

**50<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
ISLAMIC COOPERATION (OIC) COUNCIL OF  
FOREIGN MINISTERS**

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**Theme: "Development of Intra-OIC Transport  
and Communication Infrastructure: Major Tool  
in the Fight against Poverty and Insecurity"**

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**CLOSING SPEECH BY H.E. PAUL BIYA,  
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**Read by the Prime Minister, Head of Government**

- Your Excellencies, Ministers of Foreign Affairs,
- The Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,
- Distinguished Heads of Delegation,
- Distinguished Guests,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

*Assalamalekoum!*

As the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers draws to a close in Yaounde, I am pleased to take the floor once again to express my sincere thanks and congratulations to you all, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon and the Cameroonian people, for the quality and depth of the exchanges that have taken place during your deliberations.

Allow me, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, to pay tribute to the General Secretariat of the OIC, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Gambia, Mauritania and Palestine. Their contributions, amid many challenges, have made it possible for the higher interest of our common Organization to prevail and for this 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers to be held under good conditions.

At the end of our deliberations, in a spirit of mutual understanding and active solidarity, and in view of the content of the resolutions adopted in the political, economic, social, cultural and technical fields, we can state that significant steps have been taken to increase the influence of our common Organisation.

Cameroon's chair of the OIC will provide an opportunity to strengthen our joint efforts to achieve OIC's objectives. The country is aware of its responsibilities and will prioritize dialogue and mutual consultation. It will represent our organization and defend its interests with our various partners and in other international fora, especially the United Nations.

- Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Lastly, I urge the General Secretariat and all OIC member countries to continue to work towards the implementation of the relevant resolutions adopted at this session.

While I pray that the Almighty and Merciful Lord will protect you and return you to your respective homes, I hereby declare the 50<sup>th</sup> OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Yaounde closed.

Thank you for your kind attention.

*Thank You.*

*Choukran Lakoum !*

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