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Resolution 1/4 – ICYSM (S)
on the report of the ISSF Secretary-General on
the ISSF activities between the 3rd and 4th Sessions of the ICYSM

The 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan on 2-3 Sha'aban 1439 AH, corresponding to 18-19 April 2018

- **Having considered** the report of the Secretary General of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) about the ISSF activities between the 3rd and 4th Sessions of the ICYSM;
- **Taking into consideration** the discussions and views expressed on the subject;

Decides as follows:

1. **To note** the report of the secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and all of the activities organized during the previous period including meetings and sports championships that aim to bring together sporting youth in the Islamic countries
2. **To welcome** the decisions taken by the 10th ISSF General Assembly Meeting held on 20 November 2017
3. **To congratulate** H.E. the Consultant Mr. Turkey bin Abdulmohsen AL-ALSHEIKH for having been unanimously elected as the ISSF President for the term of 2017-2021, and to wish him and the new ISSF Executive Board all the success to carry out the huge tasks entrusted to him to achieve the ISSF objectives for the service of Muslim Youth.
4. **To congratulate** the ISSF for its success in organizing the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, held on 12-22 May 2017.
5. **To thank** the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, led by H.E. Mr. Ilham ALIYEV the President of the Republic; Mrs. Mehriban ALIYEVA the First Lady of Azerbaijan, Senior Vice President of Azerbaijan and the Chair of Organizing Committee of the 2017 Baku 4th Islamic Solidarity Games; and H.E. Mr. Azad RAHIMOV Minister of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan for their full support and keenness to host and organize the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku 2017.
6. **To express** thanks to H.E. the ISSF President, Board Members and General Secretariat for the great efforts they have exerted for the preparation and organization of the 4th Games; for their keenness on the participation of all ISSF Member NOCs in the Games; and for their valuable contribution to ensure the great success of the Games, being highly hailed by all participating delegates as a great success. To thank all ISSF Member NOCs for their interaction and keenness to take part in such sports phenomenon.

7. **To affirm** the decision taken by the 3rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, stipulating that “To Invite the OIC and its affiliated bodies Organization to provide a fixed material support (million dollars) for the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation every four years to contribute to the good preparation for the sessions of the Islamic Solidarity Games and to support all Muslim countries to participate.”
8. **To praise** the ISSF activities included in its Future Plan for 2018-2019; to urge all ISSF Member NOCs to host ISSF activities and to actively participate therein in order to hold successful events and achieve the ISSF objectives; and to urge all ISSF Member NOCs to materially and morally support the ISSF as possible.
9. **To welcome** the ISSF General Assembly’s resolution to approve that the City of Istanbul is the host of the 5thIslamic Solidarity Games to be held in 2021; and to thank the Government of Turkey, represented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and the Executive Committee Members of the Turkish Olympic Committee for their interest to host and organize the 5thIslamic Solidarity Games in Istanbul in 2021.
10. **To appreciate** all the efforts exerted by the ISSF Executive Board, in cooperation with relevant sports entities, to organize and host the ISSF activities; and to urge the ISSF Member NOCs to take part in such activities and to help the ISSF to accomplish its objectives in all fields of sports for the service of the largest number of athletes in Muslim countries and to organize the championships and training course with the aim of qualifying distinguished athletes in all sports through inter-Muslim Joint actions.
11. **To urge** the Ministers concerned and NOCs of the OIC Member States to cooperate with the ISSF and the OIC General Secretariat to achieve the ISSF mission and objectives to benefit the youth and sports in the OIC Member States.
12. **To express** its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and HRH Prince Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud the Crown Prince to embrace the ISSF's headquarters and the material and moral support given to the ISSF in terms of the faith of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the full attention given to all issues related to the youth of the Islamic Ummah.
13. **To request** the OIC Secretary General, in cooperation with the relevant OIC institutions, to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 5thsession of the Conference.

Resolution 2/4 – ICYSM (S)
on the ISSF Program for the
Sports Capital of the Islamic Countries (SCIC)

The 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan on 2-3 Sha'aban 1439 AH, corresponding to 18-19 April 2018

- **Having considered** the report of the Secretary General of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) about the Implementation Plan of the OIC Sports Strategy;
- **Taking into consideration** the discussions and views expressed on the subject;

Decides as follows:

- 1- **To commend** the Program for Sports Capital of the Islamic Countries (SCIC) as an integral part of other projects of different capitals of Islamic countries (such as Cultural, Tourism and Youth Capitals) organized annually in different Islamic cities.
- 2- **To congratulate** the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) for its successful preparations for this new annual project aiming at helping the ISSF to achieve its objectives and programs, through sport, and introducing both the ISSF and various Islamic cities to the public with more attraction towards the ISSF activities. This Project will be among so many other ISSF's achievements that have a formidable media presence, like the Islamic Solidarity Games. It will help strengthen ties of fraternity and amity among youths in Islamic countries. It will help youths become acquainted with the cultural and sports heritage of each city holding the title of the "Sports Capital of the Islamic Countries (SCIC)". It will also activate social participation in such activity, which will consequently enhance the status of ISSF and introduce the popular sports in each city to the youths from other Islamic Countries.
- 3- **To emphasize** the necessity that the ISSF should prepare and send the final version of the program to the Ministers concerned and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) of the OIC Member States, at the earliest possible date, so that implementing of the project can start as from 2019.
- 4- **To Urge** the Ministers of Youth and Sports of the OIC Member States and the ISSF Member National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to activate this program, being part of the ISSF objectives, that aims at providing the youths and sports in the Member States with positive yield, through urging their Member States to apply for hosting this program in future.
- 5- **To emphasize** the importance of cooperation of the OIC and all of its specialized and affiliated organizations with the ISSF to contribute to execution of this program to the fullest, in order to achieve the purpose of its inclusion in the ISSF activities.
- 6- **To request** the OIC Secretary General, in cooperation with the relevant OIC institutions, to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 5th session of the Conference.

Resolution 3/4 – ICYSM (S)
on the Strategic Plan of the ISSF Secretary-General
for the development of sports in the OIC Member States
(2017-2025)

The 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan on 2-3 Sha'aban 1439 AH, corresponding to 18-19 April 2018

- **Having considered** the report of the Secretary General of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) about the Implementation Plan of the OIC Sports Strategy;
- **Taking into consideration** the discussions and views expressed on the subject;

Decides as follows:

- 1- **To emphasize** the importance of establishing an ISSF Sports Academy with the aim of qualifying the people within sports field in cooperation with all related entities.
- 2- **To welcome** the Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) project to be implemented for the youth of 16-24 years old. Such project will contain several programs including sport programs.
- 3- **To activate** the project on taking care of children`s health and elimination of their obesity, the to implement in-school sports, health and educational programs for children and their families, which will positively increase their participation in the community sports.
- 4- **To welcome** the project on discovering and taking care of the talented athletes.
- 5- **To emphasis** the project on taking care of the street children, with the necessity of developing a joint plan to benefit from this wasted energy; keep such children away from depravity and perversity; and direct them to the right path in the favor of the whole society.
- 6- **To emphasize** the importance of coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, the Ministers of Youth and Sports in the OIC Member States, the ISSF Member NOCs, and all OIC subsidiary, specialized and affiliated organizations to implement the above-mentioned projects and secure the appropriate suitable funds for them through the participation of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and the Governments of OIC Member States.
- 7- **To extend** thanks to the ISSF General Secretariat and its work team for the efforts exerted in the preparation of this Strategy and follow-up of its implementation.
- 8- **Exchange** of know-how and experiences by the OIC member countries successful in certain areas in the field of sports with other countries.

- 9- **Promoting** traditional sports branches belonging to the individual cultures of the OIC Member countries as part of the activities of the World Ethnosport Confederation
- 10- **Requests** the OIC Secretary General, in cooperation with the relevant OIC institutions, to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 5th session of the Conference.

Resolution 4/4 – ICYSM (S)
on
Youth and Sports in Palestine

The Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers in its fourth session held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 17-19 April 2018 (1-3 Shaaban 1439H);

- **Pursuant** to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in relation to reinforcing and strengthening unity and solidarity among the Muslim peoples and Member States;
- **Commending** the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) resolution declaring Al-Quds Al-Sharif Capital of Islamic Youth for 2018, with the aim to strengthen cultural, social, political and economic cooperation, dialogue and exchange with the Palestinian youth;
- **Recalling** the previous ICYSM resolutions;
- **Taking into** account the OIC Youth Strategy (2017-2025);
- **Stressing** the historical significance of the Council of Foreign Ministers' resolution to establish, at the OIC General Secretariat, a Department for Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif, to ensure follow-up and coordination of the Organization's stances and resolutions in this regard;
- **Commending** the OIC's resolution to open a permanent diplomatic representative office for the State of Palestine;
- **Condemning** the Israeli occupation's systematic and continuous aggression and violations against the Palestinian people in the occupied territory of the State of Palestine; **underlining** the international community's responsibility to hold Israel, the occupying power, accountable for its constant assault and breach of international law and international humanitarian law, initiate international legal frameworks to ensure that such acts do not recur, bring the Israeli occupation to account, and guarantee international protection for the Palestinian people;
- **Denouncing** the continued colonial occupation of the territory of the State of Palestine, and renewing the call that the international community and international organizations must work to put an end to their occupation;
- **Decrying** intensive Israeli colonial activities and related settlement infrastructure on the occupied Palestinian territory, along with the Israeli attempts to judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in addition to

all other practices that endanger international peace and security, and constitute a crime of war and a violation of international law and a threat to the prospects for peace;

- **Further condemning** the continuously unlawful arrest by Israel, the occupying power, of thousands of Palestinian people, including children and women; **condemning** the policy of arbitrary administrative detention against Palestinian youth and children; and **decrying** the occupation authorities' violations of international norms and conventions, including the Fourth Geneva Convention, especially as regards children; and **denouncing** the continuous practice of torture and other forms of cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment and punishment by Israel, and the deprivation of health care and family visits for Palestinian prisoners;

- **Praising** the Palestinian people's steadfastness, especially in occupied Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Gaza Strip, and their legitimate struggle to regain their inalienable national rights, primarily their right to self-determination, freedom and establishment of their independent State on the 1967 borders with AL-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital;
 1. **Reaffirms** the centrality of the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif for the whole Muslim Ummah; and affirms the Arabic and Islamic identity of the occupied Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the necessity to defend the sanctity of Islamic and Christian holy places therein, and safeguard the city's historical status.
 2. **Strongly** decries the arbitrary and unlawful arrests by Israel, the occupying power, which impacts Palestinians generally, especially the youth and sports people, and **invites** all international parties to pressurize Israel, the occupying power, to release all prisoners from Israeli prisons;
 3. **Deplores** all Israeli actions depriving Palestinians in general, especially the youth and sports people, of the right to freedom of mobility and movement – particularly the right to access Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Gaza Strip, preventing the Palestinian youth from travelling to partake in Arab, Islamic and international sports activities, and obstructing the entry of sports material and equipment through checkpoints and border crossings.
 4. **Requests** all Member States to boycott all youth and sports organizations which have their headquarters in illegal settlements, or which operate or promote their activities inside settlements.
 5. **Condemns** the Israeli occupation for thwarting efforts of the Palestinian youth and the State of Palestine in the sports field; and **urges** youth and sports institutions, along with Olympic committees and world sports federations – especially in Member States – to support Palestinian engagement in international youth organizations at the regional and international levels.
 6. **Supports** the economic empowerment initiatives for Palestine through Islamic funds, such as allotting part of it to support the Palestinian youth in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, especially in the areas threatened with confiscations and the areas close to the annexation and expansion wall.

7. **Calls** for launching campaigns to support the youth and to increase their steadfastness in their land through supporting productive economic and agricultural projects.
8. **Affirms** the importance of supporting youth clubs and centres in Palestine, especially in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and the importance of twinning partnerships with youth clubs and centres in Member States of the OIC, especially for Palestinian areas most threatened by the occupation.
9. **Requests** countries to allot an annual support amount to establish and restore youth houses and sports facilities in various Palestinian areas, especially in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in order to support the steadfastness of the youth in the sacred city, and in Palestinian Bedouin communities threatened with expulsion such as “Arab Al-Jahalin”, and in the H2 areas of Hebron’s old city.
10. **Affirms** the importance of creating a media platform for the youth so that there is a free Palestinian media framework for younger generations to express their vision, principles and opinions in order to serve and promote cultural and national dialogue, which will also serve as a platform for communication with the youth in other Member States of the OIC.
11. **Expresses** thanks to the countries that participated in the events of Al-Quds Al-Sharif Capital of Islamic Youth; **invites** all Member States to participate in upcoming on Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and **urges** the Muslim youth to conduct intensive visits to Palestine and its capital Al-Quds Al-Sharif in support of the Palestinian people and the city’s Arab-Islamic identity.