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**UNDER THE THEME
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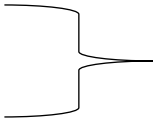
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1. The Ninth Session of the Ministerial Conference of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Women in Member States was held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on Monday, 13 July 2026 (28 Muharram 1448 AH).

Opening Session

2. The Conference commenced with the arrival of H.E. Mr. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Chairman Senate, Upper House of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, followed by the National Anthem of Pakistan and the recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an.
3. H.E. Counsellor Amal Ammar, President of the National Council for Women of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Chair of the Eighth Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, reaffirmed Egypt's commitment to advancing women's empowerment as a strategic priority for sustainable development, highlighting the country's comprehensive constitutional, legislative and institutional reforms, as well as national initiatives aimed at promoting women's political, economic and social participation. She underscored the importance of strengthening cooperation among OIC Member States through the exchange of successful experiences and capacity-building, while emphasizing the need to support women affected by conflicts, particularly Palestinian women in the Gaza Strip. She also encouraged Member States that have not yet joined the Women Development Organization (WDO) to complete their accession procedures and congratulated the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on assuming the Chairmanship of the Ninth Session, expressing confidence in its leadership in further advancing joint Islamic action in the field of women's empowerment.
4. The Conference approved the composition of the Bureau as follows:

Islamic Republic of Pakistan		Chair
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia		Vice-Chairs
Republic of Senegal		
State of Palestine		
Arab Republic of Egypt		Rapporteur

5. The Chair of the Eighth Session officially handed over the Chairmanship of the Ministerial Conference to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Chair of the 9th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women.

6. H.E. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Federal Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Chair of the Ninth Ministerial Conference. In his statement H.E. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, welcomed the participating delegations and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to serving the Member States in a spirit of partnership, inclusivity and consensus. He emphasized that the Conference theme reflects the urgent need to strengthen the socio-economic and political empowerment of women as a prerequisite for sustainable development and inclusive prosperity across the OIC region. Highlighting Pakistan's national efforts to promote women's rights and leadership, he underscored the importance of enhancing cooperation among Member States through the OIC framework, particularly the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and the Women Development Organization (WDO). He further called for translating the outcomes of the Conference into practical actions that improve the lives of women and girls, especially those affected by conflict, displacement and humanitarian crises, while expressing Pakistan's commitment to leading the Conference in a spirit of dialogue, consensus and collective action for the benefit of women throughout the Islamic world.
7. Representing H.E. Mr. Hissein Brahim Taha, Secretary General of the OIC, H.E. Amb. Tariq Ali Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs, delivered the Secretary General's statement, in which he extended the OIC's sincere appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for hosting the Conference and commended the Arab Republic of Egypt for its successful Chairmanship of the previous Session. He highlighted the significance of the Conference theme in addressing the contemporary challenges facing women across the OIC Member States and reaffirmed the Organization's commitment to advancing women's empowerment through the OIC Charter, the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), the forthcoming OIC Programme of Action 2035, the Women Development Organization (WDO), and the Women Consultative Council (WCC). Ambassador Bakheet also conveyed the OIC's heartfelt condolences to the State of Qatar on the passing of H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, praying that Almighty Allah bestow His mercy upon him and grant patience and solace to the Qatari leadership and people. He concluded by reaffirming the OIC's commitment to supporting the implementation of the Conference outcomes and wishing Pakistan every success in its Chairmanship of the Ninth Session.
8. H.E. Amb. Naela Gabr, Chair of the Women Consultative Council (WCC) for the 8th Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, presented the Council's report on its activities during its current term, highlighting its role in following up on the implementation of the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference and providing strategic recommendations on priority issues related to women's empowerment. She emphasized the Council's continued support for the Women Development Organization (WDO), commended the cooperation of the OIC General Secretariat and Member States, and called for greater utilization of the Council's expertise in supporting policies and programmes for the advancement of women across the OIC Member States. She also congratulated the newly appointed members of the Council and wished them success in carrying forward its important mandate.
9. H.E. Counsellor Sarah Ismail Al Shoura, Executive Director of the Women Development Organization (WDO), delivered a statement in which she reaffirmed the Organization's commitment to supporting OIC Member States in advancing women's development through policy dialogue, research, capacity-building and strategic partnerships. She highlighted WDO's ongoing initiatives, including the establishment of the WDO Think Tank, the Digital Legal Library and high-level dialogue platforms, while encouraging Member States that have not yet

acceded to the WDO Statute to complete the necessary procedures. She further emphasized the importance of translating the Conference outcomes into practical programmes through strengthened cooperation among Member States and OIC institutions.

10. H. E. Mr. Mohamed Al Naseri , Chief of Staff of UN Women delivered a statement congratulated the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on hosting the Ninth Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women and commended the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for its continued leadership in advancing women's empowerment across its Member States. He reaffirmed UN Women's commitment to further strengthening its strategic partnership with the OIC, particularly following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations, and emphasized the importance of translating shared commitments into concrete actions that enhance women's socio-economic and political empowerment. He further underscored the need for strengthened international cooperation to address the multiple challenges facing women and girls, including conflict, displacement, poverty and the digital divide, while promoting inclusive and sustainable development.
11. Then H.E. Mr. Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, Chairman Senate, Upper House of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, delivered a statement in which he emphasized that the empowerment of women is firmly rooted in the principles of Islam and constitutes both a developmental priority and an economic necessity for the prosperity of OIC Member States. Highlighting Pakistan's experience in promoting women's education, economic participation, financial inclusion and legislative protection, he called for translating the Conference's commitments into concrete actions through strengthened cooperation among OIC Member States. He further stressed the importance of supporting women affected by conflict and humanitarian crises and reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to advancing a shared OIC agenda for women's empowerment based on the common values of justice, dignity and sustainable development.
12. The Opening Session concluded with the official group photograph of Their Excellencies the Ministers and Heads of Delegation participating in the Ninth Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women.

First Working Session

13. The Conference adopted its Agenda and Programme of Work.
14. The Conference adopted the Report of the Senior Officials Preparatory Meeting.
15. The Conference heard statements delivered by Ministers and Heads of Delegations from the following Member States : Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Türkiye, State of Palestine, Republic of Nigeria, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of Maldives, Arab Republic of Syria, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Republic of Uganda, Republic of Yemen, State of Libya, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Republic of Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Republic of Iraq, Republic of Sudan, Malaysia, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Djibuti, Republic of Tunisia, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Republic of Indonesia, Republic of Gambia.
16. The statements of their Excellencies the Ministers reaffirmed Member States' commitment to advancing the socio-economic and political empowerment of women, strengthening cooperation within the OIC framework, implementing the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women, and promoting women's participation in sustainable development and decision-making.

Second Working Session

17. H.E. Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Federal Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, delivered a statement outlining Pakistan's efforts to promote women's participation in the digital economy, innovation and information technology as key drivers of inclusive development. She underscored the transformative role of digital technologies and artificial intelligence in creating new opportunities for women and girls, while emphasizing the importance of bridging the digital gender divide through enhanced access to digital education, skills development and entrepreneurship. She further highlighted Pakistan's initiatives to foster an enabling ecosystem for women in technology and innovation, stressing that digital inclusion is essential to achieving sustainable development and building resilient and knowledge-based societies. She called for strengthened cooperation among OIC Member States in advancing digital transformation, exchanging best practices and empowering women to become active contributors to the digital economy across the Muslim world.
18. H.E. Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab, delivered a keynote address in which she highlighted Pakistan's commitment to advancing women's empowerment through comprehensive policies and programmes in the areas of education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, social protection, digital inclusion and economic participation. Drawing on notable examples from Pakistan's history, she underscored the important leadership roles assumed by women in the country's political and public life and reaffirmed that women's empowerment remains a national priority. She also showcased a number of innovative initiatives introduced in Punjab, including programmes to expand digital literacy and skills, strengthen women's access to technology and entrepreneurship, and enhance women's safety and access to justice through modern digital services, including the Digital Police initiative. She emphasized that investing in women is an investment in stronger families, resilient communities and sustainable national development, and called for greater cooperation among OIC Member States to harness technology and innovation in empowering women across the Islamic world.
19. The Conference reviewed the reports and presentations submitted by the OIC General Secretariat, subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions, as well as partner organizations, concerning their programmes and activities in support of women's empowerment and the implementation of the resolutions adopted by previous Ministerial Conferences.

Closing Session

20. The Conference adopted the Draft Omnibus Resolution and the Islamabad Declaration of the Ninth OIC Ministerial Conference on Women, as recommended by the Senior Officials Meeting.
21. With regard to paragraph (30) of the Omnibus Resolution concerning the nominations of Member States for membership of the OIC Women Consultative Council, the Conference noted that the nominations submitted by the Asian Group and the African Group had been agreed upon and were adopted by the Ministerial Session.
22. Regarding the Arab Group, the Conference invited the Member States of the Arab Group to continue their consultations with a view to reaching consensus on three candidates representing three Member States, from among the five nominations received by the General Secretariat, for adoption in accordance with the established procedures.

23. The Conference witnessed the presentation of the Certificates of the **Third Edition of the OIC Award for Women's Achievements**, under the theme "**The Role of Women in Technology.**" The certificates were presented to the winners by the Chair of the Conference together with the representative of the OIC General Secretariat.
24. H.E. Amb. Tarig Ali Bakheet, Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian, Cultural and Social Affairs, delivered the Secretary General's statement, in which he extended the OIC's sincere delivered the closing statement on behalf of the Secretary General , expressing appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for the successful organization of the Conference and thanking Member States for their constructive cooperation, which contributed to the successful adoption of the Conference's outcomes.
25. The Chair of the Ninth Ministerial Conference delivered his closing remarks, expressing appreciation to all participating delegations for the spirit of cooperation that prevailed throughout the Conference. He reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to supporting the implementation of the Conference's resolutions during its Chairmanship.
26. The Conference expressed its profound appreciation to the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the excellent organization of the Ninth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women and for the generous hospitality extended to all participating delegations. It also expressed its appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat and all relevant OIC institutions for the extensive preparations undertaken to ensure the successful convening of the Conference.

Islamabad on July 13, 2026
