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**RESOLUTION NO.1/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION MATTERS**

*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),*

*Recalling* the OIC Vision 1441H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya in October 2003, the OIC 2025: Programme of Action adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016, and 'OIC STI Agenda 2026' adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017,

*Referring to* the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 1/44-S&T on Science and Technology Matters adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Also referring to* Astana Declaration adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017 and the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016,

*Noting with appreciation* the efforts of the COMSTECH and the activities and programmes of ISESCO, SESRIC, IAS, IDB and ICCI in the field of the development and promotion of science, technology and Innovation in the OIC Member States,

*Recognizing* the vital role that science, technology and innovation, including environmentally sound technologies, can play in development and in facilitating efforts to address global challenges, such as efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve food security, enhance access to energy and increase energy efficiency, fight diseases, improve education, protect the environment, accelerate the pace of economic diversification and transformation, improve productivity and competitiveness and ultimately support sustainable development,

*Recognizing further* the importance of development of science, technology and innovation by the Member States in achieving the objectives of OIC 2025: Programme of Action and targets set by UN Sustainable Development Goals,

*Lauding* the successful convening of the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology in Astana on 10-11 September 2017,

*Recognizing* the significance of the Expo-2017, "Future Energy", held in Astana in 2017, that would provide impetus to the development of Science and Technology in the OIC Member States,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology; Higher Education; Health; and Water Resources and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Recognizes** that science, technology and innovation, including information and communications technologies, are vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the OIC 2025: Programme of Action;
2. **Welcomes** the adoption of ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’ by the First OIC Summit on Science and Technology held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan on 10-11 September 2017 which sets priorities and recommended actions for promotion of Science, Technology and Innovation in the OIC Member States;
3. **Calls upon** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to take necessary measures for the practical implementation of the recommendations of ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’ through a focused series of initiatives and programs and by actively promoting and supporting collaborative research programs; and **encourages** interested Member States to work together in developing ‘Big science Projects’ as outlined in ‘OIC STI Agenda 2026’, which are multidisciplinary in nature and content;
4. **Reiterates** its call to the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities for the promotion of science, technology and innovation (STI), including promotion of R&D by increasing investment in Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) and creating a complete and well integrated enabling ecosystem that enables education and research institutions, businesses and industry to innovate, invest, and transform STI into employment and economic growth activities incorporating all inter-related elements, including knowledge and technology transfer;
5. **Emphasizes** the central role of Governments, with active contributions from stakeholders from the public and private sectors, and research institutions, in creating and supporting an enabling environment for innovation and entrepreneurship and the advancement of science, technology and engineering, in accordance with national priorities;
6. **Welcomes** the offer of Government of Uzbekistan to host the Second OIC Summit on Science & Technology and calls upon OIC General Secretariat to work with the Government of Uzbekistan and COMSTECH to make necessary preparations for the convening of the Second OIC Summit on Science and Technology in Uzbekistan;
7. **Commends** the Islamic Bank (IDB) Group for extending financial support to the Centres of Excellence for Science and Technology and requests IDB, COMSTECH, ISESCO and OIC General Secretariat to expedite the designation of five more Centres of Excellence in accordance with the provisions of the OIC Vision 1441H for Science and Technology;
8. **Takes note** with appreciation of the IDB specialized programs for Technical Cooperation, Science and Technology and Resource Centers Mapping and urges the Member States to take note of the advanced capacities of the Resource Centers identified

by the IDB, and consider utilizing their expertise in addressing the local development challenges;

9. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.2/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS**

*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),*

*Recalling* the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 2/44 – S&T on Higher Education Matters adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Recalling further* the OIC 2025: Programme of Action adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016, and 'OIC STI Agenda 2026' adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science& Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017,

*Referring to* the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, including those adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Bamako, Republic of Mali on 14-15 November 2016,

*Noting with appreciation* the contribution of the OIC affiliated/subsidiary universities i.e. Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Bangladesh; Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU); Islamic University in Niger (IUN); and International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in promoting higher education, research and development,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science, Technology and Innovation, Higher Education, Health, Water related issues and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Reiterates** its call for the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities in the domain of higher education, including efforts for improvements in curricula, faculties, networking among higher education institutions, promotion of joint research projects, distance learning arrangements, scholarship programmes and vocational training programmes;
2. **Welcomes** the offer by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research and **Urges** Member States to actively participate in the Conference;
3. **Expresses** appreciation for the higher education scholarships offered by Governments of Pakistan, Brunei Darussalam and Egypt; Turkish Cypriot Government and also by COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Pakistan;
4. **Invites** Member States to encourage their public and private sector higher education and research institutions to actively collaborate with the OIC for further strengthening and promoting the OIC Educational Exchange Programme;

5. **Welcomes** with appreciation the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan , H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev , of 6 December 2017 to provide grants to the citizens of the OIC Member States for their education at the universities of the Republic of Azerbaijan and consider this as a generous contribution of the Republic of Azerbaijan for promoting higher education, research and development, and human resource potential, as well as to strengthening solidarity and cooperation among the OIC Member States;
6. **Emphasizes** the need for active coordination between OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and IDB to establishing a general framework for promoting and advancing higher education through enhanced exchanges, scholarships, sharing of expertise and joint research;
7. **Takes note**, with appreciation, of the efforts of relevant OIC institutions for promoting and advancing higher education in Member States, including ISF's annual grants to IUIU and IUN and IDB's and ISESCO's support for OIC universities as well as their respective programmes;
8. **Reiterates its** support for the efforts of IDB, ISF, ISESCO, OIC General Secretariat and interested donor Member States to contribute to the establishment of an International Islamic University in Kabul, Afghanistan and to mobilize financial resources for this purpose;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **RESOLUTION NO.3/45-S&T**

**ON**

### **HEALTH MATTERS**

*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),*

*Recalling* the OIC 2025: Programme of Action adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016, and 'OIC STI Agenda 2026' adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017,

*Also recalling* the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPA) 2014-2023 adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) held in Jakarta, Indonesia in October 2013,

*Referring to* the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) including Resolution No. 3/44-S&T on Health Matters adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Referring further* to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the successive sessions of ICHM including those adopted by the 6<sup>th</sup> ICHM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

*Taking note*, with appreciation, of the efforts made by the Islamic Advisory Group on polio eradication (IAG) including convening of its Fourth Meeting in Al-Azhar Al-Sharif on 22 November 2017,

*Lauding* the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for successfully hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> session of ICHM in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 05-07 December 2017,

*Referring to* Jeddah Declaration issued by the 6<sup>th</sup> session of ICHM which, inter alia, underlined the concept of Health in all policies and reaffirmed the centrality of the health issues to the overall wellbeing of the people and their socio-economic development,

*Appreciating* the role of relevant OIC institutions especially SESRIC, IDB and ISESCO in carrying out programmes and activities that advance the OIC agenda in the health domain including assisting Member States to strengthen their health systems by improving basic infrastructure, human and technical resources and the provision of health facilities, and of ensuring the accessibility, affordability and quality of healthcare services as well as sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation,



*Noting* with appreciation the ongoing cooperation in the field of health between the OIC and international partners including the World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); the Global Fund to fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and the Global Alliance for Vaccines (GAVI),

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Encourages** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to scale up actions aimed at accelerating progress on all health-related objectives of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, universal access to immunization and key child survival interventions, prevention and treatment services for malaria and tuberculosis, the achievement of which would have the greatest impact on public health and development;
2. **Reaffirms** its commitment to effective and timely implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (SHPA) 2014-2023; and **calls upon** Member States to coordinate their efforts with the respective Lead Country Coordinator Group (LCCG) in implementing activities under each of the six thematic areas of the OIC-SHPA;
3. **Calls on** Member States, OIC General Secretariat and OIC relevant institutions to ensure effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Sixth Session of ICHM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 05-07 December 2017;
4. **Reiterates** the importance of availing adequate resources both technical and financial towards the implementation of the OIC SHPA 2014-2023 and **Calls upon** the interested Member States to join the Working Group on Resource Mobilisation, as recommended by the 6<sup>th</sup> session of ICHM;
5. **Commends** the efforts made by polio-affected Member States to ensure that all children are consistently reached and vaccinated through regular oversight by Government leaders of polio vaccination campaigns;
6. **Further commends** Islamic Advisory Group (IAG) and its national affiliates to raise community awareness , with the support of religious scholars, about the compliance of vaccines to Islamic Shariah, address concerns, and facilitate access to vaccinate all children;
7. **Calls on** OIC Member States, OIC relevant institutions and international partners to support remaining polio endemic countries in their effort to stop polio transmission and further Calls on the IAG to continue working closely with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI); Members States; and religious and community leaders to help address challenges regarding community perceptions on vaccinations, on the safety and acceptance of

vaccines, and to help secure access to all children for immunization especially those who have consistently been missed;

8. **Acknowledges** that the global burden and threat of non-communicable diseases constitutes one of the major challenges for development in the twenty-first century which undermines social and economic development throughout the world and threatens the achievement of internationally agreed development goals; and **reiterates** its call for the Member States to undertake necessary steps to promote healthy life style among their nationals and strengthen control of non-communicable diseases including cancer, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases;
9. **Takes note**, with concern, of the increasing cancer burden and limited access to radiotherapy and related cancer services among Member States; and urges Member States to support the OIC-IDB-IAEA efforts aimed at assisting interested Member States towards their national cancer control programmes as well as supporting the establishment, upgradation, and/or expansion of the radiotherapy services;
10. **Further takes note**, with appreciation, of the offer by the Office of the First Lady of Burkina Faso to host a regional workshop on promoting cancer awareness and advocacy programmes in West-African sub-region in accordance with Istanbul Declaration issued by the Special Session of First Ladies' Leadership in Cancer Control in OIC Member States held on 14 April 2016; and **requests** OIC General Secretariat to liaise with relevant Member States, and international partners for convening of the proposed workshop;
11. **Requests** the Member States to work collectively in improving maternal, new-born, and child health and fully participate in activities pursuant to the Implementation Plan of the SHPA, which includes mother and child health as one of its six thematic areas;
12. **Calls upon** Member States, OIC relevant institutions and international partners to establish, promote and foster regional and sub-regional collaboration, as well as interregional cooperation within WHO, including sharing of experience and expertise for capacity development, in responding to health emergencies and disasters; risk-reduction, response and recovery;
13. **Calls upon** Member States to support the efforts being made by the OIC Vaccine Manufactures Group to achieve self-reliance in the production and supply of safe and affordable vaccines; and urges them to identify and encourage the vaccine manufacturing companies under their respective jurisdictions to join the Group;
14. **Welcomes** the offer by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to host the First Meeting of the Heads of National Drug Regulatory Authorities of OIC Member States in 2018 and invites Member States to actively participate in the meeting;

15. **Welcomes** the launching, by SESRIC, of the OIC Health Portal during the 6<sup>th</sup> session of ICHM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and **requests** Member States to utilize the Portal to further enhance cooperation for sharing of experience, expertise, best practices and transfer of technology in respect of the actions and activities identified in the OIC SHPA;
16. **Further Welcomes** the launching of the OIC Medical Corps and requests SESRIC in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat to convene a meeting of interested Member States, relevant OIC institutions, relevant Islamic volunteer medical organizations and other international stakeholders for its early operationalization;
17. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.4/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

*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),*

*Recalling* the OIC-2025: Program of Action objectives related to Environment adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-15 April 2016 and Astana Declaration adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science& Technology held in Astana on 10-11 September 2017,

*Recalling further* the UN Sustainable Development Goals related to environment adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015,

*Reaffirming* the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 4/44 – S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Taking into account* the resolutions of the successive sessions of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers including the 7<sup>th</sup> session held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 25-26 October 2017 that, inter-alia, adopted Rabat Declaration on Environment Protection and Achieving Sustainable Development Goals,

*Bearing in mind* the Final Communiqués adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

*Noting* with appreciation the efforts of relevant OIC institutions including SESRIC, ISESCO and IDB in providing capacity-building and technology support to Member States in environment-related fields,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science, and Technology and Innovation, Higher Education, Health, Water Resources and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Reaffirms** its commitment to the full implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of international and OIC fora including the 7<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 25-26 October 2017, regarding environmental protection;
2. **Reiterates** its call to Member States to undertake consultations and coordinate their positions to effectively address challenges stemming from climate change and deteriorating environmental conditions, develop environmental policies and

allocate necessary human, technological and economic resources for this purpose so as to make a unified, substantial contribution in these processes;

3. **Calls upon** the relevant OIC institutions including SESRIC, IDB and ISESCO within their respective mandates, to provide technical cooperation and assistance to Member States, upon their request, to support their efforts in implementing commitments made under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);
4. **Calls** upon the General Secretariat to coordinate and liaise with relevant international bodies, institutions, mechanisms and initiatives and assist climate vulnerable OIC Member States to enhance their skill and capacity to access the available climate finance for adaptation and mitigation;
5. **Takes note of** the OIC STI Agenda 2026 where it is recommended to set up an OIC Advisory Group with experts drawn from the Member States to prepare a detailed plan of action including mitigation and adaptation options in line with the commitment made under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and reiterates the need for support of all member states for its implementation;
6. **Calls** upon OIC institutions including IDB to introduce mechanisms and arrangement of funding private sector SME projects relating to climate change mitigation and adaptation on project calls system from within the IDB S&T finance;
7. **Requests** COMSTECH to complete the Energy profiles of Member States and accord special attention to the promotion of cooperation among the Member States and related OIC institutions in areas such as environment protection, climate change, renewable energies and green technology;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## RESOLUTION NO.5/45-S&T

ON

### Water Resources Related issues

*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),*

*Recalling* the provisions of OIC 2025: Programme of Action including the goals related to maximizing the productive use of water and minimize its destructive impact,

*Bearing* in mind the adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals particularly water related issues that reaffirmed commitments regarding the right of access to safe drinking water and sanitation therein,

*Referring to* the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey on 14-15 April 2016 that called for cooperation among OIC Member States in the field of water resources management,

*Further referring* to the 'OIC STI Agenda 2026' adopted by the First OIC summit on Science & Technology held in Astana, Kazakhstan on 10-11 September 2017,

*Reaffirming* all its previous resolutions including Resolution No 5/44-S&T on OIC Water Vision adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session of CFM held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Reaffirming further* the resolutions of the successive sessions of the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water including that of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session held in Istanbul, Turkey, 17-19 May, 2016 which adopted the Terms of Reference of the OIC Water Council,

*Appreciating* the Government of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the First Meeting of the OIC Water Council held in Istanbul, Turkey on 15-16 November 2017,

*Recalling* the efforts of the OIC relevant institutions including SESRIC, IDB and ISESCO in advancing the OIC agenda in the domain of water resource management,

*Underscoring* the significance of cooperation between the Member States for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision including cooperation to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health, Water Resources and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Welcomes** the adoption of the implementation plan of OIC Water Vision by the First meeting of OIC Water Council held in Istanbul on 15-16 November 2017;

2. **Calls upon** Member States, relevant OIC institutions, international development partners as well as donor agencies to further increase cooperation and technical assistance for the effective implementation of OIC Water Vision, OIC-2025: Programme of Action and UN Sustainable Development Goals related to water and sanitation;
3. **Commends** the Member States which have conveyed their designated focal points for the OIC Water Vision; and **Calls upon** those which have not yet appointed their respective national focal points to do so at the earliest opportunity;
4. **Commends** the role of the UAE in highlighting water issues and finding global sustainable solutions for those who are deprived and in need of water through the UAE Water Aid Foundation; and **further commends** the Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid International Prize for Water of USD 1 million to encourage research institutes all over the world to find sustainable, cost-effective and innovative solutions for water problems;
5. **Recalls** the establishment of a roster of environmental and water experts by SESRIC to facilitate exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water among the Member States; and **encourages** Member States to consider responding favourably to the requests by SESRIC for necessary updates and questionnaires regarding needs and capacities available to them in the field of water resources management;
6. **Takes note** of the hosting of “Our Ocean Conference 2018” by the Republic of Indonesia on 29-30 October 2018 in Bali and the invitation of Indonesia for the OIC Member States to actively participate in the Conference;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## RESOLUTION NO.6/45-S&T

### ON THE ACTIVITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (COMSTECH)

*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),*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions including Resolution No. 6/44-S&T on the activities of Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Recalling further* the resolutions and recommendations of the successive Meetings of the General Assembly of COMSTECH including the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 31 May- 1 June, 2016,

*Commending the* Government of Pakistan for its continued support and facilitation to COMSTECH and the efforts of Coordinator General of COMSTECH for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMSTECH,

*Appreciating* COMSTECH for its efforts to help the Member States in the field of science and technology, Higher Education, Health and the Environment by organizing training workshops that provide opportunities to the researchers from Member States to interact with eminent scientists of the developed countries as well as within the OIC region,

*Taking note, with appreciation,* of the ongoing collaboration between COMSTECH and various institutions and foundations within and outside the OIC including collaboration with Lindau Council of Nobel Laureates Meetings; The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS); and International Foundation for Science (IFS),

*Having considered* the activity report of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation):

1. **Reiterates** its call for COMSTECH to take necessary measures for strengthening coordination among the Member States, Centers of Excellence, research institutions and universities in OIC Member States for increased collaborative research, sharing of knowledge and transfer of technology and to develop policy guidelines in this regard;
2. **Re-affirms** the role of COMSTECH in working out a coordinated implementation strategy of the OIC Vision 1441H , provisions of OIC 2025: Program of Action pertaining to Science and Technology, and OIC STI Agenda 2026;
3. **Calls upon** COMSTECH to hold regular meeting of the Steering Committee comprising relevant OIC institutors and organs to review the progress on the implementation of the proposals adopted by the First OIC Summit on Science & Technology held in Astana,



Kazakhstan on 10-11 September 2017 and make necessary recommendations to the Member States;

4. **Commends** COMSTECH for promoting international co-operation among scientists by signing agreements and facilitating exchanges of experts and information with the international research institutes; and **Calls upon** COMSTECH to develop more linkages for the benefit of the scientists and researchers of the Member States;
5. **Further commends** COMSTECH for preparation of the Science Report of eight Member States; and **calls upon** COMSTECH to complete the Science Reports of the remaining Member States in collaboration with IDB and other relevant OIC institutions;
6. **Expresses** profound gratitude to the Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan for its continued support and facilitation to the COMSTECH and **requests** other Member States and relevant OIC institutions to generously support COMSTECH enabling it to expand its programs in various fields of science and technology;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the next session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.7/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC UNIVERSITIES**

*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),*

*Recalling* its relevant resolutions including Resolution No. 7/44 – S&T on Activities of the OIC Universities adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Referring* to resolutions of the successive sessions of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research including the 8<sup>th</sup> held in Bamako, Mali, on 14-15 November 2016,

*Acknowledging*, with appreciation and profound gratitude, the continued support and assistance rendered by the Governments of Bangladesh, Malaysia, Niger and Uganda to the respective OIC universities,

*Further expressing* gratitude to the OIC Member States, relevant OIC institutions and NGOs for their support and provision of assistance including contribution to the establishment of relevant Waqf and other income generating projects to the OIC universities,

*Taking* note with satisfaction the progressive role being played by the OIC universities for the development of the human resources in various fields,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science, Technology and Innovation, Higher Education, Health, Water related issues and Environment Sectors (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Acknowledges** the role of the OIC universities in disseminating knowledge and research in the fields relevant to the needs of Member States and contributing the human resource development in the Member States concerned;
2. **Reiterates** its appeal to Member States to continue donating generously to the OIC universities including contributions to their respective waqf for further development of their academic programmes and infrastructure and addressing other specific needs;
3. **Commends** highly the annual grants by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to the IUN and IUIU and **encourages** ISF to continue such support for these universities;

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4. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the host country, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, for the support it renders to IUT including the financial contribution for the construction of the first phase of the female dormitory project;
5. **Reiterates** its Calls for the Member States to settle their current and arrear mandatory contributions to IUT; and **invites** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to contribute generously to the IUT Endowment Fund;
6. **Commends** the admission of female students in the regular undergraduate engineering programmes of the university in the academic year 2016-2017;
7. **Takes note** of the introduction of new academic programmes, faculties and departments in the university and **urges** the management to develop its Master Plan by including new disciplines on emerging and frontier technologies and ensuring optimum utilization of its available land space keeping in mind demands of the 'OIC-2025; Programme of Action' and 'OIC STI Agenda 2026';
8. **Further takes note** of the setting up of a new office of accreditation and quality assurance and **expresses** hope that this will expedite IUT's efforts to obtain accreditation by national, regional and international accreditation agencies for engineering and technology;
9. **Welcomes** the recruitment of staff and students from other Member States and **Urges** management to further increase the number of students from other Member States thereby stressing the international character of the university;

## **Islamic University in Niger (IUN)**

10. **Commends** highly the Government of the host country, the Republic of Niger, for the support and assistance it continues to render to IUN including the donation of additional 125,000 square metres of land for the construction of female educational facilities at the IUN;
11. **Takes note**, with satisfaction, of the progress on the construction of commercial center project for IUN financed by the IDB through Waqf Fund and **Calls on** the Member States to donate towards the construction of the second phase of the Waqf;
12. **Reiterates** its request to the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support the IUN through all possible means to improve its infrastructure, academic programmes and welfare of the faculty;
13. **Welcomes** the interest generated by the establishment of the new college of Agriculture; and **commends** ISF for creating a specific budgetary provision for this purpose;

14. **Takes** note of the progress in the implementation of IUN strategic plan (2015-2025) which aims at modernizing the university with a view to attaining the level of higher education institutions;
15. **Calls on** SESRIC and IUN to operationalize the memorandum of cooperation signed between the two aimed at promoting vocational training at IUN;

#### **Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)**

16. **Expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Government of the host country, the Republic of Uganda, for the support it continues to render to IUIU including the visit to the University, on 10 February, 2017 of the First Lady and Minister of Education and Sports of the Republic of Uganda to ascertain the University's preparedness to receive the IDB Loan for Phase II meant to help the University construct a Faculty of Engineering and Technology, one hostel, and a new Library;
17. **Commends** the assistance given to IUIU by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) of US\$ one million annually, IDB, University of Lahore, Pakistan, Doctors Worldwide, Turkey, SESRIC and TIKA of Turkey, AMAL Foundation of Malaysia, and the Habib Family in Jeddah and calls upon public and private sector institutions and universities to consider extending similar support to the IUIU in addressing its requirements;
18. **Welcomes** the initiation of the Reverse Linkage Project on Building a Vocational and Business Centre in IUIU aimed at promoting training for both students and public in areas of interest to local community and market, in collaboration with IDB, SESRIC and TIKA;
19. **Takes note** of the Progress with regard to IDB's US\$14.58 million Istisna'a financing for construction of the Phase I of the new Waqf for the University to be built in Kampala, Uganda, on the land donated by the Government of Uganda; and **calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to donate the remaining US\$65 million needed for construction of the rest of the buildings of the Waqf;
20. **Appreciates** the steady progress in the construction of the new university library using US\$ 973,644 donated by the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; and **calls upon** other Member States to give voluntary financial and material assistance towards the university's infrastructure development programme;
21. **Appreciates** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding staff to IUIU and **urges** other Member States to consider seconding academic staff to IUIU especially in medical and engineering fields; and also **requests** the Federal Government of Nigeria to resume seconding academic staff to IUIU under the Technical Aid Corps (TAC) Volunteers Scheme from which IUIU has benefitted immensely in the past;

22. **Expresses** satisfaction with the steady increase in the number of students and expansion of facilities at IUIU and **urges** the university to continue its efforts for providing educational opportunities for the Muslim communities in English-speaking African countries;
23. **Notes** the huge demand for medical professionals in Africa and **calls upon** Member States, relevant OIC Institutions and NGOs to extend financial and material for the university to support newly started academic programmes of Bachelor Science in Nursing; Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences; and Bachelor of Public Health;
24. **Requests** Member States, OIC relevant institutions and individual philanthropists to continue providing sustainable financial support to IUIU to improve staff welfare and also to enable the University to acquire the facilities they need to provide quality education to the youth of Africa;

#### **International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)**

25. **Commends** IIUM for holding of “OIC Cultural Week and Value Based Leadership and Cultural Training programme” in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur on 26 November to 1 December 2017 that showcased Cultural exhibits from 33 Member States;
26. **Encourages** IIUM to continue its support to the IUT, IUIU and IUN;
27. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the next session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 8/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC INSTITUTIONS**  
**OPERATING IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

*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),*

*Recalling* Resolution No 8/44 – S&T on the Activities of the OIC Institutions Operating in the Fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Bearing in mind* the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016,

*Commending* SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, STIO, IAS, and ICCI for their activities and programmes in the fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment,

**The Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)**

*Appreciating* the role of SESRIC in collating, processing and disseminating socioeconomic statistics including major indicators in the field of science and technology, education, health and environment for the utilization of OIC Member States,

*Further appreciating* SESRIC for preparing technical reports and studies on the issues pertinent to the Member States in several domains including Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment,

*Acknowledging* capacity building programmes and training activities organized and conducted by SESRIC in the fields of health, environment and water resources management,

*Appreciating* the contribution of SESRIC in the preparation and implementation of the various OIC studies, programmes and projects,

*Taking note* of the report by SESRIC:

1. **Appreciates** SESRIC for regularly preparing a report on “Education and Scientific Development in OIC Countries” as a background document for the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
2. **Further appreciates** SESRIC for preparing the OIC Water Report 2015 that took stock of the present situation of water and highlighted the challenges faced by the OIC Member States;

3. **Appreciates** SESRIC for compiling and presenting the OIC Health Report 2017 during the Sixth session of ICHM on 5-7 December 2017;
4. **Further appreciates** SESRIC for designing and launching the OIC Health Portal which will act as the main information sharing platform for the OIC efforts in health area and a communication facilitator among the partner institutions in the implementation of OIC SHPA;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to actively contribute and participate in the various training programmes in the field of health organized by the SESRIC under the framework of Ibn Sina Health Capacity Building Programme and Ibn Sina NGO Health Alliance;
6. **Stresses** the importance of capacity building programmes and training activities conducted under the umbrella of the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) of SESRIC, tailored for the specific needs of the Member States;
7. **Takes** note of the efforts of SESRIC aimed at matching the needs and capacities of relevant national institutions working in the domain of health, water resources management and environment through specific capacity building programmes of the Centre, and **calls upon** the Member States to fully benefit from these programmes by responding to the relevant questionnaires;
8. **Commends** the efforts of SESRIC towards the implementation of the OIC Water Vision through developing an online web portal on water issues and initiating the Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) with the aim of facilitating the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water resources.

## **ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)**

*Appreciating* the efforts exerted by ISESCO in the field of science and technology, higher education, health and environment,

*Acknowledging* the efforts of ISESCO in building scientific, technological and innovative capacities in various important and vital areas directly related with socio-economic development of the Member States,

*Welcoming* the establishment of the Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN) as a platform for collaboration between scientists, researchers and education networks and sharing of knowledge, best practices and stimulating joint research,

*Taking note* of the outcome of the 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Bamako, Republic of Mali on 14 – 15 November 2016,

*Taking note* of the report submitted by ISESCO:

1. **Takes note** with appreciation of ISESCO initiatives in various domains including space sciences to improve the use of the Earth Observation and expanded application capabilities to the management of natural resources, risk management of natural disasters as well as to advance and promote the sustainable agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries and forestry, including early warning, assessment of food vulnerability, food safety, market efficiency and the desertification aspect;
2. **Reaffirms** its call for ISESCO to actively participate in the implementation of the OIC- SHPA 2014-2023 by sharing lessons learnt from its Action Plans and joining in the implementation of priority activities related to health on the six thematic areas of the Programme;
3. **Acknowledges** ISESCO's continued support for Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and Islamic University Niger (IUN) and **urges** it to continue supporting them, in accordance with the plan submitted by ISESCO to the General Secretariat which includes actions for strengthening of their academic programmes, performance assessment, supporting STI programmes, capacity-building of faculty and promoting linkages with universities in Member States;
4. **Commends** the efforts of the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) in promoting and advancing university education and establishing linkages and partnerships among universities across the Islamic World **and calls upon** the FUIW to take steps for establishing partnerships and linkages between IUIU, IUN and IUT and universities of good standing in the Member States;
5. **Takes note** of the projects and initiatives in the domain of higher education and scientific research adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Bamako, Republic of Mali on 14 – 15 November 2016 and requests ISESCO in coordination with OIC General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to ensure implementation in timely and effective implementation.

### **ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)**

*Noting* with appreciation the commitment of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) towards addressing the needs of OIC Member States in the area of science and technology, higher education, health and environment and its programmes and initiatives in these areas,

*Appreciating* IDB for focusing on health sector, particularly in the area of combating diseases and epidemics and strengthening human and institutional capacity in various Member States,



*Appreciating* IDB for the financial support extended towards the preparation of various documents such as the Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation project; OIC-SHPA 2014-2023; and OIC Water Vision,

*Appreciating further* IDB's continued efforts in enhancing collaboration among OIC Member States, through its Technical Cooperation Program (TCP), Science and Technology operations plus the Reverse Linkage mechanism,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the IDB in the domains of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment:

1. **Commends** IDB's initiative to scale up its Technical Cooperation Program by introducing the Reverse Linkage mechanism, which enables the Member States to exchange expertise, knowledge, technology and solutions among themselves with the objective of building local capacity to address development challenges, while sharing the project cost; and **urges** the Member States to propose to the Bank Reverse Linkage projects through the IDB's official channel in the respective countries;
2. **Appreciates** the efforts and initiatives of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for promoting Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) in the Member Countries, including project financing and its specialized programs for Technical Cooperation, Science and Technology and Resource Centers Mapping;
3. **Takes note** of capacities of the Resource Centers identified by the IDB, and **urges** Member States to utilize there capacities and expertise in addressing the local development challenges;
4. **Reiterates** its call for IDB to assist Member States in improving quality of education by allocating more grants for capacity building and development projects;
5. **Further Requests** IDB to continue its support to the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and other national, regional and international partners in combating diseases and epidemics.

## **ISLAMIC WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (IAS)**

*Mindful of* the IAS 2017 Declaration issued by the 21<sup>st</sup> IAS Conference held in Konya (Turkey), 8-11 October 2017 under the title 'Science, Technology and Innovation for Global Peace and Prosperity',

*Commending* the IAS for co-hosting a seminar on the 'Culture of Science in the Islamic World', in collaboration with other organizations in Jordan on 8-9 November 2017,

*Commending* the IAS for co-hosting an international conference on the ‘Islamic Sciences in the Western World (Middle Ages-Renaissance): Exchanges, Transmission and Influence, at Petra University in Amman, 25-27 April 2017, in collaboration with the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) and the International Union of Academies (IUA),

*Further Commending* the IAS for publishing the Medical Journal of the IAS as a unique open-source medium for the medical research community in the OIC and internationally; and recognized by the WHO Index Medicus, the Turkish Citation Index as well the OIC’s Islamic World Science Citation Centre,

*Taking note* of IAS outreach activities with the Inter-Academy Partnership (IAP) and the International Union of Academies (IUA),

*Further taking note of* the IAS collaboration with the prestigious Inter-Action Council (IAC), which is a grouping of statesmen who have held the highest office in their own countries, in the domains of the water-energy-food nexus as well as the field of global security,

*Acknowledging* the support provided to the IAS by a number of OIC Member states including Jordan, Pakistan, Turkey, Oman, Kuwait and Malaysia,

*Taking note* of activity the report of IAS:

1. **Requests** the IAS to convene its 22<sup>nd</sup> IAS Conference in the fourth quarter of 2019 in the city of Kuwait (State of Kuwait);
2. **Requests** the IAS to maintain the Medical Journal of the IAS and to seek the support of all relevant OIC agencies to further strengthen the Journal;
3. **Requests** the IAS to provide all possible assistance to OIC countries in formulating their national STI policies, in founding their national academies of sciences, and in developing their science advisory systems;
4. **Urges** the IAS, in collaboration with all relevant organizations, to develop a bio-monitoring template for OIC-member countries;
5. **Requests** the IAS to support the new international task force on the subject of the ‘Culture of science’ in collaboration with relevant OIC-based as well as international agencies; and
6. **Urges** the IAS to further strengthen its activities in all domains pertinent to its mandate and responsibilities.

**RESOLUTION NO.9/45-S&T**  
**ON**  
**MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SAND AND DUST STORM IN**  
**SOME MEMBER STATES**

*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),*

*Referring* to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation where it demands the Member States to Endeavour to protect and preserve the environment,

*Having considered* the OIC-2025: Program of Action calling upon Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent adverse effects of such policies on their economic development; and the OIC- STI Agenda 2026 which identifies issues pertaining to environment and climate change as one of the priorities,

*Recalling further* article 3 of the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, ratified by Islamic Environment Ministers in Jeddah, on 10-12 June 2002, where it names the environment a gift from Allah and calls upon all individuals and communities to take care of it and promote it,

*Having considered* UNGA resolutions: A/RES/70/195 entitled "combating sand and dust storms", A/RES/71/219 entitled: "combating sand and dust storms", A/RES/72/225 entitled "combating sand and dust storms", E/ESCAP/RES/72/7 entitled "Regional Cooperation to combat sand and dust storms in Asia and the Pacific" and UNEA resolution UNEP/EA.2/Res.21 on dust and sand storms,

*Taking into account* the adverse effects of severe and long-standing drought and implications of climate change, in the shape of dust and sand storm in certain Member States,

*Further taking into account* the final report of the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment which, among other things, calls on Member States competent authorities to redouble efforts and better coordinate actions to meet the new challenges posed by climate change and deterioration of environmental situation including desertification,

*Recalling* Resolution No. 9/44-S&T on Mainstreaming Efforts to Combat the Sand and Dust Storm adopted by the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Welcoming* the UNEP initiative of Regional Programme to Combat Sand and Dust Storms including Ministerial Meeting held in Nairobi on 21 February 2013 and the

Technical Meeting held in Abu Dhabi on 6-7 May 2013, attended by more than 50 countries, relevant UN agencies, regional organizations and other participants,

*Welcoming further* the International Workshop on Sand and Dust Storms organized by the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey in Istanbul on 23-25 October 2017, in cooperation with Secretariat of the UN Convention on Combating Desertification, UNEP and WMO,

1. **Expresses** concern over the unprecedented wave of sand and dust tempests and for the considerable losses they have been causing in desert areas in the Member States in both Asia and Africa;
2. **Calls on** all the Member States affected in desert areas in Asia and Africa to engage in a conscientious and constructive dialogue to resolve this problem in an appropriate manner;
3. **Appreciates** the participation of the OIC Member States in the UNEP regional project on catalysing Cooperative Actions to Combat Land Degradation and Dust Storms under the UNEP initiative of Regional Programme to Combat Sand and Dust Storms and encourages other OIC Member States to join the UNEP regional project;
4. **Also expresses** appreciation for the efforts to limit sandstorms and drought in states of the region under the umbrella of a programme developed by the World meteorological Organization in the context of limiting the impact of climate change;
5. **Reiterates** its support for developing a collective regional mechanism for awareness raising early warning and risk management network enabling the affected countries to face the problem in a suitable manner;
6. **Calls upon** all international and regional environmental instruments and institutions, including ROPME, to seriously and rapidly address the issue and to mobilize their resources, both technically and financially to assist the affected countries;
7. **Appreciates** the cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Iran with UNEP, UNDP and DESA for holding an international conference to combat sand and dust storms on 3-5 July 2017 based on UNGA resolutions;
8. **Invites** the Member States to contribute to the reforestation of desert zones in the OIC Member States, and to take firm measures against the abusive cutting of trees and bushfires;
9. **Further invites** the OIC Specialized Agencies such as Islamic Development Bank to take all appropriate measures to develop concrete projects for assisting the affected countries enabling them to overcome the disastrous effects of this phenomenon;
10. **Decides** to remain seized with the matter.

## RESOLUTION NO.10/45-S&T

### ON THE FORMER SEMIPALATINSK NUCLEAR TEST SITE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS AND REHABILITATION OF THE ARAL SEA REGION

*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),*

*Taking into consideration* UN General Assembly resolution 64/35 “International Day against Nuclear Tests” and also UN General Assembly resolution 63/279 “International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan”,

*Taking into account* the official document of the UN General Assembly No. A/68/686 title “Program of measures to eliminate consequences of the drying up of the Aral Sea and prevent disaster of the ecosystem in the Aral Sea region”,

*Recalling* resolution No.4/33-S&T on environmental issues adopted by the 33rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, requesting the Islamic Development Bank and charity foundations of the Muslim countries to explore ways and means to evolve a programme providing support to the regions of the Aral Sea and Semipalatinsk in coordination with existing international, regional and national programmes,

*Expressing* serious concern over the consequences of ecological problems of the Aral Sea and former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site,

*Taking note* of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan H. E. Nursultan Nazarbayev's decree of 29 August 1991, the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site had been shut down, having functioned from 1949 to 1991 and produced 456 nuclear tests,

*Acknowledging* that the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site remains an issue of serious concern for Kazakhstan, in view of its long term hazardous effects on the lives and health of the region's inhabitants and the environment,

1. **Reiterates** its call upon Member States to observe the International Day against Nuclear Tests on 29 August in order to increase awareness of the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions;
2. **Commends** Member States for their contribution to the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the closing of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site which was aimed at informing the public about the dangerous consequences of nuclear tests for the lives and health of people and the state of the environment;
3. **Emphasizes** importance of implementation of the Third Aral Sea Basin Program-3 (ASBP-3) at the Donor Coordination Conference held on December 9, 2010, in Almaty, Kazakhstan in terms of environment protection;

4. **Supports** the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan on establishment, under UN auspices, of a special Trust Fund for the Aral Sea and the Aral Sea region, with the main task of coordination of efforts and implementation of targeted programs and projects;
5. **Highly appreciates** the implementation of the joint program of Uzbekistan and the United Nations titled “Building the resilience of communities affected by the Aral Sea disaster through the Multi-partner Human Security Fund for the Aral Sea” aimed at improving the welfare of the population through the creation of additional sources of income, improvement of healthcare system and development of infrastructure;
6. **Calls on** Member States, IDB and other Donors to intensify their participation in restoration of the regions of the Aral Sea and the Former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site;
7. **Urges** the Islamic Development Bank, the OIC Member States and international donor organizations to continue providing necessary technical and financial support in implementation of Programs directed to address the issues of the Aral Sea and region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the next session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.11/45-S&T**  
**ON HOLDING SECOND OIC SUMMIT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**IN 2020 IN UZBEKISTAN**

*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),*

*Recalling* the OIC-2025 Program of Action, adopted at the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Istanbul on April 14-15, 2016, and the OIC Program on Science, Technology and Innovation-2026, and the Astana Declaration adopted at the first OIC Summit on Science and Technology on the theme "Science, Technology, Innovation and Modernization in the Islamic World", held on 10-11 September, 2017 in Astana,

*Referring* to resolution No. 1/44-S&T on Science and Technology adopted by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire on 10-11 July 2017,

*Noting* the efforts of COMSTECH, as well as the activities and programs of ISESCO, SESRIC and IDB in the development and promotion of science and technology in the OIC Member States,

*Recognizing* the vital role of science, technology and innovation, including environmentally sound technologies, in the development of regions and in promoting efforts to address global problems such as poverty eradication, ensuring food security, increasing access to energy and improving energy efficiency, fighting disease, improving education, environmental protection, liquidation of the consequences of natural disasters and anthropogenic disasters, acceleration of the pace of diversification and transformation of the economy, and competitiveness and, ultimately, the maintenance of sustainable development,

*Taking into account* the active role of Uzbekistan in spreading the scientific knowledge and discoveries of great Islamic scientists and thinkers, as well as conducting modern research on breakthrough directions of science and technology,

*Welcoming* the Astana Declaration, in which it was announced that the second Summit on Science and Technology will be held in Uzbekistan, as well as the press release of the OIC General Secretariat, circulated on September 12, 2017, on the importance of holding the OIC Summit on Science and Technology in the OIC member countries on a regular basis,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education and Health, water Resources and the Environment (OIC/45-CFM/2018/ST/SG-REP):

**1. Supports** the proposal of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, His Excellency Shavkat Mirziyoyev, to hold the second OIC Summit on Science and Technology in 2020 in Uzbekistan;

**2. Calls on** the General Secretariat of OIC and COMSTECH to actively implement the mandate given by the participants of the first OIC Summit on Science and Technology to work with the Government of Uzbekistan on the implementation of the necessary preparatory activities for the second OIC Summit on Science and Technology in this country;

**3. Further calls upon** OIC member states to actively participate in the preparation and holding of the second OIC Summit on Science and Technology in Uzbekistan to further expand the programs for the development of science, technology and innovation in accordance with the requirements of the times;

**4. Reaffirms** the relevance of the initiatives of the Republic of Uzbekistan, voiced during the first OIC Summit on Science and Technology (September 10-11, 2017, Astana) concerning: Installation of a state-of-the-art OIS telescope near Samarkand; Development of the concept of "personalized agriculture", implying the choice of a specific genotype of crops, taking into account its response to a specific environment, soil, water and biostimulators; placement of one of the six high-performance OIC computer centers in Uzbekistan, which will allow scientists and researchers from other member countries, especially Central Asia, to use its capabilities for research purposes; and organization of the international Olympiad of young mathematicians devoted to exaltation and popularization of the rich heritage of the great mathematician al-Khorezmi;

**5. Requests** the OIC General Secretariat, Member States and OIC institutions, including IDB Group, to provide consultative, financial and technical and organizational and practical assistance in the implementation of the above-mentioned scientific and technological projects in Uzbekistan;

**6. Further Requests** the Secretary General to submit a detailed report on the work accomplished at the next session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.

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