2. Action for cooperation at the OIC level

The broad objectives and the cooperation programs offered in the OIC POA provide a viable framework for Inter OIC cooperation in this field. However, as these are general frameworks, they need to be supplement with practical actions and details. The last section in the paper will include some suggestions in that direction. The other two section list the objectives and programs of the POA for the development tourism and tourism cooperation among the OIC member countries.

#### A. Objectives

- 1. To promote and develop tourism in the OIC countries, as an important means to demonstrate the inherent qualities, as well as, the true nature of the Islamic civilization and culture, to the rest of the world.
- 2. Support and develop joint action, at bilateral and multilateral levels, to strengthen, promote and expand tourist activities among the member countries, and in Islamic world in general.
- 3. Formulate co-ordinate OIC action addressed to the improvement and enhancement of supply in the area of tourism, through the establishment of new facilities and activities in the member

- countries, in order to attain globally competitive standards in terms of facilities, quality of services and diversity of tourism activities.
- 4. Develop modalities of cooperation and co-ordination to facilitate the transfer of up-to-date technology into the tourism sector in the member countries in a manner that would facilitate its smooth assimilation, without harming the historical and cultural authenticity and tradition nor doing damage to the environment.
- Encourage and promote extensive private sector involvement and cooperation in tourism, through joint venture, in the area of improvement and enhancement of physical capacities and quality service.

#### **B. Programs of Action**

- 1. Increasing the public awareness in the OIC countries about the exiting tourist resources and facilities in the Islamic world with a view to encouraging tourist visits to other Islamic countries by providing full information to potential visitors.
- 2. Establishment of direct contacts among the relevant parties concerned with tourism in the member countries in support of an expanded tourist activity among the member countries.
- 3. Creation of the appropriate legal, institutional and administrative conditions and environment in the member countries in support of an expanded tourist activity among the member countries.
- 4. Encouraging and facilitating joint tourism ventures and other investments in the member countries by the private sector in the expansion and upgrading of the existing tourist capacities and activities and for the construction of new facilities of appropriate quality and service standards, using up-to-date technologies.
- Encourage and support the activities relating to the development of the necessary human capital in the area of tourism to ensure the availability of managerial and service personnel of international standards.

### 5.3. Practical steps towards promoting inter OIC tourism

Some practical modalities are needed in order to put the ideas of the POA into effect. Through strengthened OIC cooperation, the broad objectives of the POA can be translated into realistic policies. The paper wishes to make the following directions and suggestions in this regard:

- Successful cooperation can not be built on good intentions alone.
   Material mutual benefits are key factors to the success of any
   cooperation. In the tourism field this depends on factors such the
   ones mentioned throughout this paper. However, the paper single out
   quality of service, value for money or cost effectiveness, ease of
   travel as the most important amongst these factors.
- Experience has shown that state subsidies of any sector tend to promote the wrong type of investment, which when left to their own devices either fail or provide the wrong type and low quality of service.
- 3. To overcome the hurdles of finance, technology and expertise, countries should make use of all available international assistance programs in this field such as the World Bank-IFC program.
- 4. Efforts should be made on bilateral as well as the multilateral levels to promote existing as well as new touristic opportunities of individual countries in other member countries with the purpose of increasing number of visitors from member countries.
- 5. Member countries should endeavor to ease entry and movement of visitors particularly from member countries. To do so visa, immigration and other travel requirement need to be simplified. The ultimate objective should be to create a boarder free Islamic world. Such plan would be in harmony with the Islamic free trade area and the Islamic common market plans.

In conclusion, despite the modest share of the OIC in world tourism, there is a wide scope for development and intra OIC cooperation in this field. Setting up practical schemes to implement the POA recommendations is the way forward in this regard.

ANNEX I
INTERNATIONAL TOURIST ARRIVALS, BY MAIN DESTINATIONS

1		KNATIC			TARRET V 1	, D I	1101								
			rrivals (tho					t share(			Annual change (%)				
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98	
WORLD TOTAL	567381	599035	619718	636676	656933	100	100	100	100	100	5.6	3.5	2.7	3.2	
AFRICA	20327	21930	23419	25023	27263	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.2	7.9	6.8	6.8		
South Africa	4488	4944	5653	5898	2421	22.1	22.5	24.1	23.6	-	10.2	14.3	4.3		
Tunisia	4120	3885	4263	4718	4880	20.3	17.7	18.2	18.9	17.9	-5.7	9.7	10.7	3.4	
Morocco	2602	2693	3072	3243	3950	12.8	12.3	13.1	13.0	14.5	3.5	14.1	5.6		
Zimbabwe	1539	1746	1495	1984	2328	7.6	8.0	6.4	7.9	8.5	13.5	-14.4	32.7	17.3	
sub-total	12749	13268	14483	15843	13579	62.7	60.5	61.8	63.3	63.3	4.1	9.2	9.4	8.8	
OIC share	6722	6578	7335	7961	8830	33.1	30.0	31.3	31.8	32.4	47.3	50.4	49.4	49.8	
AMERICAS	110689	116700	18334	122027	126709	19.5	19.5	19.1	19.2	19.3	5.4	1.4	3.1	3.8	
USA	43318	46489	47752	46395	46983	39.1	39.8	40.4	38.0	37.1	7.3	2.7	-2.8	1.3	
Mexico	20241	21405	19351	19810	20216	18.3	18.3	16.4	16.2	16.0	5.8	-9.6	2.4	2.0	
Canada	16932	17285	17636	18837	19556	15.3	14.8	14.9	15.4	15.4	2.1	2.0	6.8	3.8	
Argentina	4101	4286	4540	4860	5970	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.7	4.5	5.9	7.0	22.8	
Brazil	1991	2666	2850	4818	5059	1.8	2.3	2.4	3.9	4.0	33.9	6.9	-	5.0	
Puerto Rico	3131	3065	3242	3396	3042	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.4	-2.1	5.8	4.8	-10.4	
sub-total	89714	95196	95371	98116	100826	81.1	81.6	80.6	80.4	79.6	6.1	0.2	2.9	2.8	
OIC share															
EAST ASIA/PACIFIC	81355	89037	88254	87183	93679	14.3	14.9	14.2	13.7	14.3	9.4	-0.9	-1.2	7.5	
China 1	20134	22765	23770	25073	27047	24.6	25.6	26.9	28.8	28.9	13.6	4.4	5.5		
Hong Kong	10200	11703	10406	9575	10433	12.5	13.1	11.8	11.0	11.1	14.7	-11.1	-8.0	9.0	
Thailand	6952	7244	7294	7843	8280	8.5	8.1	8.3	9.0	8.8	4.2	0.7	7.5	5.6	
Singapore	6422	6608	6531	5631	6258	7.9	7.4	7.4	6.5	6.7	2.9	-1.2	-13.8		
Malaysia	7469	7138	6211	5551	6000	9.2	8.0	7.0	6.4	6.4	-4.4	-13.0	-10.6		
Indonesia	4324	5034	5185	4606	4787	5.3	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.1	16.4	3.0	-11.2		

S. Ko		3753	3684	3908	4250	4660	4.6	4.1	4.4	4.9	5.0	-1.8	6.1	8.8	9.6
Austra	ılia 3	3726	4165	4318	4167	4326	4.6	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.6	11.8	3.7	-3.5	3.8
Jap	oan 3	345	3837	4218	4106	4500	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.8	14.7	9.9	-2.7	9.6
Mac	cao 4	1202	4690	3836	4044	4246	5.2	5.3	4.3	4.6	4.5	11.6	-18.2	5.4	5.0
sub-total	70	)427	76868	75677	74846	80713	86.6	86.3	85.7	85.8	86.2	9.1	-1.5	-1.1	7.8
OIC share	11	1793	12172	11396	10157	10787	14.5	13.7	12.9	11.7	11.5	3.2	-6.4	-10.9	6.2
EUROPE	338	3454	353700	370616	381939	385910	59.7	59.0	59.8	60.0	58.7	4.5	4.8	3.1	1.0
Fran	nce 60	0033	62406	67310	70000	71400	17.7	17.6	18.2	18.2	18.5	4.0	7.9	4.0	2.0
Sp	ain 38	3803	40541	43252	47749	51958	11.5	11.5	11.7	12.5	13.5	4.5	6.7	10.4	8.8
		052	32853	34087	34829	35839	9.2	9.3	9.2	9.1	9.3	5.8	3.8	2.2	2.9
Ţ	JK 23	3537	25163	25515	25745	25740	7.0	7.1	6.9	6.7	6.7	6.9	1.4	0.9	0.0
Pola	ind 19	9215	19410	19520	18780	17940	5.7	5.5	5.3	4.9	4.6	1.0	0.6	-3.8	-4.5
Aust	ria 17	7173	17090	16647	17352	17630	5.1	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.6	-0.5	-2.6	4.2	1.6
Germa		1847	15205	15837	16511	17093	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	2.4	4.2	4.3	3.5
Czech R	ep. 16	5500	17000	16830	16325	16031	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.2	3.0	-1.0	-3.0	-1.8
Rus	sia 9	9262	14587	15350	15805	16421	2.7	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.3	57.5	5.2	3.0	3.9
Hung	ary 20	)690	20674	17248	15000	12930	6.1	5.8	4.7	3.9	3.4	-0.1	-16.6	-13.0	-13.8
Portu	gal	9511	9730	10172	11295	11600	2.8	2.8	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.3	4.5	11.0	2.7
Gree	ece 10	)130	9233	10070	10916	11462	3.0	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	-8.9	9.1	8.4	5.0
Switzerla	ind 11	500	10600	10600	10900	10800	3.4	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8	-7.8	0.0	2.8	-0.9
Netherlan		5574	6580	7834	9320	9817	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.5	0.1	19.1	19.0	5.3
Turk	tey 7	7083	7966	9040	8960	6800	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.8	12.5	13.5	-0.9	-24.1
Ukra	ine 3	3716	3854	7658	6208	-	1.1	1.1	2.1	1.6	-	3.7	98.7	-18.9	-
Belgi	um 5	5560	5829	6037	6179	4717	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6		4.8	3.6	2.4	-2.5
Irela	ınd 4	1821	5282	5587	6064	6511	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	9.6	5.8	8.5	7.4
Croa		324	2649	3834	4112	3400	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.1	0.9	100.1	44.7	7.3	-17.3
sub-total	311	1331	326652	342428	352050	355420	92.0	92.4	92.4	92.2	92.1	4.9	4.8	2.8	1.0
OIC share	7	7083	7966	9040	8960	6800	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	1.8	12.5	13.5	-0.9	-24.1
MIDDLE EAST	III	2356	13234	14261	15314	17992	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.7	7.1	7.8	7.4	17.5
Saudi Ara	bia 3	3325	3325	3325	3325	3325	26.9	25.1	23.3	21.7	18.5	-	-	-	-

Egypt	2872	3528	3657	3213	4489	23.2	26.7	25.6	21.0	24.9	22.8	3.7	-12.1	39.7
UAE	1601	1768	1792	2184	1988	13.0	13.4	12.6	14.3	11.0	10.4	1.4	21.9	-9.0
Bahrain	1396	1201	1571	1750	1661	11.3	9.1	11.0	11.4	9.2	-14.0	30.8	11.4	-5.1
sub-total	9194	9822	10345	10472	11462.5	74.4	74.2	72.5	68.4	63.7	-	8.0	1.8	24.4
OIC share	9194	6497	7020	7147	8893	74.4	74.2	72.5	68.4	63.7	-29.3	8.0	1.8	24.4
GOLIERI A GLA	4200	4404	4024	5100	5200	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	<b>5</b> 4	2.5
SOUTH ASIA	4200	4434	4834	5190	5380	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8		9.0	7.4	3.7
India	2124	2288	2374	2359	2384	50.6	51.6	49.1	45.5	44.3	7.7	3.8	-0.6	1.1
Iran	452	567	740	1008	1000	10.8	12.8	15.3	19.4	18.6	25.4	30.5	36.2	-
Nepal	363	394	422	435	400	8.6	8.9	8.7	8.4	7.4	8.5	7.1	3.1	-
Pakistan	378	369	375	429	436	9.0	8.3	7.8	8.3	8.1	-2.4	1.6	14.4	1.6
sub-total	3317	3618	3911	4231	4316	79.0	81.6	80.9	81.5	80.2	9.1	8.1	8.2	2.0
OIC share	830	936	1115	1437	1436	19.8	21.1	23.1	27.7	26.7	12.8	19.1	28.9	-0.1
Main tourist destinations total	496732	522099	538890	552233	567413	87.5	87.2	87.0	86.7	86.4	5.1	3.2	2.5	2.7
Of which OIC share	35622	34149	35906	35662	36746	6.3	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.6	-4.1	5.1	-0.7	3.0
%	7.2	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.5									
Other Tourist	70649	76936	80828	01112	89520	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.3	12 6	8.9	5.1	4.5	6.0
Destinations	70049	/0930	80828	84443	89320	12.5	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.6	8.9	3.1	4.5	0.0
Of which OIC share	7242	11376	10724	12331	9007	10.3	14.8	13.3	14.6	10.1	57.1	-5.7	<i>15.0</i>	-27.0
%	10.3	14.8	13.3	14.6	10.1									

Source: World Tourism Organization, Compendium of Tourism Statistics 1994-1998 and 1993-1997

ANNEX II
INTERNATIONAL TOURIST RECEIPTS, BY MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS

		ŗ	Fourist re	ceipts (US	\$ millions	)		Mar	ket shar	e(%)		Annual change (%)				
		1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	96/95	97/96	98/97	99/98	
WORLD	TOTAL	407317	437938	439896	441255	455000	100	100	100	100	100	7.5	0.4	0.3	3.1	
AFRICA		8114	9293	9467	10011	9590	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	14.5	1.9	5.7	-4.2	
	South Africa	2125	2575	2769	2738	2754	26.2	27.7	29.2	27.3	28.7	21.2			0.6	
	Morocco	1304	1674	1449	1745	1850	16.1	18.0	15.3	17.4	19.3			20.4		
	Tunisia	1402	1451	1414	1557	1608	17.3	15.6	14.9	15.6	16.8	3.5	-2.5	10.1	3.3	
	Zimbabwe	154	219	230	158	145	1.9	2.4	2.4	1.6	1.5	42.2	5.0	-31.3	-8.2	
sub-total		4985	5919	5862	6198	6356.5	61.4	63.7	61.9	61.9	66.3	18.7				
OIC share		2706	3125	2863	3302	3458	33.3	33.6	30.2	33.0	36.1	45.7	47.2	51.2	46.7	
AMERIC <i>A</i>	\S	102614	112605	119298	120697	117533	2.2	25.7	27.1	27.4	25.8	9.7	5.9	1.2	-2.6	
	USA	63395	69751	73301	71250	73000	61.8	61.9	61.4	59.0	62.1	10.0		-2.8		
	Canada	7882	8616	8828	9393	10282	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.8	8.7	9.3	2.5			
	Mexico	6179	6934	7593	7897	7850	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.7	12.2	9.5	4.0		
	Argentina	4306	4572	5069	5363	5616	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.8	6.2	10.9	5.8	4.7	
	Brazil	2097	2469	2595	3678	4444	2.0	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.8	17.7	5.1	41.7	20.8	
	Puerto Rico	1828	1898	2046	2233	2148	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.8	3.8	7.8	9.1	-3.8	
sub-total		85687	94240	99432	99814	103340	83.5	83.7	83.3	82.7	87.9	10.0	5.5	0.4	3.5	
OIC share																
East Asia/I	PACIFIC	74559	82383	75742	67800	75308	18.3	18.8	17.2	15.4	16.6	10.5	-8.1	-10.5	11.1	
East 1 Isla 1	China	8733	10200	12074	12602	14099	11.7	12.4	15.9	18.6	18.7					
	Australia	7857	9113	9057	7335	7525	10.5	11.1	12.0	10.8	10.0					
Hong	Kong (China)	9604	10836	9242	7083	7041	12.9	13.2	12.2	10.4	9.3	12.8		-23.4		
11011g	Thailand	7664	8664	7048	5934	6680	10.3	10.5	9.3	8.8	8.9			-15.8		
	S. Korea	5587	5430	5116	5890	5600	7.5	6.6	6.8	8.7	7.4				-4.9	
	Singapore	8390	8012	6066	5162	4362	11.3	9.7	8.0	7.6	5.8			-14.9		

	Indonesia	5228	6308	5321	4045	4683	7.0	7.7	7.0	6.0	6.2	20.7	-15.6	-24.0	15.8
	Japan	3226	4078	4326	3742	4034	4.3	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.4	26.4	6.1	-13.7	7.8
	Macao	3126	3127	2956	2622	2700	4.2	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.6	0.0	-5.5	-11.3	3.0
	Malaysia	3909	4447	2702	2456	2822	5.2	5.4	3.6	3.6	3.7	13.8	-39.2	-9.1	14.9
sub-total		63324	70215	63908	56871	59546	86.6	86.3	85.7	85.8	79.1	9.1	-1.5	-1.1	7.8
OIC share		9137	10755	8023	6501	7505	12.3	13.1	10.6	9.6	10.0	17.7	-25.4	-19.0	15.4
EUROPE		211015	221463	221927	229649	224346	51.8	50.6	50.4	52.0	49.3	5.0	0.2	3.5	-2.3
	France	27527	28357	28009	29931	24657	13.0	12.8	12.6	13.0	11.0	3.0	-1.2	6.9	6.3
	Italy	28729	30017	29714	29809	31000	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.0	13.8	4.5	-1.0	0.3	4.0
	Spain	25388	26690	26651	29737	25179	12.0	12.1	12.0	12.9	11.2	5.1	-0.1	11.6	9.5
	UK	18554	19173	20039	20978	20972	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.3	3.3	4.5	4.7	0.0
	Germany	17867	17445	16488	16429	9570	8.5	7.9	7.4	7.2	4.3	-2.4	-5.5	-0.4	-0.2
	Austria	13492	12780	10991	11184	11259	6.4	5.8	5.0	4.9	5.0	-5.3	-14.0	1.8	0.7
	Poland	6614	8444	8679	7946	6100	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.5	2.7	27.7	2.8	-8.4	-23.2
	Switzerland	9365	8826	7915	7815	7355	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.3	-5.8	-10.3	-1.3	-5.9
	Turkey	4957	5962	8088	7809	5000	2.3	2.7	3.6	3.4	2.2	20.3	35.7	-3.4	-36.0
	Netherlands	6563	6548	6323	6803	7051	3.1	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	-0.2	-3.4	7.6	3.6
	Russia	4312	6868	7164	6508	7771	2.0	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.5	59.3	4.3	-9.2	19.4
	Belgium	5859	5963	5270	5437	5354	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.4	1.8	-11.6	3.2	-1.5
	Ukraine	3865	3416	5340	5407	5374	18.0	1.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	-11.6	56.3	1.3	-0.6
	Greece	4136	3723	3772	5182	5471	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.3	2.4	-10.0	1.3	37.4	5.6
	Portugal	4339	4265	4244	4853	4928	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.2	-17.0	-0.5	14.3	1.5
	Czech Rep.	2875	4075	3647	3719	3600	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	41.7	-10.5	2.0	-3.2
	Ireland	2691	3022	3189	3252	3306	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	12.3	5.5	2.0	1.7
	Croatia	1346	2014	2530	2733	2541	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.1	49.6	25.6	8.0	-7.0
	Hungary	1714	2246	2582	2504	2471	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.1	31.0	15.0	-3.0	-1.3
sub-total		190193	199834	200635	208036	188958	90.1	90.2	90.4	90.6	84.2	5.1	0.4	3.7	-9.2
OIC share		4957	5962	8088	7809	5000	2.3	2.7	3.6	3.4	2.2	20.3	35.7	-3.4	-36.0
MIDDLE E	AST	7521	8246	9186	8716	8951	1.8	19.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	9.6	11.4	-5.1	2.7
	Saudi Arabia	,521	0270	2100	0,10	0,51	1.0	17.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	7.0	11,1	5.1	2.7

Egypt	2684	3204	3727	2564	3815	35.7	38.9	40.6	29.4	42.6	19.4	16.3	-31.2	48.8
Egypt														
UAE	389	459	535	562	549	5.2	5.6	5.8	6.4	6.1	180.0	16.6	5.0	-2.4
Bahrain	247	263	311	366	339	3.3	3.2	3.4	4.2	3.8	6.5	18.3	17.7	-7.5
sub-total	3320	3926	4573	3492	4702	44.1	47.6	49.8	40.1	52.5	18.3	8.0	1.8	24.4
OIC share	3320	3926	4573	3492	4702	44.1	47.6	49.8	40.1	52.5	18.3	16.5	-23.6	34.7
SOUTH ASIA	3494	3948	4276	4382	4329	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	13.0	8.3	2.5	-1.2
India	2609	2963	3152	3124	3138	74.7	75.1	73.7	713.0	72.5	13.6	6.4	-0.9	0.4
Iran	190	244	327	441	384	5.4	6.2	7.6	10.1	8.9	28.4	34.0	34.9	-12.9
Nepal	117	117	116	124	120	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	0.0	-0.9	6.9	-3.2
Pakistan	114	146	117	98	108	3.3	3.7	2.7	2.2	2.5	28.1	-19.9	-16.2	9.7
sub-total	3030	3470	3712	3787	3750	86.7	87.9	86.8	86.4	86.6	14.5	7.0	2.0	-1.0
OIC share	304	390	444	539	492	8.7	9.9	10.4	12.3	11.4	28.3	13.8	21.4	-8.8
Total main tourist	350539	377604	378122	378198	366652	86.1	86.2	86.0	85.7	80.6	7.1	0.1	0.0	-3.1
destinations														
Of which OIC share	20424	24158	23991	21643	21157	5.0	5.5	5.5	4.9	4.6	18.3	-0.7	-9.8	-2.2
%	5.8	6.4	6.3	5.7	5.8									
Total other Tourist	56778	60334	61774	63057	62416	13.9	13.8	14.0	14.3	13.7	8.9	5.1	4.5	6.0
Destinations														
Of which OIC share	4066	4231	4592	5153	5908	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3	4.1	8.5	12.2	14.7
%	7.2	7.0	7.4	8.2	9.5									

Source: World Tourism Organization, Compendium of Tourism Statistics 1994-1998 and 1993-1997

ANNEX III
OIC COUNTRIES BALANCE OF TRAVEL AS A
PERCENT OF GNP 1993-1998

PERCENT OF GNP 1993-1998											
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Average				
Maldives	55.0	65.3	67.6	76.8	75.9	80.4	70.2				
Tunisia	8.4	9.0	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.8	8.6				
Lebanon	7.8	7.1	6.1	5.4	6.5	7.4	6.7				
Comoros	1.9	2.7	3.2	10.8	13.4	8.1	6.7				
Guyana	7.4	5.2	4.9	5.9	8.8	7.8	6.7				
Bahrain	2.1	9.6	5.6	5.7	5.1	6.1	5.7				
Jordan	5.4	4.0	4.1	6.1	6.3	7.9	5.6				
Syria	3.6	4.5	5.3	4.5	3.0	3.7	4.1				
Morocco	4.2	3.8	3.7	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.0				
Gambia	3.0	3.9	1.9	4.4	4.0	0.0	2.9				
Egypt	2.6	1.8	2.7	3.2	3.4	2.0	2.6				
Turkey	1.7	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.6				
Malaysia	0.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.2	3.1	2.2				
Albania	3.6	2.3	2.1	2.5	0.8	1.2	2.1				
Turkmenistan	na	na	na	0.0	-1.4	7.4	2.0				
Indonesia	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.4	2.3	1.7				
Saudi Arabia	1.0	1.0	na	na	na	na	1.0				
UAE	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.2	0.9				
Sierra Leone	1.8	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.4	na	0.8				
Senegal	-0.4	0.3	-0.6	0.5	0.7	4.0	0.8				
Benin	1.2	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.3	1.1	0.6				
Burkina Faso	-1.3	-0.8	1.1	1.2	0.2	1.6	0.3				
Oman	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.6	-0.5	0.3				
Suriname	0.2	na	na	na	na	na	0.2				
Uzbekistan	na	na	na	0.1	0.1	na	0.1				
Algeria	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				
Iran	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0				
Iraq	na	na	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Kyrgyz Rep.	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.1				
Pakistan	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-0.4	-0.3				
Uganda	-0.3	-1.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	na	-0.3				
Sudan	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4				
Azerbaijan	1.3	1.7	-2.2	-1.6	-0.4	-1.0	-0.4				
Bangladesh	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6				
Mauritania	-2.6	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6				
Yemen	-0.8	-1.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.8				
Libya	-0.9	-0.9	na	-0.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8				
Guinea	-1.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9				
Cameroon	-1.6	-0.5	-0.9	na	na	na	-1.0				
Djibouti	-1.7	-2.3	-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.0				
Niger	-2.9	-1.5	-1.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1				
Togo	-2.2	-1.6	-0.4	na	na	na	-1.4				
Mali	-2.0	-2.1	-2.0	-1.5	-1.5	0.1	-1.5				

Chad	-4.8	-1.5	na	na	0.6	na	-1.9
Nigeria	-1.4	-3.9	-3.3	-3.7	-4.5	-3.7	-3.4
Gabon	-3.7	-3.7	-3.1	na	na	na	-3.5
Kuwait	-6.7	-7.5	-7.0	-6.6	-6.2	-6.4	-6.8
No data							
Afghanistan	na						
Brunei	na						
G. Bissau	na						
Kazakhstan	na						
Mozambique	na						
Palestine	na						
Qatar	na						
Somalia	na						
Tajikistan	na						

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Data Sources: WTO, World Bank and SESRTCIC databases.

No data relevant data was available for 11 OIC countries viz., Afghanistan, Brunei, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Khazakhstan, Mozambique, Palestine, Qatar, Somalia, Tajikistan and UAE Only partially available data for 13 other OIC countries, -- = Not available

ANNEX IV
OIC COUNTRIES BALANCE OF TRAVEL AS A PERCENT OF XGS
1993-1998

1993-1998												
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	Average					
Maldives	49.6	52.1	52.7	56.3	55.2	57.2	53.8					
Comoros	7.0	8.7	11.4	37.4	43.6	34.5	23.8					
Lebanon	19.0	19.3	15.8	15.1	19.6	43.2	22.0					
Tunisia	18.4	17.7	16.3	17.5	17.4	18.0	17.5					
Morocco	11.8	11.4	9.9	12.6	11.1	11.2	11.3					
Syria	8.9	10.9	13.4	10.6	8.1	11.5	10.5					
Turkey	10.0	10.5	9.8	9.3	11.0	9.7	10.0					
Egypt	7.2	5.9	8.2	11.1	12.2	8.7	8.9					
Turkmenistan	na	na	na	-0.1	-5.3	25.9	6.8					
Suriname	2.7	3.5	6.5	6.8	11.1	10.1	6.8					
Guyana	7.4	5.2	4.9	5.9	8.8	7.4	6.6					
Albania	8.1	8.5	6.7	7.2	3.8	4.6	6.5					
Jordan	5.4	4.0	4.1	6.1	6.3	8.3	5.7					
Indonesia	5.8	6.2	5.6	6.6	4.4	3.4	5.3					
Gambia	4.5	6.4	3.9	7.5	6.9	0.0	4.9					
Sierra Leone	7.3	2.3	3.1	6.2	3.2	na	4.4					
Bahrain	1.4	5.5	2.9	2.6	2.2	9.7	4.0					
Burkina Faso	-6.1	-3.9	5.9	7.2	8.9	8.5	3.4					
Saudi Arabia	2.6	2.7	na	na	na	na	2.7					
Senegal	-1.2	0.7	-1.4	1.3	2.0	13.5	2.5					
Malaysia	1.0	2.8	2.6	2.8	1.1	2.9	2.2					
Benin	4.1	1.0	2.3	0.2	1.0	4.6	2.2					
UAE	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.2	1.7					
Brunei	1.5	1.7	na	na	na	na	1.6					
Iraq	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1					
Oman	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	na	0.7					
Uzbekistan	na	na	na	0.4	0.5	na	0.4					
Algeria	0.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1					
Kyrgyz Rep.	0.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	-1.1	-0.1					
Iran	-3.7	0.4	0.4	0.6	-0.2	1.1	-0.2					
Yemen	-1.5	-2.0	-0.9	-1.0	-0.4	-0.1	-1.0					
Azerbaijan	8.6	7.8	-10.0	-7.7	-1.5	-3.6	-1.1					
Mauritania	-5.4	-2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.4					
Guinea	-1.3	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-3.7	-1.4					
Pakistan	-3.1	0.7	-0.6	-4.1	0.3	-2.2	-1.5					
Djibouti	-3.1	-4.7	-4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.1					
Libya	-2.6	-2.6	na	-2.1	-1.5	-1.8	-2.1					
Sudan	-1.3	-5.8	-3.2	-2.1	-2.7	-3.5	-3.1					
Uganda	-4.1	-11.0	-0.3	-2.4	-0.2	na	-3.6					
Bangladesh	-3.5	-4.4	-3.8	-4.8	-3.7	-3.9	-4.0					
Cameroon	-8.3	-2.2	-3.1	na	na	na	-4.5					
Gabon	-5.4	-5.2	-4.5	na	na	na	-5.0					
Niger	-12.4	-8.2	-6.3	-1.7	-1.9	-2.1	-5.5					

Mali	-8.8	-7.4	-7.4	-6.3	-5.0	0.3	-5.7
Nigeria	-2.3	-8.0	-6.4	-6.8	-9.3	-12.0	-7.5
Chad	-32.5	-8.7	na	na	3.2	na	-12.7
Kuwait	-20.7	-21.9	-19.4	-17.6	-16.3	-29.3	-20.8
Togo	-46.1	-25.9	-8.0	na	na	na	-26.7
No data							
Afghanistan	na						
G. Bissau	na						
Kazakhstan	na						
Mozambique	na						
Palestine	na						
Qatar	na						
Somalia	na						
Tajikistan	na						

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