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**RESOLUTION NO.1/43-ORG  
ON**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF EXPERTS TO  
EXAMINE AND UPDATE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR OIC MEETINGS**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Recalling** the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Ten-Year Programme of Action,

**Recalling also** the Rules of Procedure for meetings of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation ratified during the 40<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea from 9 – 11 December 2013 under resolution no. 3/40 – ORG;

**Affirming** the importance of the comprehensive reforms that have been going on for more than ten years which are aimed at giving greater rigour and transparency to the work of the OIC and at ensuring greater benefit and effectiveness in its performance,

1. Decides to establish an intergovernmental Group of Expert to amend and update the Rules of procedure for the meetings of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.2/43-ORG**  
**ON**  
**RULES GOVERNING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GENERAL**  
**SECRETARIAT AND CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Recalling** the objectives of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) enshrined in Article 1 of the Charter, particularly to deploy efforts to achieve sustainable and comprehensive human development and economic prosperity in Member States, and to strengthen, protect and develop the role of the family, promote and protect human rights and basic freedoms, including the rights of women, children, youth, the elderly and people with special needs;

**Recalling** Article 26 of the Charter which provides that “the Organization shall enhance its cooperation with Islamic and other organizations in the service of the objectives embodied in the present Charter.”

**Recalling** the provisions of the Ten-Year plan on the importance of cooperation with Islamic and international civil society bodies and organizations in the area of relief efforts;

**Recalling** the pivotal role of civil society organizations in the cultural, social and economic fields and their ability to reach the people targeted by these actions;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General in Document No. OIC/CFM-43/2016/ORG/SG.REP.2;

**Having considered** the Draft Rule Governing Cooperation between the General Secretariat and Civil Society Organizations contained in annex 1 to the report;

**Decides** as follows:

1. **Thanks** the OIC General Secretariat for preparing the draft rules governing cooperation between the General Secretariat and civil society institutions.
2. **Invites** the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts to examine the draft rules governing cooperation between the General Secretariat and civil society institutions.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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## **Appendix I**

### **Draft Rules Governing Cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and Civil Society Organizations**

#### **Article 1: Definitions**

- i. The Summit: The Islamic Summit
- ii. The Council: The Council of Foreign Ministers
- iii. Secretary General: The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- iv. General Secretariat: The General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- v. The Organization (OIC): The Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- vi. Member States: The Member States of the OIC
- vii. Civil Society Organisations (CSOs): non-governmental legal entities with independent legal personalities, active in social, cultural and family affairs such as education, health, heritage, advancement of women and the child, relief, information and voluntary work, etc. provided that their goals are not in conflict with those of the OIC.
- viii. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU): a cooperation or partnership framework entered into by the General Secretariat with any civil society organisation defined above. This framework may be tagged as a memorandum of understanding, agreement, partnership contract or any other appellation reflecting the same meaning.

#### **Article II: Objective**

The General Secretariat's cooperation with civil society organizations (CSOs) aims to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Organisation by helping to implement the resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Summit, the Council and sectoral ministerial meetings, through field study and assessment of basic needs of society and contribution to advocacy, rehabilitation, social integration and the fight against marginalisation and exclusion, in view of the increasingly important role of civil society organizations

#### **Article III: Mode of Cooperation**

The General Secretariat shall establish cooperation with civil society organisations under memoranda of understanding entered into by the Secretary General or his delegate with civil society organisations in Member States, which meet the conditions stipulated in Article V below.

**Article IV: Areas of Cooperation**

Cooperation with civil society organisations shall cover, inter alia, social, cultural, scientific, humanitarian and economic affairs as well as family, women, the child, information, advocacy and all other matters that fall within the purview of the OIC.

The MoU defines in clear terms the nature of services agreed between the General Secretariat and the civil society organisation (e.g. consultancy, studies, research, field activities, etc.) without exceeding these services.

**Article V: Terms and Conditions of Cooperation**

A civil society organisation pursuing cooperation with the General Secretariat shall:

- Have objectives that are in conformity with the objectives of the OIC.
- Submit a letter from its host country, endorsing this cooperation or expressing non-objection to it.
- Submit evidence, by way of documents and statements authenticated by relevant state authorities in the host country, indicating that it has been active for at least three years in the field of cooperation pursued with the General Secretariat.
- Submit statements on its budget in the past three years, sources of income, spending, workers (paid or voluntary) and beneficiaries of its services.
- Not be designated by its host country or any other OIC Member State as an extremist or pro-extremism entity.
- Not be subject to any legal prosecutions owing to its activities or the ideology of its officials.

**Article VI: Duration of Cooperation**

Cooperation between the OIC and any CSO shall be for a period of time specified in the agreement. During such period, the said agreement shall be subject to interim reviews and assessment. The Cooperation agreement may be extended by way of a written agreement between the two parties. The Secretary General may also rescind it at any time in case he is convinced of a lack of seriousness on the part of the CSO, of its deviation from the OIC's objectives and principles, of its violation of the agreement's substance or of the inauthenticity of the statements on the basis of which the agreement was originally signed.

**Article VII: Financial Implications of Cooperation**

No financial burden shall be incurred by the General Secretariat relevant to its cooperation agreements with civil society organisations, other than the coverage of services that such organisations may extend to the General Secretariat under the cooperation agreement.

**Article VIII: Obligations of the Civil Society Organisations**

In addition to the obligations commonly stipulated in each cooperation agreement,

- A civil society organisation, throughout the cooperation agreement, shall abstain from any activity that conflicts with the objectives and principles of the OIC.
- A cooperation agreement shall not establish any institutional status for the CSO within the OIC. It is a framework for cooperation that expires as provided for by the agreement, at which point all legal consequence arising therefrom, save those relating to completing the implementation of prior commitments, shall terminate between the two parties.
- A cooperation agreement shall not accord the CSO the right to use the OIC's logo except in the course of implementing activities for the OIC and subject to the prior consent of the OIC Secretary General.

**Article IX. Rights of the Civil Society Organisations**

The concerned civil society organisations may, on an individual basis, enjoy the following privileges under the agreement:

- Attend the OIC meetings related to the scope of cooperation agreement between the two parties.
- Benefit from the activities of the OIC such as training courses, programmes and symposia.
- Participate in the execution of activities and events held or overseen by the General Secretariat in those fields relating to the subject of agreement.

**Article X: Responsibility and Conflict Resolution**

Any dispute that may arise between the two parties, regarding the substance of the agreement, shall be resolved by negotiation based on the common objectives and mutual benefit of both parties. If this is not possible, the General Secretariat may terminate the agreement.

**Article XI: Amendment of the Agreement**

Both parties may propose amendments to the cooperation agreement if such amendments are meant to improve its substance or facilitate its execution. The amendments shall be adopted by



way of a supplementary agreement that is subject to the same procedures applicable to the adoption of the original agreement.

**Article XII: Entry into Force**

Cooperation agreements entered into under the present rules between the General Secretariat and civil society organisations shall enter into force upon their signature by the OIC Secretary General or his delegate, and by the officially delegated representative of the civil society organisation.

The present rules shall enter into force upon their ratification by the Council.

**RESOLUTION NO.3/43-ORG  
ON**

**RULES GOVERNING GRANT OF OIC AFFILIATED INSTITUTION STATUS**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Recalling** Articles 23 and 25 of the Charter on the granting of OIC-Affiliated Institution Status;

**Taking note** of the current status of OIC affiliated institutions;

**Taking note** also of the growing interest in and request for affiliated institution status amid the lack of a legal framework specifying the criteria and mechanisms for granting the status;

**Convinced** of the importance for joint achievement by all Member States of the objectives of the OIC enshrined in the Charter;

**Taking note** of the report of the Secretary General in Document no. OIC/CFM-43/2016/ORG/SG.REP.4;

1. **Thanks** the Secretary General for the work accomplished by the General Secretariat to prepare a proposal of rules governing the granting of OIC affiliated institution status.

2. **Approves** the Draft Rules Governing the Granting of the OIC Affiliated-Institution Status (OIC/LEG-EGG.2/2016/DR.RULES/AFF/REV.2), and the application form attached to the Draft Rules (Annex-I)
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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*OIC/LEG-EGG.2/2016/DR.RULES/AFF./REV.2*

**DRAFT RULES GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF  
THE  
“OIC AFFILIATED-INSTITUTION STATUS”**

# DRAFT RULES GOVERNING THE GRANTING OF THE “OIC AFFILIATED- INSTITUTION STATUS”

## Chapter One: General Provisions

### Article 1: Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

<b>Charter:</b>	The Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
<b>Organisation:</b>	The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
<b>Summit:</b>	The Summit of Kings and Heads of State and Government of OIC Member States
<b>Council:</b>	The Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States
<b>Secretary General:</b>	The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
<b>General Secretariat:</b>	The General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
<b>Subsidiary Organs:</b>	The OIC Subsidiary Organs
<b>Specialised Organs:</b>	The OIC Specialised Organs
<b>Affiliated Institution:</b>	An entity recognised by the Summit or the Council as affiliated to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, as defined by Article 25 of the Charter
<b>Member States:</b>	Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

### Article 2: Scope

The present rules shall govern the granting of the status of OIC affiliated-institution and set out the related rights and obligations, consequent courses of action and measures related to the violation of rules.

## Chapter Two Application Criteria

### Article 3:

Applications for affiliated-institution status must be submitted officially by the host Member State, together with a letter from that State indicating that the objectives of this institution are consistent with the objectives and principles of the OIC.

### Article 4:

The objectives of an institution applying for OIC affiliated-institution status as contained in its statute and documents of incorporation must be in agreement with the objectives and principles of the OIC Charter.

### Article 5:

An institution applying for OIC affiliated-institution status must be operating in some Member States, with its headquarters situated in one of these States, and shall have a legal personality.

### **Chapter Three Procedures**

#### **Article 6:**

An application for OIC affiliated-institution status shall include the following key documents:

1. “Application Form for Affiliated Institution Status” submitted by the institution (Appendix I)
2. Statute of the institution.
3. List of names and curriculum vitae of the officials of the institution.
4. Statement from the host State validating the relevant information.
5. All documents relating to the activities and financial resources of the institution for the last three years.
6. The headquarters agreement, if any, signed between the host State and the applicant institution, in case of regional and inter-governmental organisations based in Member States.

#### **Article 7:**

The General Secretariat shall consider applications and circulate such to Member States, including all the documents specified in Article 6, one month prior to the Senior Officials’ Meeting preparatory to the Council of Foreign Minister.

The Secretary General shall prepare a report to the Council containing full information about the institution and his assessment as to granting it the affiliated status.

#### **Article 8:**

The Council shall seek to decide on applications for affiliated-institution status through a resolution adopted by consensus, consistent with the Charter.

If an application is rejected, the applicant institution may reapply after two years of rejection, and Member States may, through the General Secretariat, seek further clarifications or answers to questions.

#### **Article 9:**

Application criteria and procedure shall be applicable without prejudice to the status of the existing OIC affiliated institutions.

### **Chapter Four Rights**

#### **Article 10:**

An affiliated institution may be granted an observer status at the OIC by a resolution of the Council.

**Article 11:**

The affiliated institution may receive voluntary assistance from the following:

- a. Member States;
- b. Subsidiary Organs within their budgets adopted by the Council;
- c. Specialised Organs in accordance with their respective statutes.

**Article 12:**

The General Secretariat shall, with the approval of the host State, invite affiliated institutions to the Summit and Council meetings, and may invite them to other meetings, related to their activities if their participation would contribute to the pursuance of OIC objectives

These institutions may submit notes and proposals to the OIC and participate in deliberations.

The invited affiliated institution may provide information to the General Secretariat about its activities, to be circulated to Member States. The General Secretariat may make comments on such information.

**Article 13:**

To help affiliated institutions participate in the meetings they are invited to, the States hosting these meetings shall seek to provide necessary facilities for the representatives of these institutions.

**Article 14:**

Affiliated institutions may, in carrying out their activities and in conformity with the Charter, place the OIC's logo beside their own with the expression "Organisation of Islamic Cooperation – affiliated institution," subject to the written approval of the Secretary General.

**Article 15:**

Affiliated institutions may be assigned tasks and functions under OIC resolutions, to carry out activities in pursuance of OIC programmes and resolutions.

## **Chapter Five Obligations**

**Article 16:**

An institution granted affiliated-institution status must abide by the objectives, principles and resolutions of the OIC and must not engage in any activity in conflict with these objectives.

**Article 17:**

Under Article 1, Paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Charter, the affiliated institution shall safeguard and protect the common interests of Member States and respect their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

**Article 18:**

The affiliated institutions must, at the end of each calendar year, submit to the General Secretariat annual periodic reports for circulation to Member States. The reports shall highlight in particular their respective activities and any change of regulations that may have occurred since the obtainment of the status.

**Article 19:**

The affiliated institutions shall submit to the General Secretariat, at the end of each calendar year, special reports on how they put to use the donations they receive from Member States and/or OIC organs; the General Secretariat shall circulate those reports to Member States and those organs, and they may seek clarifications when necessary.

**Article 20:**

If an affiliated institution is dissolved or its legal status ceases to exist, the host State shall notify the General Secretariat immediately so that the Council is informed to take the necessary measure.

## **Chapter Six**

### **Suspension or Cancellation of Status**

**Article 21:**

The Council shall suspend affiliated-institution status for a maximum of two years for any of the following reasons:

1. Two successive years of delay in report submission;
  2. If the institution's activities do not serve the objectives of the Charter;
  3. If the affiliated institution commits any excesses or prejudice against a Member State.
- The General Secretariat shall notify the affiliated institution of the existence of any breach relating to one of the abovementioned reasons before referring the matter to the Council.

The resolution on suspension or end of suspension (when the grounds for suspension cease to exist) shall be adopted by the Council based on a report by the Secretary General and upon consultation with the State(s) concerned.

**Article 22:**

The Council shall seek to adopt a resolution to indefinitely cancel the affiliated status of an institution by consensus in conformity with the Charter for the following reasons:

1. Deviation from the objectives of the OIC and the rules governing this status.
2. Grave abuse of the affiliated-institution status.
3. Submission of false reports on the activities of the institution.
4. Recurrence of excesses or prejudice against a Member State of the OIC.
5. Use of the OIC's logo by the institution in contravention of its objectives.
6. The grounds for suspension do not cease to exist within two years of suspension.

Affiliated-institution status cannot be re-granted to any entity from which it has been withdrawn indefinitely.

## **Chapter VII Final Provisions**

### **Article 23:**

Without prejudice to their independent budgetary rules and regulations that may be contingent on voluntary membership of Member States' organs, the granting of affiliated-institution status shall not result in any financial obligations on the part of the General Secretariat, subsidiary and specialised organs or Member States.

### **Article 24:**

Existing affiliated institutions shall maintain their legal status at the time of adoption of these rules, and they shall abide by the provisions of these rules, which shall be applicable to them.

### **Article 25:**

Any Member State may propose an amendment to the present rules, and the Secretary General shall draw the attention of Member States to any necessary amendments.

In any case, the present rules shall be amended by the same procedure through which they were adopted.

### **Article 26:**

The present rules shall enter into force from the date of adoption by the Council.



Organisation of Islamic Cooperation  
General Secretariat  
Organisation de la Coopération Islamique  
Secrétariat Général



منظمة التعاون الإسلامي  
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## Application Form for Affiliated Institution Status of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

### First: General Information of the Institution

<b>Name of Institution:</b>	
<b>Date of Adoption of Charter/Statute:</b>	
<b>Headquarters State:</b>	
<b>Entities (inside and outside Members States):</b>	
<b>Type of Activity:</b>	
<b>Reasons for Applying for Affiliated Institution Status:</b>	
<b>Expected Results for Member States from Granting Affiliated Institution Status:</b>	

### Second: Institution Bodies and Principal Officers

Body	Principal Officer (Name and Nationality)

### Third: Institution Projects and Programs over the Last Three Years

Year	Activities	Activity State (inside and outside Members States)

<b>Year: .....</b>		
<b>Year: .....</b>		
<b>Year: .....</b>		

### **Fourth: Institution Budget over the Last Three Years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget Amount</b>	<b>Source of Financing</b>
<b>Year: .....</b> .....		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Subscriptions</b></li> <li><b>2. Activity Revenue</b></li> <li><b>3. Donations and Grants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Member States</b></li> <li>- <b>Non-Member States</b></li> <li>- <b>OIC Organs (specify)</b></li> <li>- <b>Private Donations (specify)</b></li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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## RESOLUTION NO.4/43-ORG

### ON NETWORK LINKING OF THE OIC MEMBER STATES' OMBUDSMEN OFFICES

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Guided** by the OIC Member States' firm belief, under the provisions of the OIC charter, in the need to consolidate human rights, basic freedoms, good governance, the rule of law, democracy and accountability in the Member States, in line with their respective constitutional and legal systems.

**Recalling** the provisions of the Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (7-8 December 2005) which lays emphasizes on the need for diligent action to expand political participation, ensure equality, civil liberties and social justice, promote transparency and accountability, and combat corruption in the OIC Member States.

**Recalling also** the final declaration adopted by the Fourth Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Promotion of Islamic Solidarity) held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and which stresses that reform and development must be accompanied by a healthy management of public affairs based on justice and equality among the citizens of the Islamic Ummah, due observance of laws and regulations, the necessary participation of citizens in running the Ummah's affairs, and paving the way for the emergence of civil society institutions to stimulate the reform and development in the Muslim Society,

**Recognizing** the role played by the ombudsmen offices in the different OIC Member States, which provide prompt and affordable justice for the underprivileged and less influential categories,

**Hailing** the role of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in hosting the first meeting of the Network of Ombudsman Offices in the OIC Member States, held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 28-29 April 2014.

**Welcoming** the meeting of the Steering Committee of the OIC Ombudsman Association (OICCA) on 28-29 April 2015 in Islamabad to finalize the bye-laws of the Association.

**Having considered** the report of Secretary General in document no. OIC/CFM-42/2015/ORG/SG-REP.4

1. **Stresses** the follow up of efforts to establish networks linking Member States' Ombudsmen Offices.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.5/43-ORG**  
**ON**  
**ADOPTION OF THE STATUTE OF THE OIC LABOUR CENTRE**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Embodying** the provisions of the relevant provisions of the OIC Charter on the implementation of projects and activities to increase cooperation among Member States in the social and economic fields,

**Consistent** with the objectives and purposes of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 5 – 6 Dhul Qaada 1426H (7 – 8 December 2005), which underscored the need to develop mechanisms to boost social partnership, improve labour conditions and expand the scope of employment opportunities,

**Having considered** the resolution of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers on the statute of the OIC Labour Centre adopted during its third session in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia from 15 – 17 Muharram 1437 (28 – 30 October 2015),

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the adoption by the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers of statute of the OIC Labour Centre in Document no. OIC/CFM-43/2016/ORG/SG.REP 5,

**Decides as follows:**

1. To adopt the statute of the OIC Labour Centre as a specialized organ (annex no. 1).
2. **Invites** Member States to consider acceding to the statute.
3. **Recognized** the need for the Labor Centre to interact with its Member States taking into consideration their national priorities and legislation.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**DRAFT**  
**STATUTE OF THE LABOUR CENTRE**  
**OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC COOPERATION**

**PREAMBLE**

The Governments of the Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), Parties to this Statute,

*Based on* the provisions of the OIC Charter on strengthening efforts and cooperation to achieve sustainable and comprehensive human development and economic well-being in Member States,

*Recognizing* the need to address major employment, labour and social protection challenges facing Member States, particularly ensuring decent work, sustainable social security, reducing poverty under existing potentials,

*Desirous* of creating a collective platform to promote improvement of working conditions, strengthening social partnership, increasing decent employment opportunities and developing a sustainable social protection system.

Do hereby lay the present Statute:

**CHAPTER I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 1: Definitions**

In the present Statute, the following terms shall have the meanings set opposite each one of them:

1. The Centre - the Labour Centre of the OIC.
2. The General Assembly - the General Assembly of the Labour Centre of the OIC.
3. The Executive Board - the Executive Board of the Labour Centre of the OIC.
4. The Secretariat - the Secretariat of the Labour Centre of the OIC.
5. The Chairman - the Chairman of the Labour Centre of the OIC.
6. The Director General - the Director General of the Labour Centre of the OIC.
7. The OIC - the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.
8. The Member States - the OIC Member States, which have acceded to the Labour Centre of the OIC in line with the Article 5 of this Statute.
9. The CFM - the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers.
10. The Islamic Summit Conference - the Summit of Kings and Heads of State and Government of the OIC Member States.
11. Accredited Representative- any person empowered by the authorities of the state to sign the Statute.

## **Article 2: Headquarters of the Centre**

1. The Headquarters of the Centre shall be located in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan. The host country shall provide all necessary facilities for its smooth functioning by providing diplomatic immunities and privileges.
2. The Centre may, upon a proposal from the Executive Board and under a General Assembly resolution, establish in any other country, offices or institutions, which are subsidiary to it or are under its supervision.

## **Article 3: Legal Status**

1. The Centre shall enjoy the status of fully-fledged legal person as an international organisation, using its full legal capacity to exercise its functions and fulfil its objectives as defined in this Statute.
2. The Centre, its staff members and their family members shall be provided, under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, with all immunities and privileges that are granted to missions and members of diplomatic staff as well as their family members accredited in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 3.3 The Centre shall be a Specialised Institution of the OIC, as defined by the Article 24 of the OIC Charter.

#### **Article 4: Aims and objectives**

1. The aims of the Labour Centre are the followings:
  - 1.1. Consolidate and empower social development efforts of the Member States and coordinate relevant organisations of the Member States including other OIC institutes in the field of labour, employment, social protection and human capital development;
  - 1.2. Provide exchange of experience and expertise among the Member States with a view to promote implementation of Framework<sup>1</sup>, Declarations and Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers;
  - 1.3. Ensure implementation and promotion of objectives and goals arising from the relevant Conventions, Recommendations and Programs of the International Labour Organisation adopted by the OIC Member States;
  - 1.4. Contribute to formation of the integrated approach of Member States and sharing best practices in labour-related matters.
  
2. The objectives of the Labour Centre are the followings:
  - 2.1. Strengthen cooperation, knowledge and expertise for the promotion of labour, employment and social protection in Member States;
  - 2.2. Promote creating of a sustainable and accessible social protection system in Member States;
  - 2.3. Support developing of a good governance system to combat poverty and unemployment in Member States;
  - 2.4. Enhance solidarity of Member States in meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals in the area of labour and employment;
  - 2.5. Participate in raising public awareness about labour-related challenges of the Member States' populations and importance of their solution in improving social conditions;
  - 2.6. Promote development of skilled, qualified and competitive workforces;
  - 2.7. Support in identifying and addressing demographic challenges faced by Member States;
  - 2.8. Promote creating and developing of a sustainable protection system towards vulnerable groups and migrant workers;
  - 2.9. Participate actively in elaborating and implementing of labour, employment and social protection policies at the international level;
  - 2.10. Contribute to increasing efficiency of institutional labour capacities in the social development of Member States.

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<sup>1</sup>The OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection adopted by the Islam Conference of Labour Ministers, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 25-26 April 2013.

3. To attain the above-mentioned objectives, the Centre shall endeavour to perform the following functions (tasks):
  - 3.1. Formulate and supervise regional strategies, policies and programmes on labour, employment and social protection issues in order to serve the objectives of the Organisation and respond to the needs of Member States and obligations driven by the ratified ILO Conventions;
  - 3.2. Formulate and implement technical cooperation projects (introduction of innovative approaches and methods) in an active partnership with Member States;
  - 3.3. Establish regular contacts and cooperation channels with Islamic Development Bank Group entities to coordinate preparation and implementation of social and labour programs and projects;
  - 3.4. Carry out research, studies, monitoring and evaluations for the development and upgrading of labour, employment and social protection systems in the Member States;
  - 3.5. Convene conferences, symposia, training sessions, seminars and workshops in cooperation with the Member States as well as national, regional and international bodies and organisations operating in the fields of labour, employment and social protection;
  - 3.6. Distribute best practices and achievements of the Member States' populations in the area of labour and employment;
  - 3.7. Hold competitions and forums on labour, employment and social protection issues in cooperation with the specialized institutions in the Member States;
  - 3.8. Coordinate with business communities of the Member States to identify and formulate business-friendly labour and employment guidelines;
  - 3.9. Engage stakeholders and sponsors from private sector in implementation of labour and employment programs and projects for the benefit of the Member States' populations;
  - 3.10. Set up mechanisms appropriate for publicizing international principles on labour, employment and social welfare issues;
  - 3.11. Participate in creation of international standards on labour, employment and social protection issues and support their application in the Member States;
  - 3.12. Stimulate and arrange active discussions of effective employment tools for social lift of vulnerable population of the Member States;
  - 3.13. Prepare country and regional reports, benchmarks on labour, employment, labour migration and social protection for Member States;
  - 3.14. Establish information system, network and platform on labour, employment, labour migration and social protection issues;
  - 3.15. Support initiatives and programs in Member States with a view to generate employment opportunities for the youth in the Member States.

## **Article 5: Membership of the Centre**

1. Every Member State of the OIC may become member of the Centre upon signing officially the Statute, and after it has completed the membership legal formalities and informed in writing the Secretariat of the Centre. A state, which is not a member of the OIC, cannot become a member of the Centre.
2. A Member State or observer of the OIC, which is not member of the Centre, may apply for the status of observer at the Centre. International organisations may enjoy the status of observer, after submitting a request to the General Assembly.
3. Only the Member States of the Centre shall have the right to vote at the General Assembly. Decisions shall be taken by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, the decision shall be made by a majority of two thirds of the Member States present and voting.
4. The nature and scope of rights and responsibilities of the Member States shall be defined by the present Statute as well as rules of the Centre.

## **Article 6: Reports by the Member States**

1. All Member States shall periodically send to the Executive Board and the Secretariat texts of regulations on matters falling into the scope of the Centre.
2. All Member States shall also send to the Executive Board and the Secretariat statistical, technical and other information published or otherwise issued or made available by government bodies except information protected by national legislation.
3. The General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Secretariat may request Member States to present other information, reports or documents on matters falling into the scope of the Centre.

## **Article 7: Relations between the Centre and Other Organisations**

1. The Centre shall maintain close working relations with all OIC organs in order to strengthen collaboration and cooperation among them and to improve coherence and synergy in the implementation of OIC policies and programs.

2. The Centre shall be subject to the direction of the Islamic Summit Conference insofar as they relate to the general objectives of the OIC.
3. The Centre shall establish close relations with the regional and international organisations with common membership with OIC to help achieve its aims and objectives. It shall also establish relations with any other governmental or non-governmental regional and international organisations concerned with labour, employment and social protection issues.

#### **Article 8: Conventions and Agreements**

1. The General Assembly has the right, by the decision of two-thirds of its votes and in accordance with its regulations, to adopt and submit to the Member States conventions and agreements on labour, employment and social protection issues.
2. Conventions, agreements as well as supplements to conventions and agreements shall:
  - 2.1. contain provisions on entry into force including the number of approvals by the Member States;
  - 2.2. not incur any financial obligations for Member States, which are not parties to these arrangements except their contributions to the regular budget of the Centre.
3. Any convention, agreement as well as supplements to conventions and agreements submitted by the General Assembly to the Member States shall enter into force for their parties in accordance with their provisions.
4. The General Assembly shall have the right to elaborate rules on consultations with governments and technical support for the preparation of conventions and agreements.

### **CHAPTER II ORGANS OF THE CENTRE**

#### **Article 9: Organs of the Centre**

The organs of the Centre shall be:

- a) The General Assembly;
- b) The Executive Board;
- c) The Secretariat.

#### **Article 10: The General Assembly**

1. The General Assembly shall be comprised of Ministers in charge of labour, employment and social protection issues in Member States. The General Assembly shall hold ordinary sessions once a year. Extraordinary sessions may be held, if necessary, at the request of five Members, subject to the agreement of two-third of Members of the Centre. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote.
2. The powers and duties of the General Assembly shall be to:
  - 2.1. elect the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen for a term of one year renewable once, taking into consideration the principle of equitable geographical distribution;
  - 2.2. elect the members of the Executive Board on the basis of equitable geographical representation;
  - 2.3. draw up the general policy of the Centre;
  - 2.4. adopt the budget, establish and control the financial policy and the general work programme of the Centre and methods for implementing this programme;
  - 2.5. elect the Director General of the Centre in conformity with Article 15.2 of this Statute;
  - 2.6. adopt recommendations, resolutions and reports of the General Assembly meetings.

#### **Article 11: The Chairman of the General Assembly**

1. The Chairman shall convene, conduct and preside over the sessions of the Centre. He shall have no vote.
2. He will represent the Centre between its sessions.
3. He may be assisted by representatives of the Member States for carrying out the tasks assigned to him.
4. He may delegate whatever powers he deems fit to Vice-Chairmen.
5. In case the Office of Chairman temporary falls vacant for any reason, one of the Vice-Chairmen shall assume his functions during the period of non-availability of the Chairman.
6. The Chairman of the General Assembly will chair the meetings of the Executive Board. He will have the right to vote.

#### **Article 12: The Executive Board**

1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the representatives of 10 Member States, including the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen. Members are elected by the General

Assembly based on equitable geographical distribution, while the immediate past Chairman of the General Assembly and the host country shall each be represented by one member. The host country shall be a permanent Member. In addition, one non-voting post shall be allocated to the Director General. Members of the Executive Board are elected for a period of three years, renewable once.

2. The quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of two-third of the Members and its resolutions shall be adopted by two-third majority of Members.
3. The Executive Board shall meet at least twice a year at the Headquarters of the Centre. The Chairman when necessary may convene extraordinary meetings of the Executive Board.
4. The Executive Committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly.
5. Duties and powers of the Executive Board are as follows:
  1. ensure the efficient working of different organs of the Centre in line with the general policy of the General Assembly;
  2. approve the general calendar of meetings (Sessions, Working Groups and Groups of Experts);
  3. prepare the provisional agenda for the regular and extraordinary sessions in consultation with the Member States;
  4. decide on the advisability of inviting to the sessions of the Centre any person or organisation as expert or observer;
  5. review the budget and financial statements of the Centre and submit them to the General Assembly;
  6. set up Specialized Committees as and when necessary and prepare their agenda, appoint their members and fix their duration of work;
  7. submit detailed reports to the General Assembly on the activities of the organs of the Centre;
  8. supervise the activities of the Centre and ensure that its duties are implemented in accordance with resolutions of the General Assembly, decisions of the Executive Board and internal regulations;
  9. exchange of information, data, researches and studies and evaluations for the development and upgrading of labour, employment, social protection systems and workforce development;
  10. promote development of skilled, qualified and competitive workforces;
  11. pursue mobilization and management of resources for the development of labour, employment and social protection issues in the Member States;
  12. stimulate intra-OIC investment in labour, employment and social protection activities through cross-border projects and increased access to financial resources of the Member States;



13. develop and implement appropriate national and regional projects, international programs, legal and other regulations in area of labour, employment, social protection development for the realization of the objectives of the Centre.

### **Article 13: The Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat shall comprise a Director General and official staff working at the permanent Headquarters and in such other offices as may be established. The Director General shall determine the official list of the staff of the Centre. The mandatory state social insurance of the staff of the Secretariat shall be in conformity with the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan (or the host country).
2. The Director General shall be elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years, renewable once only. The Director General shall be elected from among the candidates nominated by Member States in accordance with the principles of equal opportunity for all Member States with due consideration to competence, integrity and experience.
3. The Director General shall be accountable to the Executive Board and General Assembly, and shall have direct authority over the entire staff of the Secretariat.
4. If the office of the Director General becomes vacant for more than ninety (90) days before the end of his/her term, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of the term.
5. Duties of the Secretariat are as follows:
  - 5.1. collect, study, interpret and disseminate information on labour, employment and social protection;
  - 5.2. provide technical assistance in relevant fields;
  - 5.3. create necessary regional mechanisms for regulation of employment, labour and social protection issues;
  - 5.4. participate in relevant programs upon relevant requests of the OIC General Secretariat.

### **Article 14: The Functions of the Director General**

The Director General shall carry out the following functions, in addition to any other functions as may be approved by the Executive Board and the General Assembly:

- appoint the staff of the Secretariat and see to the application of the provisions of the Personnel Regulations;
- supervise the activities of the Secretariat;

- prepare an annual report on the budget and the closing account;
- submit an annual report on the activities of the Secretariat to the Executive Board;
- be responsible for the funds of the Centre and its expenditure in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Rules of the Centre.

### **CHAPTER III BUDGET AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

#### **Article 15: Budget**

1. The budget shall be prepared for three years and shall become effective each year as of January 1<sup>st</sup> up to the end of December of the same year. It shall be executed after its adoption by the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Centre. All Member States are expected to contribute to the Budget in accordance with the scale of assessment in use at the OIC.
2. The Director General shall prepare an annual report on the budget and the closing account, which he shall submit to the Executive Board at its following session subsequent to the end of the financial year. The report on the financial year shall include his proposals on the implementation of the budget as well as his observations on the closing account.

#### **Article 16: Financial Resources**

The financial resources of the Organisation shall include:

- Annual assessed contributions received by the Centre from Member States as approved by the General Assembly;
- Donations and voluntary contributions from Member States, non-member states, institutions, individuals and partners, provided that donations from all external sources are not incompatible with the objectives and regulations of the Centre;
- Fund-raising for special labour market and social projects;
- Proceeds of the sales of publications, products, services relating to the Centre field of competence.

#### **Article 17: Expenditures**

The expenditures of the Centre incurred for such purposes as follows:

- Running of the Secretariat and other approved offices of the Centre, including obligations towards permanent and commissioned staff;

- Commitments resulting from projects undertaken jointly with governmental or non-governmental partners;
- Subsidies and assistance to institutions and organisations under its supervision;
- Commitments resulting from previous contracts, resolutions or programmes of a binding nature for the Centre.

#### **Article 18: Accounts**

1. The Director General shall prepare the annual report on the budget and submit it to the Executive Board upon completion of the financial year. The Executive Board shall prepare the final annual report on the budget and submit it to the General Assembly during its regular session. The Executive Board shall appoint a Financial Control Committee made up of representatives from five Member States, for a three-year period and on a rotational basis, to audit the accounts of the Organisation, and to ensure sound management of Centre's Permanent Headquarters and its offices. The Committee may seek assistance of experts in related fields, if necessary.
2. The Financial Control Committee shall have the right to examine all the relevant books and records and to request the Executive Board, the Director General or the officials of the Centre to provide any information it deems necessary for the performance of its duties. Accounts shall be audited by the Financial Control Committee on an annual basis so as to verify the accuracy of the budget and the accounts.
3. The Financial Control Committee shall submit its report to the Director General, who shall refer it to the Executive Board with his observations thereon. The Executive Board shall submit the report to the General Assembly at its following session.

### **CHAPTER IV FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 19: Entry into force**

1. The Statute shall be open for signature of Member States following its adoption by the Islamic Summit Conference or CFM. It shall be applied provisionally upon signing by at least ten (10) OIC Member States through their accredited representatives, and definitively enter into force upon the 30<sup>th</sup> day from the date of submission of the 10<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification or acceptance. For any

Member State, which signs, ratifies or accepts this Statute after its entry into force, this Statute shall enter into force on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date when an instrument of ratification or acceptance is submitted.

2. The instruments of ratification or acceptance of this Statute shall be deposited at the General Secretariat of the OIC.
3. The Secretary General of the OIC shall inform all Member States of the receipt of required number of instruments of ratification or acceptance.
4. The original of the Statute in a single copy in the English, Arabic and French languages shall be deposited at the General Secretariat of the OIC. The General Secretariat of the OIC shall send certified copies of this Statute to all the signatories.

#### **Article 20: Amendments of the Statute**

1. The Statute may be amended by the General Assembly upon approval by two-thirds majority votes of the Member States. The amendments resulting in basic changes in the objectives of the organisation or in new obligations of the Member States can only take effect upon approval by two-thirds majority votes of the General Assembly members.
2. An amendment that shall not incur new obligations for the Member States shall enter into force immediately, unless the resolution on adoption of the amendment shall state otherwise. Amendments setting new obligations shall enter into force for each Member State adopting them after approval of two-thirds of the Member States and for other Member States they shall enter into force after they adopt them.
3. Proposals to amend the Statute shall be initiated by a Member State and delivered to the Chairman. The Chairman shall immediately notify the Member States about all proposals to amend the Statute.
4. No proposal to amend the Statute shall be included in the agenda of the session of the General Assembly if relevant notification is sent by the Chairman to the Member States less than 120 days before the session.

#### **Article 21: Interpretation**

Any question or dispute concerning the interpretation of this Statute shall be referred for determination to the General Assembly of the Centre. The General Assembly shall decide on such disputes by two-thirds majority votes of the Member States.

#### **Article 22: Withdrawal**

1. Any Member State shall have the right to withdraw from the Centre through a notice directed to the Chairman one year before its withdrawal and conveyed to all Member States.
2. The State seeking withdrawal shall meet its financial obligations up to the end of the financial year in which it presents its withdrawal request, and shall pay to the Centre all other financial obligations it owes.
3. If a Member State fails to implement its obligations under this Statute, the CFM shall have the right to suspend its membership or within one year from the date of suspension re-establish its membership.

#### **Article 23: Dissolution**

1. The Centre shall be dissolved or reorganised only with a decision of four-fifth majority of the General Assembly at an extraordinary session held in accordance with Article 10 of this Statute.
2. The assets and liabilities of the Centre, after dissolution, shall be transferred to the General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

#### **Article 24: The text of the Statute**

This Statute was prepared in English, Arabic and French languages and all the texts shall be regarded as equally authentic.

#### **Article 25: Official languages**

The official languages of the Centre shall be English, Arabic and French.

**RESOLUTION NO.6/43-ORG**  
**ON**  
**ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE OIC CONVENTION ON**  
**COMBATING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Recalling** resolution no. 41/42-P adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Kuwait City on 27 and 28 May 2015, the operative paragraph 6 of which provides for the need to operationalize the 1999 OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism and mandates the Secretary General in this regard to convene a meeting of legal experts in the area of terrorism to revise the Convention with the aim of developing appropriate mechanisms to counter the new trends of terrorism and of strengthening cooperation among Member States at various levels to confront this phenomenon,

**Recalling** the final communique of Executive Committee held at the General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 15 February 2016 to discuss the danger of violent extremism and the rapid spread of the scourge of terrorism, particularly operative paragraph 7(d) which calls for a revision of the relevant OIC documents on terrorism, including the code of conduct on combating terrorism and the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General in Document no. OIC/CFM/43/2016/ORG/SG.REP. 6,

**Having considered** the report of the meeting of legal experts held on 9 July 2016 at the General Secretariat in Jeddah contained in Document (annex 1) to the report of Secretary General,

**Having considered** the pre-draft protocol supplementary to the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism contained in (annex 2) to the report of the Secretary General,

**Decides as follows:**

1. To mandate the Secretary General to convene more meetings of the legal experts in the field of counter terrorism to finalize the preparation of additional protocol to the OIC Convention on Combating International Terrorism;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.7/43-ORG**  
**ON**  
**CANDIDACIES SUBMITTED BY OIC MEMBER STATES FOR POSTS IN**  
**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);*

**Cognizant** of the importance of the Islamic States' representation in the various international posts.

**Requests** the Member States to support and back-up to the following nominations:

1. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan on behalf of the East European Group for the presidency of the UN General Assembly for the year 2013, at the elections due to be held during the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in 2032.
2. Candidacy of the State of the United Arab Emirates for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the 2022-2023 mandate, at the elections due to be held at the 70<sup>th</sup> session in New York in 2021.
3. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the period 2019-2020, at the elections due to be held at the 73<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly in New York in 2018.
4. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council for the period from 2025 – 2026 at the election to be held at the UN General Assembly in 2024.
5. Candidacy of Dr Muadh Tundo (Republic of Sudan) for membership of the International Law Commission (ILC) for the period 2016 – 2021, at the elections to be held in New York in November 2016.



6. Candidacy of Dr Abdullah Syed Ahmad (Republic of Sudan) for the position of regional director of the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office of the World Health Organisation (WHO), at the elections to be held in Cairo in October 2016.
7. Candidacy of the Republic of Tajikistan for membership of the UN Security Council for the 2024-25 mandate, at the elections due to be held in New York in 2023.
8. Candidacy of the State of Kuwait for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the 2018-2019 mandate, at the elections due to be held during the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Assembly in New York in 2017.
9. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the 2029-2030 mandate, at the elections due to be held during the 83<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly in New York in 2028.
10. Candidacy of Malaysia for the membership of the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the 2017-2019 mandate, at the elections due to be held during the UN General Assembly's seventy first session in New York 2016.
11. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the membership of ECOSOC on behalf of the East Europe, for the 2017-2019 mandate, at the elections due to be held during the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, in October 2016.
12. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the period 2017 – 2019, at the elections to be held in New York in 2016.
13. Candidacy of Prof. Nilufer Oral (Republic of Turkey) for membership of the United Nations International Law Commission for the period 2017 – 2021, at the elections to be held in November 2016.
14. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2018 – 2020, at the elections to be held at the UN General Assembly in 2017.
15. Candidacy of the Republic of Turkey for the Presidency of the 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly elections in 2020.

16. Candidacy for Ambassador Nugroho Wisnumurti (Republic of Indonesia) as the member of ILC (International Law Commission) for the 2017-2021 mandate, at the election due to be held at 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in 2016.
17. Candidacy for Mr. Cihan Terzi (Republic of Turkey) for membership to Advisory Committee on Administration and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the term 2018-2020, at the election to be held in November 2017.
18. Candidacy of the Republic of Iraq to the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the term 2017-2019, at the elections to be held at the UN headquarters in New York in 2016 during the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly.
19. Candidacy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for membership of the UNESCO's Executive Council for the period 2017 – 2021 at the elections due to be held during the Organization's 39<sup>th</sup> session in Paris, 2017.
20. Re-election of Ambassador Mahmoud Dhaifallah Hamoud (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) for membership of the United Nations International Law Commission for the period 2017 – 2021, at the elections that will be held on the sidelines of the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in November 2016.
21. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2019 – 2021, at the elections to be held in New York in 2018.
22. Candidacy of Mr Ibrahim Tiao (Islamic Republic of Mauritania) for the position of Executive Director of the United Nations Development Programme.
23. Candidacy of Mr. Bouallam Bouqtaya (People's Democratic Republic of Algeria) for re-election to the position of judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for North Africa, at the election to be held in New York on 30 June 2017.
24. Candidacy of Dr Hamad Bin Abdul Azeez Al-Kawari (State of Qatar) for the position of Director General of UNESCO for the period 2017, at the elections to be held during Organization's 39<sup>th</sup> session in Paris in 2017.

25. Candidacy of Mr Ali A. Kawr (Libya) for membership of the Joint Inspection Unit, occupying the African Union Seat, for the period 2018 – 2023, at the elections to be held on the sidelines of the 91st of the United Nations General Assembly.
26. Candidacy of Dr Nawaf Salaam (Republic of Lebanon) for the position of judge of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for the period 2018 – 2027, at the elections to be held in New York in November 2017.
27. Re-election of Ambassador Joseph Akel (Republic of Lebanon) for the position of judge of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea for the period 2017 – 2026, at the elections to be held in New York in November 2017.
28. Candidacy of Ambassador Aref Hafidh Orguwesno (Republic of Indonesia) for the position of judge of the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea for the period 1 October 2017 – 30 September 2026, at the elections to be held in New York in November 2017.
29. Candidacy of Mr Vera Khoury Lakwi (Republic of Lebanon) for the position of Director General of UNESCO, at the elections to be held in Paris in 2017.
30. Candidacy of the Republic of Iraq for membership of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs of the United Nations Economic and Social Council for the period 2018 – 2021.
31. Candidacy of Dr Sania Nishtar (Islamic Republic of Pakistan) for the position of Director General of the World Health Organisation (WHO), at the elections to be held in 2 stages in January 2017 and May 2017.
32. Candidacy of Dr Cisse Yacouba (Cote D'Ivoire) to occupy one of the 8 positions for the African Group at the United Nations International Law Commission, at the elections to be held during the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly at New York in November 2016.
33. Re-election of Dr Olumuyiwa Bernard Aliu (Federal Republic of Nigeria) to the position of the president of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
34. Candidacy of Turkmenistan for the membership of ECOSOC for the term 2019-2021 at the elections due in 2017.

35. Candidacy of Turkmenistan for membership of the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) for the 2018-2020 term at the elections to be held in 2017.
36. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the membership of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) for the 2017 term at the elections to take place during the 104<sup>th</sup> session of the Council to be held in October/November 2016 in the Arab Republic of Egypt.
37. Candidacy of Dr Dr. Ali bin Fetais Al-Marri (State of Qatar) for the membership of the International Law Commission (ILC) for the 2017-2021 term at the elections to be held in November 2016 in New York.
38. Candidacy of the Republic of Iraq for the membership of the Executive Board of UNESCO for the term 2017-2021 at the elections to be held during the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference in Paris in October 2017.
39. Candidacy of Mr. Rashid Pertev (Republic of Turkey) for the presidency of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) at the elections to be held in February 2017.
40. Candidacy of Mrs./Ambassador Mushira Khattab (Arab Republic of Egypt) for the post of Director General of UNESCO for the term 2017-2021 at the elections to be held in Paris in November 2017.
41. Re-election of Mr./Ambassador Hussein Hassona (Arab Republic of Egypt) for the membership of the International Law Commission (ILC) for the 2017-2021 mandate on behalf of Africa at the elections to be held in New York in November 2016.
42. Re-election of Egypt for the membership of the ICAO Council, Part II, for the term 2016-2019 at the elections to be held at the ICAO headquarters in Montreal, Canada, in October 2016.
43. Candidacy of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the membership of the Human Rights Council (HRC) for the term 2017-2019 for one of the two seats of North Africa at the elections due in November in New York 2016.

44. Candidacy of the Arab Republic of Egypt for the membership of the Council of the International Marine Organisation (IMO), Category (c) for the term 2016-2019.
45. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as member of the UN Economic and Social Council for the 2019-2021 mandate, at election due to be held at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York 2018.
46. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as member of the UN Human Rights Council, for the 2020-2022 mandate, at elections due to be held at the 74<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York, 2019.
47. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Executive Board, for the 2017-2012 mandate, at elections due to be held at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNESCO General Conference in Paris, November 2017.
48. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as the member of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council, for the 2016-2019 mandate, at the elections due to be held at the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICAO Assembly in Montreal 27 September – 7 October 2016.
49. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as member of Council of Administration (CA) and Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for the 2017-2020 mandate at elections due to be held at the Universal Postal Congress in Istanbul, 20 September – 7 October 2016.
50. Candidacy of the Republic of Indonesia as member of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), for the 2018-2020 mandate, at elections due to be held at the Resumed Session of the ECOSOC, New York, April 2007.
51. Candidacy of Retired Vice Admiral Mustafa Ebitis,(Republic of Turkey) to occupy the position of Secretary General and Director of the international hydrographic organization at the elections to be held during the first session of the organization assembly in Monaco for 24-28 April 2017.

52. Candidacy of Mr. Haimoed Ramadhan (Islamic Republic of Mauritania) for membership of the anti-torture commission during the elections to be held in Geneva on 27 October 2016.
53. Candidacy of Turkmenistan for membership of the council of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Office for Projects Services (UNOPS) for the period 2019 to 2021 at the elections to be held in 2018.
54. Candidacy of the State of Kuwait for membership of the council of the international maritime organization (Category-C) for the period 2018-2019 at the elections to be held during the General Assembly in London in November 2017.
55. Candidacy of Mr. Jacbert Foson Hawinjibo (Republic of Togo) for position of the head of the International Fund for Cultural Development (IFAD) at the elections to be held in February 2017.
56. Candidacy of Code d'Ivoire for non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council for the period from 2018 – 2019.
57. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers

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**RESOLUTION NO. 8/43-ORG**  
**ON**  
**THE HOSTING OF 44<sup>TH</sup> CFM IN ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE**

*The Forty Third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram1438H (18-19 October 2016)*

**Recalling** the objectives of the OIC Charter as well as the OIC-2025: Plan of Action which was adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016;

**Commending** the continuing efforts of the Member States to strengthen and enhance intra-OIC Cooperation and Solidarity as well as Joint Islamic Action in all fields;

**Appreciating** the interest of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in the ideals of OIC as enshrined in its basic documents;

1. **Welcomes** the generous offer of the Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to host the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
  
2. **Decides** to hold the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire in July, 2017.
  
3. **Requests** all Member States and OIC Institutions to contribute for the success of the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM Session and to actively participate therein.

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**Resolution No. 9/43-ORG**  
**on**  
**Establishing the Imam al-Bukhariy International Research Center**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education, and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016);*

**Reasserting** the commitment to the task stipulated in the OIC Charter in terms of advancing the Islamic values of tolerance, strengthening the unity and solidarity among Muslim nations, careful treatment and preserving the universal Islamic heritage,

**Noting** the importance of board dissemination of knowledge about enlightened Islam as a religion, which professes peace, stability, confessional and interethnic accord, friendship and good neighborliness, mutual respect and cooperation,

**Welcoming** the initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan on holding the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the OIC CFM under the slogan “*Education, and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity*”,

**Taking into consideration** the enormous contribution which was made by an outstanding thinker of Islamic world and great muhaddith Imam al-Bukhariy to the treasury of world culture,

**With a view of** deepening of the study of his rich spiritual heritage, broadly disseminating, especially among the youth, the ideas which call on kindness and moral perfection, as well as stimulating the researches of cultural-historical materials related to the personality of Imam al-Bukhariy, promoting and coordinating the scientific activity of scholars of the OIC Member-States, establishing and developing the scientific-practical links among the state, public and charity organizations,

1. **Welcomes** the proposal of the Republic of Uzbekistan on establishing in the city of Samarkand the Imam al-Bukhariy International Research Center.
2. **Ask** the General Secretariat and the Member States to render assistance to Uzbekistan in instituting this Center, developing its activity and establishing cooperation with similar research structures in the Islamic world.
3. **Asks** the Secretary General to present a report at the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC CFM on the accomplished work.

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**Resolution No.10/43-ORG**  
**on**  
**On the OIC Police Cooperation and Coordination Centre**

The Forty-third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education, and Enlightenment – Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17 to 18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016);

**Bearing in mind** the Article 1(18) of the Charter of the OIC mandating cooperation in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, organized crime, illicit drug trafficking, corruption, money laundering and human trafficking within the Organization.

**Having regard** to the Article 24 of the Charter which stipulates that specialized institutions of the Organization are established within the framework of the Organization in accordance with the decisions of the Islamic Summit or Council of Foreign Ministers and membership of the specialized institutions shall be optional and open to members of Organization.

**Recalling** the Resolution No.8/40-ORG on Cooperation and Coordination Among the OIC Member States in the Field of Law Enforcement, adopted at the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea (9-11 December 2013), that appreciated Turkey's offer to host an "OIC Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination",

**Guided** by the Final Communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit, held in Istanbul on 14-15 April 2016, which decided to operationalize the OIC Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination as an OIC specialized institution based in Istanbul, and requested the Secretary General to follow up the implementation,

1. **Takes note** with appreciation the report of the Legal and Security Expert Group Meeting of the OIC Member States held on 1-2 September 2016 in Istanbul, which considered the draft Statute of the OIC Police Cooperation and Coordination Centre,
2. **Welcomes** Turkey's offer to hold a second meeting of the Legal and Security Experts Group of the OIC Member States to further elaborate on the draft Statute of the OIC Police Cooperation and Coordination Centre,
3. **Calls upon** member states to actively participate in the Meeting to finalize the draft Statute of the Centre as soon as possible, for its consideration and adoption at its 44<sup>th</sup> Session in 2017,

4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the Resolution and submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the Foreign Minister.

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**Resolution No. 11/43 ORG**  
**On**  
**The Establishment of a New Unit in charge of Youth issues within the OIC**  
**General Secretariat**

*The 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity), held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17-18 Muharram 1438H)*

**Recalling** the resolution No.8/36-ORG on the Establishment of Department of Family Affairs, adopted by the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, on 23-25 May 2009;

**Recognizing** the growing need of Muslim Youth, all over the world, for an Islamic awakening and for societies that are based on the principles of peace, justice and equality among all human beings;

**Emphasizing** the need to enhance the OIC efforts towards the capacity building of Youth in Member States, with the objectives of achieving the goals set out in the OIC Charter and the second OIC Ten-Year Program of Action (OIC 2025),

**Stressing** that Youth issues remain complex and need close collaboration with all Departments within the General Secretariat and all OIC and non-OIC Organs, at national, regional, and International levels,

**Stressing** that, new challenges are facing Young people in the economic, social, cultural, scientific, ethical, religious, psychological and intellectual domains,

**Taking note** of the Secretary General's report on the activities of the General Secretariat,

1. **Requests** the General Secretariat to establish a Special Unit in charge of Youth issues within the General Directorate of Cultural, Social and family Affairs.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to take necessary measures to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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