

**EXPLANATORY NOTE: AGENDA ITEM 4**

**FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR ISLAMIC FOOD PROCESSING ASSOCIATION**

**Preamble**

The Resolution OIC/ICAM-5/2010/RES/FINAL adopted by the 5th OIC Ministerial Conference on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural Development, held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan on 26-28 October 2010, provided for a value chain approach to agriculture and improvement of the market functioning, the best harvest handling and addressing the issues connected to climate change. Furthermore, the Resolution № IOFS/GA/1-14-2019of the 2nd General Assembly of IOFS held in Jeddah, KSA on 18-19 August 2019 requested the IOFS Secretariat to coordinate activities towards the establishment of the Islamic Food Processing Association (IFPA) under the core objective of reducing post-harvest losses.

**Follow-Up**

Accordingly, the Secretariat of IOFS circulated the Concept Note and Zero draft Statute Articles of Association of IFPA among OIC member states for their comments. The IFPA represents a mechanism for addressing the challenges of food waste and post-harvest losses in member states. Accordingly, most member states submitted lists of their private sector establishments, which could represent them in the proposed IFPA, while the input of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) was also received on the Draft Statute and Articles of Association of IFPA. The structure of IFPA, its working procedure and functioning are subject to further refinement, considering the additional proposals of the IOFS Member States. To this date, the Secretariat has received notes from several Member States representing the list of entities who are supposed to participate IFPA.

**Conclusion**

The General Assembly will review all background documents and may wish to adopt the Resolution which will enable the Secretariat to facilitate working toward establishment of the said structure.