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**RESOLUTION No. 1/45-ICHAD  
ON THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC**

*The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),*

***Proceeding*** from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

***Referring*** to the provisions of the final communiqués of the previous OIC Summits and in particular the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, that call for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

***Recalling*** its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

***Having examined*** the report of the Secretary General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ICHAD/SG-REP);

1. ***Commends*** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC Representative Offices and the Humanitarian Coordination Offices in the humanitarian domain with the aim of alleviating the suffering of people in need particularly in OIC Member States affected by crises and disasters.
2. ***Commends*** the enhanced cooperation of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHAD) with the international humanitarian community, including international organizations and humanitarian NGOs both in Member States and at the international level and in particular cooperation with the UN, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, the World Bank, ICRC, IFRC, the African Union, the Arab League, USAID, the European Union, the UK, and Switzerland.
3. ***Calls upon*** Member States to channel a percentage of their generous humanitarian assistance through the OIC in order to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and enhance joint Islamic humanitarian action.
4. ***Recognizes*** the generosity and contributions of the refugee hosting countries, especially those hosting large refugee populations and persistent challenges encountered in current refugee responses, ***further recognizes*** that the refugee hosting countries have been disproportionately shouldering a large portion of the burden of providing assistance and protection to millions of refugees, ***calls upon*** the international community to ensure that equitable burden sharing is achieved on the ground, and ***calls upon*** humanitarian stakeholders in OIC countries to develop and strengthen comprehensive and progressive refugee response policies which seek to explore opportunities that benefit both refugees and the communities that host them, and bridge the gap between humanitarian and development interventions.

5. ***Calls upon*** ICHAD, in cooperation with OIC institutions and its partners, to assess the adverse impact of flows of large number of refugees on development efforts in OIC Member States, especially in protracted situations, in the context of the follow-up of the outcome of the high-level meeting to address the Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants that was held on 19 September 2016 in New York and in the process of articulating the Global Compact on Refugees for adoption in 2018, and in light of the large numbers of refugees and IDPs resulting from crises in Myanmar, Syria, the countries bordering Lake Chad and other crises in OIC Member States.
6. ***Stresses*** the need to identify the deficiencies in the current humanitarian system particularly in dealing with issues pertaining to refugees and formulate a position on ways and means to address and rectify these deficiencies and on creating an environment conducive to the sustainable return of refugees and IDPs and their reintegration.
7. ***Reiterates*** that voluntary repatriation is the most durable solution to refugee situations, and reaffirms the need for enhanced assistance to countries hosting large numbers of refugees and countries of origin to cater for returnees, through humanitarian and development assistance, and ***highlights*** the importance of increased resettlement slots for refugees, without discrimination, respecting their dignity and catering for their vulnerabilities.
8. ***Expresses*** deep concern over incidences of Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination targeting refugees.
9. ***Expresses*** appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous assistance offered to Somalia through the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief and the Saudi National Campaign, and, as well as various partners who contributed towards the implementation of humanitarian and developmental projects in Somalia.
10. ***Calls on*** the Member States to provide further support via the OIC Developmental Office in Somalia, through which part of Saudi Arabia's aid is executed, and ***thanks*** Member States for providing their bilateral support to Somalia. (proposal of Somalia)
11. ***Welcomes*** the transition of the Somalia OIC Development Office into a representative office for the Organization in the country, while maintaining its humanitarian role. (proposal of Somalia)
12. ***Expresses thanks and appreciation*** for the Office's role in delivering humanitarian relief aid and launching diverse projects, since its inception in 2010, thus contributing to alleviating the suffering of affected populations in Somalia. (proposal of Somalia)
13. ***Calls on*** the Member States and humanitarian partners to scale up aid to help address rainfall scarcity in Somalia and acute food shortage in most Somali provinces and in IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons) camps around the capital, and to assist in the recovery and development phase in Somalia, including to IDPs and the resettlement of repatriated refugees in Somalia. (proposal of Somalia)

14. *Expresses* its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Turkey which led an OIC delegation in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Summit and that comprised the General Secretariat and a representative from the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief in Riyadh to the Horn of Africa in June 2017 and visited Ethiopia, South Sudan, Kenya and Somalia to collect first-hand information regarding the humanitarian situation prevailing in the region, show solidarity, draw the attention of Member States as well as the international community on the necessity of providing humanitarian along with development assistance to those affected by this humanitarian crisis.
15. *Expresses* appreciation for the efforts exerted by Member States and other donors that extended humanitarian and development support for the State of Palestine, and particularly to Gaza, and *calls for* further support to the Palestinian people particularly during this critical time.
16. *Expresses appreciation for* the States that have pledged aid to reduce UNRWA's operating budget deficit, at high-level meeting (New York, on 22 September 2017), co-organized by the OIC General Secretariat and UNRWA in association with Jordan and Sweden, alongside the UN General Assembly's 72<sup>nd</sup> session, on the theme "**New Horizons for Sustainable Funding for UNRWA**", following the release of the UN Secretary General's report spotlighting the need to ensure predictable and sustainable funding for UNRWA. (proposal of Palestine)
17. *Expresses concern over* UNRWA's funding shortfall for 2018, recalling and underlining the pledges for support to the Agency voiced in the Istanbul Declaration, and *appeals to* the Member States to collectively explore creative ways to ease UNRWA's current financial difficulties. (proposal of Turkey)
18. *Commends* the efforts and contributions made by the State of Qatar in support for humanitarian, development, educational and health sectors, including the \$50 million donations by Qatar, at the recent UNRWA meeting in Rome, and the country's recent pledge to mobilize some \$ 12 million to solve the electricity problem in Gaza. (proposal of Qatar)
19. *Expresses* deep concern over the protracted humanitarian crisis in Syria, the plight of IDPs and refugees in neighboring countries, and the inhumane and dreadful situation of Syrians denied access to humanitarian assistance, *reiterates* its appreciation to Member States, other donors and humanitarian NGOs that contributed generously towards the alleviation of the plight of Syrian refugees and IDPs, *requests* all stakeholders to honour their commitments in support of the Syrian people, *and calls upon* Member States for their continued assistance to Syrian IDPs and refugees and to the countries hosting these refugees.
20. *Expresses appreciation for* the State of Kuwait's outstanding humanitarian role and the generous donations pledged for various countries, including but not limited to \$1.6 billion for Syria, \$200 million for Iraq, \$100 million for Yemen, along with around \$150 million for UNRWA, and \$15 million for Rohingya. (proposal of Kuwait)

21. **Expresses** deep concern over the humanitarian situation in Yemen, **appeals** to Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to extend the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen to ease the plight of the affected people, as the country continues to experience a protracted humanitarian crisis, **expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the humanitarian assistance rendered through the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief, as well as the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, and other Member States and donors that provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen, and **calls upon** UN agencies and other partners working in the humanitarian field to exert further efforts to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen.
22. **Acknowledges** the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the General Secretariat to provide assistance to the people of Yemen, **recalls** its previous resolution 1/44-ICHAD Paragraph 17 on the efforts undertaken by the General Secretariat to convene the international conference to mobilise the necessary resources to provide humanitarian and development assistance to the people of Yemen, and **requests** the General Secretariat to continue working with its Member States and its partners in cooperation with the Government of Yemen to mobilise the necessary resources to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen.
23. **Calls on** the Member States to urgently secure resources to reopen the OIC humanitarian office in Yemen and enable it to resume its humanitarian activities in the country in 2018. (proposal of Yemen)
24. **Expresses deep concern** over the humanitarian situation in Iraq, **calls upon** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to extend the necessary assistance to Iraq, such as to address humanitarian and protection needs of millions of IDPs and their host communities, to repatriate all IDPs to their home cities, liberated from Daesh terrorist groups, and to assist in the humanitarian effort to rehabilitate repatriates, especially children and women who have undergone trauma during terrorist Daesh occupation (2014-2017). (proposal of Iraq)
25. **Commends** the Iraqi government's efforts to resettle 2 million displaced Iraqis from Mosul and other cities liberated from terrorist Daesh groups. (proposal of Iraq)
26. **Hails** the improving humanitarian situation in Darfur which allowed for the voluntary return of IDPs in west, central and north Darfur, and **calls** for enhancing ongoing humanitarian assistance efforts; and for providing the necessary support and assistance to people in need in the Sudan.
27. **Recognizes** the steps taken by the Government of Qatar to coordinate with the Government of Sudan, the General Secretariat, and IDB in order to establish the Darfur Development Bank, **recalls** its previous resolution 1/44-ICHAD Paragraph 22 in this regard, and **reaffirms** the necessity to continue the preparation of the technical and financial documents to be presented at the meeting of the follow-up committee to establish the Darfur Development Bank in preparation for the meeting of the shareholders due to be held at the OIC General Secretariat.

28. **Expresses appreciation** to the government of the Republic of the Sudan for its efforts in receiving and sheltering refugees particularly from South Sudan, and in assisting conflict-affected people in South Sudan by facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the Sudan to South Sudan, and in maintaining humanitarian corridors for the delivery of humanitarian assistance from various states and organizations to people in need in South Sudan, and **calls on** Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support the efforts exerted by the Sudan to provide humanitarian assistance for refugees on its territory.
29. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin, and **appreciation** for the efforts undertaken by countries bordering Lake Chad following the deadly attacks of the Boko Haram terrorist group, **urges** Member States and humanitarian NGOs to extend all necessary humanitarian and financial assistance to the refugees and IDPs occasioned by the activities of the Boko Haram terrorist group in Nigeria and other affected countries in the Lake-Chad Basin, **further calls** on Member States, humanitarian NGOs and other stakeholders to give priority to grass root development in an effort to bring back normality into rural areas in the Lake Chad Basin, and deal with the humanitarian situation following the terrorist attacks affecting this region, and **urges** Member States to extend emergency humanitarian assistance to the areas affected by the terrorist activities of Boko Haram in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.
30. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region, and **reiterates** its appeal to Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support Sahel countries to undertake vital sustainable development projects to break the vicious cycle of drought, deprivation and poverty in these countries, **calls on** Member States to support the transformation of the OIC humanitarian and development office in Niger into a regional office by availing all the necessary financial resources to this end, **commends** Burkina Faso and the Republic of Sudan for the financial pledges made to support the transformation process for the amounts of US dollars 130,000 and 100,000 respectively.
31. **Commends** the Republic of Turkey for a donation of US.D 200,000 in favour of OIC Office in Niger for the funding of the projects to be implemented in the fields of agriculture and water programs following the appeal made by the OIC Secretary General to this end.
32. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Cameroun for the steps taken to host Central African refugees in the East of the country, Nigerian refugees and IDPS from border areas who have been suffering from the brutal terrorist crimes perpetrated by the Boko Haram terrorist group in the far North of Cameroon, **urgently appeals** to Member States and to the international community to increase their assistance to Cameroon to help it in coping with the influx of refugees and IDPs and to implement programmes aimed at improving their living conditions, and strategies for the repatriation of refugees and management of the return or temporary relocation of IDPs.
33. **Expresses appreciation** for the role played by Mauritania in hosting large numbers of Malian refugees in the east of the country in cooperation and coordination with UNHCR and the WFP.

34. **Commends** the authorities of the Republic of Niger for hosting Malian and Nigerian refugees, **requests** Member States and the international community to help the authorities of Niger face the flow of IDPs and refugees, and **calls on** Member States to assist the Republic of Niger in its efforts to cope with the flow of IDPs and refugees.
35. **Requests** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to generously offer the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the rising number of needy people in CAR and neighbouring countries, exacerbated by the protracted conflict in order to overcome the humanitarian and developmental challenges that could hinder the process of national reconciliation and economic recovery.
36. **Takes note of** the report of the meeting (27 February 2018) of the open-ended working group tasked with examining the Statute of OIC Humanitarian Funds, and requests the group to continue its work to this end. (proposal of Saudi Arabia)
37. **Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for its efforts aimed at launching its third humanitarian campaign on Ramadan in the Central African Republic (CAR), **welcomes** the OIC humanitarian funds' efforts to collect donations for the 2016 campaign in CAR, and **appeals to** the Member States and NGOs to secure additional support to sustain this initiative. (proposal of Qatar para no.32 from the Resolution no.1/44-ICHAD 44 Session of CFM, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 10-11 July 2017)
38. **Pays tribute to** the General Secretariat for the efforts it deploys in Afghanistan in coordination with OIC Doha-based Humanitarian Funds, and **invites** the General Secretariat and the Funds to exert further efforts in support of the people of Afghanistan, especially Afghan returnees, to enable their reintegration in the country. (proposal of Qatar para no.34 from the Resolution no.1/44-ICHAD 44 Session of CFM, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire from 10-11 July 2017)
39. **Expresses serious concern** on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Myanmar, particularly the plight of the Rohingyas, over the past month and the large influx of refugees who fled Myanmar to seek refuge in Bangladesh following the serious political situation prevailing in Myanmar and **calls on** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to provide humanitarian assistance to these refugees and those in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar. **Further calls upon** the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar and facilitate humanitarian access to the Rakhine State.
40. **Strongly appeals** to Member States that are yet to accede to the Convention establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so, as soon as possible to enable the Committee to perform its duties, and realize the objectives for which it was established. **Calls upon** States party to the Convention that are yet to pay their contributions to the Committee's budget to do so to allow the Committee to play its role and fulfill its obligations.



41. **Recalls** operative paragraph 40 of resolution 1/44-ICHAD welcoming the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the OIC and USAID in New York in September 2016, and **commends** in this regard the continued efforts of the General Secretariat in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil society in the OIC Member States.
42. **Welcomes** the effort of the General Secretariat in the follow-up of the main issues of interest to the OIC Member States that were raised at the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), and **encourages** the General Secretariat to continue to be engaged with the international humanitarian system in this regard.
43. **Requests** Member States, international and regional organizations, humanitarian NGOs, financial institutions and philanthropists to contribute towards alleviating the plight of orphans in the Islamic world, and beyond, **calls upon** Member States and their civil societies to commemorate the OIC day of Orphans on the 15th of Ramadan.
44. **Expresses** the hope that the General Secretariat intensifies its efforts in advancing cooperation with the IDB, SESRIC, ISF and the Islamic Fiqh Academy on the humanitarian front, including on issues pertaining to resilience, Islamic social finance, and on delivering humanitarian assistance in general.
45. **Requests** ICHAD to effectively implement the humanitarian aspects of the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul in April 2016 and any remaining elements of the previous Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the third the Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah-Al-Mukarramah in December 2005.
46. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the Council's 46<sup>th</sup> session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2/45-ICHAD  
ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION DUE TO DROUGHT  
AND FAMINE IN THE HORN AND EAST OF AFRICA**

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**Observing** with deep concern the risk of imminent famine which have started to appear in the Horn and East of Africa region in general due to serious drought resulting from shortage of rainfall,

**Emphasizing** the significance of the initiatives undertaken by the OIC General Secretariat and Member States to attain food self-sufficiency, to enhance the activities in the field of rural development, environment preservation and water management for the benefit of the vulnerable people of the region, and to relieve the effects of the recurrent droughts due to the climatic factors.

**Acknowledging** the timely appeal of urgent intervention by the Secretary General,

1. **Expresses** its grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian conditions in the Horn and East of Africa due to the ongoing drought resulting in dramatic risk of famine along with the fatal and rapid spread of diarrhea, cholera and other epidemic diseases across the region.
2. **Underlines** the clear need of massive support and solidarity from the international community to alleviate the plight of more than 17 million people in the states of East and Horn of Africa affected by the drought and famine disaster.
3. **Urges** all Member States to positively respond to the urgent appeal of the OIC General Secretariat to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to drought-affected countries of the region.
4. **Reiterates** its appeal to the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavors, and **requests** Member States, partners and civil society to generously assist these countries in alleviating the suffering of the people by developing sustainable projects to build their resilience capacity against the recurring conditions of drought in the region.
5. **Welcomes** the timely initiative of Turkey, as OIC Summit Chair, which lead to the dispatch of an OIC fact-finding mission to drought-affected countries in the region. (proposal of Turkey)
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 46<sup>th</sup> session.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3/45-ICHAD  
ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SYRIA**

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**Recalling** the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among Muslims and defending rights of the people;

**Referring** to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM held in Abidjan on 10-11 July 2017;

**Emphasizing** the grave and deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria, particularly in East Ghouta and other areas besieged by regime forces, where ongoing violations by the regime and its supporters have reached new and horrific proportions, underlining the necessity to stay away from internal conflicts in sister countries, and Lebanon's conviction on the need to continue efforts to scale up humanitarian support for all civilians in the brotherly Syria (proposal of Lebanon), which entails urgent attention and resolute action by the international community, the UN and the OIC in particular;

**Underlining** that a viable solution to the humanitarian crisis could only be found within the borders of Syria;

**Noting** that more than half of the Syrian population (13.5) is in desperate need of assistance including more than 6.1 million IDPs deprived from sustained humanitarian assistance;

**Further highlighting** the serious ramifications of the flow of refugees for the neighboring countries and taking into consideration the ever increasing burden shouldered by them who are currently hosting more than 5.4 million refugees;

**Acknowledging** that proper follow-up of the World Humanitarian Summit would further contribute to the wellbeing of Syrians;

**Reiterating** the urgency to allow immediate and unimpeded humanitarian access to all Syrian cities, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2393, the need for an increased humanitarian assistance inside Syria and to meet the needs of the internally displaced persons concentrated in certain areas who seek refuge and protection and providing full support for the neighboring countries to alleviate the humanitarian situation of the displaced Syrians and to facilitate their return;

1. **Commends** the exemplary generosity and hospitality of Syria's neighboring host countries (Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon) and other host countries (Egypt and Sudan); and calls on the international community and the United Nations to increase support and relieve the burden on these countries.

2. **Applauds** Turkey for providing refuge to more than 3.4 million Syrians and offering them free access to healthcare, education and social services as well as the right to join the labor force.
3. **Commends** the efforts and initiatives of the State of Kuwait and its Emir, HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, in support of the humanitarian situation in Syria, in which Kuwait played host to three donor conferences and co-hosting the International Conference on Syria, held in London and Brussels respectively, where Kuwait's humanitarian pledges for Syria totaled \$1.6 billion. (proposal of Kuwait)
4. **Pays tribute to** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting 2.5 million Syrians, treating them as citizens and offering all healthcare and education services and equal access to the labor market, for the efforts deployed by King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre to ensure humanitarian aid delivery all across Syria, and for mobilizing some \$800 million in support for millions of Syrian refugees in neighboring (Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan) and other countries, in coordination with the governments of these countries and with international humanitarian aid and relief organizations. (proposal of Saudi Arabia)
5. **Pays tribute to** the UAE for its efforts to bring relief to the brotherly Syrian people, and for its US\$850 million donation to cover health, education, shelter, food and humanitarian emergency services. (proposal of the UAE)
6. **Commends** the State of Qatar's efforts in providing humanitarian aid and relief support to Syria, particularly to affected populations in East Ghouta, mobilizing an initial aid flow of 202 million Qatari Riyals (QR) as part of its "Help Refugees Survive Winter" campaign. (proposal of Qatar)
7. **Calls on** OIC Member States to continue to assist the neighboring countries in accordance with Islamic solidarity and the principles of responsibility and burden sharing.
8. **Calls upon** the UN Security Council to take further steps in the face of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria and to ensure the immediate and full implementation of the provisions of UN Security Council Resolutions 2254 and 2393 in particular those pertaining to rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access across conflict lines and across borders through the most direct routes, allow immediate, humanitarian assistance to reach all people in need, in particular in all besieged and hard-to reach areas, release any arbitrarily detained persons, particularly women and children, calls on International Syria Support Group (ISSG) states to use their influence immediately to these ends.
9. **Welcomes** Security Council resolution 2401 in response to the grave humanitarian situation all across Syria, particularly in East Ghouta, and calls on the conflicting parties to fully comply with this resolution. (proposal of Turkey)
10. **Commends** the efforts of the State of Kuwait, a non-permanent member of the Security Council, hailing its achievements during its presidency of the Council's February 2018 meeting in cooperation with the Sweden, which translated in the adoption of UNSC resolution 2401 demanding a 30-day ceasefire along with delivery of urgent humanitarian assistance in the country. (proposal of Kuwait)

**RESOLUTION NO.4/45**  
**ON**  
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**Recalling** Resolution No. 39/6-P on the Establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and Resolution No. ICHAD-1/36 on the Functions and Powers of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

**Having Considered** the Report of the Secretary General OIC/CFM/45/2018/ICHAD/SG.REP on the OIC humanitarian activities particularly the paragraphs relating to the humanitarian conditions in OIC Member States and the alleviation of the suffering of Syrian civilians in neighboring countries especially Lebanon:

1. **Expresses** deep concern over the increasing numbers of Syrian refugees in Lebanon with consequences on the social, economic, demographic and security in the country.
2. **Expresses** appreciation for the efforts exerted by the Lebanese state, despite its meagre resources, to receive and host Syrian refugees.
3. **Calls on** Member States, international organizations and civil society institutions to extend the necessary support to the Lebanese state to meet the consequences of this displacement.
4. **Invites** also international partners to take measures to put an end to this crisis on the basis that the safe return of refugees to Syria is the sole sustainable solution for the crisis, even during the transitional period.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 46<sup>th</sup> session.