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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/44-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC**

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on 16-17 Shawwal 1438 H. (corresponding to 10-11 July 2017);

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqués of the previous OIC Summits and in particular the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, that call for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action 2025;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/44-CFM/2017/ICHAD/SG-REP);

1. **Commends** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC Representative Offices and the Humanitarian Coordination Offices in the humanitarian domain with the aim of alleviating the suffering of people in need within various OIC Member States affected by disasters and calamities, as well as in Muslim minorities and communities in non-OIC states.
2. **Commends** the enhanced cooperation of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHAD) with the international humanitarian community, including international organizations and humanitarian NGOs both in Member States and at the international level and in particular cooperation with the UN, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, ICRC, IFRC, WFP, the World Bank, the African Union, the Arab League, the European Union, USAID, the UK, Switzerland and Sweden.
3. **Calls upon** Member States to channel a portion of their generous humanitarian assistance through the OIC in order to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and enhance joint Islamic humanitarian action.
4. **Recognizes** the generosity and contributions of the refugee hosting countries especially those hosting large refugee populations and **further recognizes** that the refugee hosting countries have been inequitably shouldering a large portion of the burden of providing assistance and protection to millions of refugees. **Calls on** ICHAD, in cooperation with OIC institutions, to:
 - a. Assess the adverse impact on development in these countries, especially in protracted situations

- b. Quantify the contribution of hosting countries, especially with a view to develop mechanisms for more equitable and predictable burden and responsibility sharing in the context of follow up of the outcome of the meeting to address the Large Movement of Refugees and Migrants that was held on 19 September 2016 in New York and in the process of articulating the Global Compact on Refugees for adoption in 2018.
5. **Expresses** its appreciation to countries, in particular the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting a large number of Afghani refugees and acknowledges the huge burden they have shouldered in this regard;
6. **Stresses** the need to identify the deficiencies in the current humanitarian system in dealing with issues pertaining to refugees and start discussions on ways and means to address and rectify these deficiencies particularly through increased investment in countries of origin, aimed primarily at reducing reasons of flight and creating an environment conducive to sustainable return and reintegration.
7. **Reiterates** that voluntary repatriation remains the most preferable durable solution to refugee situations, and reaffirms the need to assist host countries and communities in the interim through humanitarian and development assistance. **Highlights** the importance of sharing the burden of hosting countries through increased resettlement places for refugees, without discrimination, respecting their dignity and keeping in view their vulnerabilities.
8. **Expresses** concern on the increased incidence of Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination targeting refugees.
9. **Welcomes** the transformation of the OIC Humanitarian Office in Mogadishu into a Developmental Office in accordance with CFM resolutions and **commends** its considerable effort. **Expresses** appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous assistance offered under the Saudi National Campaign, and the King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Work, as well as various partners who contributed towards the implementation of humanitarian and developmental projects in Somalia.
10. **Calls upon** Member States and humanitarian partners to intensify their assistance towards the current famine affecting Somalia and provide humanitarian and development assistance to those affected by the drought in Somali Land as well as assist the recovery and development phase in Somalia, including to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the resettlement of repatriated refugees in Somalia.
11. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Turkey, the State of Qatar, Malaysia and other donors for providing humanitarian and development assistance to the State of Palestine and Gaza in particular and the necessity to coordinate with the State of Palestine; calls for the enhancement of this assistance at all levels in the framework of the resolutions issued at the extraordinary conference of the Islamic Summit held in Indonesia for the promotion of the Palestinian people; noting that integrating the humanitarian and development efforts will be decisive for the foreseeable future; reaffirming that this assistance should be provided

through the representation office of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to the State of Palestine, being the only entity having jurisdiction regarding any action on all the territory of the State of Palestine.

12. **Expresses deep concern** over the protracted humanitarian crisis in Syria, the plight of IDPs and refugees in neighboring countries, and the inhumane and dreadful situation of Syrians denied access to humanitarian assistance. **Reiterates** its appreciation to Member States and other donors and NGOs that contributed generously towards the alleviation of the plight of Syrian refugees and IDPs. **Requests** all stakeholders who made pledges in the London conference that was held on 4 February 2016 in support of the Syrian people to honour their commitments and **calls upon** Member States and NGOs for their continued assistance to Syrian IDPs and refugees and to the countries hosting these refugees.
13. **Commends** the significant effort rendered by the OIC Trauma Intervention Center in Kilis, Turkey, that continues to work at the Turkish-Syrian border and provides psychosocial support to Syrian refugees. The center assisted 25,000 refugees as well as 4,500 families. **Calls upon** Member States to provide financial assistance to allow the center to continue its efforts as the lack of resources will result in the termination of its effort in support of Syrian refugees in Turkey.
14. **Expresses deep concern** over the humanitarian situation in Yemen and **appeals** to Member States, donors and NGOs to extend the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen to ease the plight of the affected people, as the country continues to experience a protracted humanitarian crisis. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the humanitarian assistance rendered through the King Salman Centre for Relief and Humanitarian Work, as well as the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, and other Member States and donors that provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen. **Calls upon** UN agencies and other partners working in the humanitarian field to exert further efforts to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen.
15. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Djibouti for its efforts in receiving Yemeni and Somali refugees and other nationals from West Africa. **Calls on** Member States and the international community to provide the necessary support to the Government of the Republic of Djibouti in its humanitarian efforts in receiving and hosting these refugees.
16. **Welcomes** the convening of high-level pledging event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen in Geneva on 25 April 2017
17. **Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for its efforts that culminated in convening the preparatory meeting for Senior Officials in the OIC Headquarters on 18 December 2016, to prepare for the international conference to mobilize the necessary resources in order to provide humanitarian and development assistance to the people of Yemen. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue working with the United Nations and other partners in cooperation with the Government of Yemen through the convening of an international

conference to mobilize the necessary resources to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen.

18. **Expresses deep concern** over the humanitarian situation in Iraq particularly in light of the war on the terrorist organization Daesh. **Calls upon** Member States, donors and NGOs to extend the necessary assistance to Iraq, to address humanitarian and protection needs of millions of displaced persons and societies hosting them.
19. **Hails the** improving humanitarian conditions in Darfur which allowed for the voluntary return of IDPs in west, central and north Darfur; *and* calls for enhancing ongoing humanitarian assistance efforts; and for providing the necessary support and assistance to people in need in the Sudan.
20. **Commends** the Sudanese government's granting access to assistance to the two regions; and expresses concern over the situation of citizens in the areas held by the People's Movement (Northern Sector) in South Kordofan, especially in view of the movement's refusal to allow humanitarian access to citizens;
21. **Expresses** appreciation to the government of the Republic of Sudan for its efforts in receiving and sheltering refugees from South Sudan and other States, in assisting conflicted-affected people in South Sudan by facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the Sudan to South Sudan, and in announcing the opening of three humanitarian corridors to deliver assistance from various states and organizations, via the Sudan, to people in need in South Sudan; and calls on the Member States and NGOs to support the efforts exerted by the Sudan to deliver the needs of refugees in its territory.
22. **Expresses appreciation** to the government of Qatar for the steps taken to coordinate with the government of Sudan, the General Secretariat, and IDB in order to establish the Darfur Development Bank, and its efforts to follow-up on the preparation of the technical and financial documents to be presented at the meeting of the follow-up committee to establish the Darfur Development Bank in preparation for the meeting of the shareholders due to be held at the OIC General Secretariat.
23. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the lake Chad Basin, and **appreciation** for the efforts undertaken by countries bordering Lake Chad following the deadly attacks of the Boko Haram terrorist group. **Urges** Member States and NGOs to extend all necessary humanitarian and financial assistance to the refugees and IDPs occasioned by the activities of the Boko Haram terrorist group in Nigeria and other affected countries in the Lake-Chad Basin. **Further calls** on Member States, NGOs and other stakeholders to give priority to grass root development in an effort to bring back normality into rural areas in the Lake Chad Basin, and deal with the humanitarian situation following the terrorist attacks affecting this region.
24. **Expresses appreciation** for the OIC- UN initiative leading to the convening of a high-level event on the humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin in the high-level segment of the

71st UN General Assembly in New York on 23 September 2016 with the participation of the Presidents of Nigeria, Niger, and Chad and the Foreign Minister of Cameroon.

25. ***Calls for*** reinvigorated international efforts and a stronger partnership with the international community to assist Chad to meet the challenges of access to water, education, health and nutrition, and the influx of returnees and refugees from neighbouring countries, as Chad hosts refugees and returnees from CAR and Libya, and an influx of people who escaped violence in areas affected by Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria, Cameroun and Niger.
26. ***Expresses concern*** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region, and *reiterates* its appeal to Member States and NGOs to support Sahel countries to undertake vital sustainable development projects, break the vicious cycle of drought, deprivation and poverty in these countries.
27. ***Expresses appreciation*** to the Cameroonian Government for the steps taken to host Central African refugees in the East of the country, Nigerian refugees and IDPS from border areas who have been suffering from the brutal terrorist crimes perpetrated by the Boko Haram terrorist group in the far North of Cameroon and makes an urgent appeal to Member States and to the international community to reinforce their assistance to Cameroon to help it in coping with the influx of refugees and IDPs and also for a coordination of programmes aimed at improving their living condition, strategies of repatriation of refugees and management of the relocation of IDPs.
28. ***Expresses appreciation*** for the role played by Mauritania in hosting large numbers of Malian refugees in refugee camps in the east of the country, in cooperation and coordination with the WFP and UNHCR.
29. ***Commends*** the authorities of the Republic of Niger for hosting Malian and Nigerian refugees, and ***requests*** Member States and the international community to help the authorities of Niger face the flows of refugees and IDPs.
30. ***Expresses satisfaction*** on the work undertaken in Niger in the field of access to water that has positively contributed towards the alleviation of suffering of the most vulnerable and needy population. ***Requests*** Member States and NGOs to provide financial resources to implement the much needed assistance programs and water resources projects, due to be launched in Niger in several rural areas to find solutions to their chronic shortages of potable water. ***Calls upon*** Member States to provide the necessary financial resources to the OIC Humanitarian Office in Niger, to enable it to continue its activities in the critical fields of agricultural and water management projects and to allow it to play a regional role as requested by the President of Niger and welcomed by the OIC Secretary General.
31. ***Commends*** the Republic of Turkey for the donation of US dollars 200,000 made in favour of the OIC Office in Niger for the funding of the projects to be implemented in the fields of agriculture and water programs following the appeal made by the OIC Secretary General to this end.

- 32. Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for its efforts to launch the Ramadan humanitarian campaign in the Central African Republic (CAR) for the third year and **welcomes** the efforts by the OIC Humanitarian Funds for the fundraising towards the Ramadan humanitarian campaign in CAR in 2016. **Further appeals** to Member States and NGOs to extend additional support towards sustaining this initiative.
- 33. Requests** Member States, donors and NGOs to generously offer the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the rising number of needy people in CAR and neighbouring countries, exacerbated by the protracted conflict in order to overcome the humanitarian and developmental challenges that could hinder the process of national reconciliation and economic recovery.
- 34. Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for its efforts in Afghanistan in coordination with the OIC Humanitarian Funds in Doha and calls on them to exert more effort in assisting the people of Afghanistan and in particular Afghan returnees for their sustainable reintegration in Afghanistan.
- 35. Reiterates** its deep concern over the humanitarian crisis created in Myanmar's State of Rakhine causing a new round of forced displacement of about a hundred thousand Rohingyas 75,000 of whom have crossed over the borders and taken shelter in Bangladesh to save their lives. **Expresses its appreciation** to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for sheltering such a large number of unjustly persecuted Rohingyas; and **calls on** Member States, donors and NGOs to provide humanitarian assistance to the Rohingyas affected and in dire need of assistance. **Requests** the General Secretariat to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, in humanitarian respect, of the extraordinary Session of the CFM on the situation of the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar, held in Kuala Lumpur on 19 January 2017. **Further calls upon** the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar.
- 36. Welcomes** the effort of the General Secretariat to reform and restructure the OIC Humanitarian Funds in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Funds. Requests the General Secretariat to submit a draft to member states for their consideration and decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group and present the outcome to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, in order to finalize the statute of the Secretariat of the OIC Humanitarian Funds in conformity with the Charter of the OIC and in line with the rules of the General Secretariat, for adoption by the 45th CFM.
- 37. Welcomes** the signing of the two Year Plan of Action between the General Secretariat and UNHCR, in line with the Agreement signed between the two sides in 1988, and in light of the Ashgabat Declaration of the International Ministerial Conference of OIC Refugees in the Muslim World, convened in May 2012 that will contribute towards building a more effective approach to addressing the refugee problem in Member States, mitigate the humanitarian suffering of displaced people, and the heavy burden shouldered by host countries and communities.

38. **Urges** Member States that are yet to accede to the Convention establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so, as soon as possible, to enable the Committee to perform its duties, and realize the objectives for which it was established. **Calls upon** States party to the Convention that are yet to pay their contributions to the Committee's budget to do so to allow the Committee to play its role and fulfill its obligations.
39. **Welcomes** the efforts of the government of Turkey, the General Secretariat, and the Turkish Red Crescent to establish a network for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies within the OIC Member States, in line with the initiative of the Chairman of the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Turkey in April 2016 in this regard. **Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for organizing a meeting in Jeddah on 29 November 2016, with the participation of Turkey, the General Secretariat, the Turkish Red Crescent Society, ICRC, ICIC, IDB, IFRC, and ARCO to discuss the way forward to convene a conference in 2017 to establish a network for Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies within the OIC Member States.
40. **Welcomes** the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the OIC and USAID in New York in September 2016, and **appreciates** the enhanced cooperation in the humanitarian domain between the General Secretariat and USAID, and the efforts of the General Secretariat in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil societies in the field and the convening of six workshops in the three regions of the OIC.
41. **Welcomes** the effort of the General Secretariat in the follow-up of the main issues that were raised at the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) since they have profound implications on the interest of Member States and the future of humanitarian action.
42. **Expresses appreciation** to the OIC and IDB for implementing the Tsunami Orphans Programme in Banda Aceh, under the patronage of the Late Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz. **Welcomes** the conclusion of the handover process of the management of the Banda Ace Orphans Programme to the office of the IDB in Indonesia. **Requests** the General Secretariat to extend the project to cover other countries as and when needed. **Further requests** Member States, international and regional organizations, NGOs, financial institutions and philanthropists to contribute towards this noble project, aimed at alleviating the plight of orphans in the Islamic world, and beyond. **Calls upon** Member States and their civil societies to commemorate the OIC day of Orphans on the 15th of Ramadan.
43. **Welcomes** the Islamic Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for OIC countries adopted by the Fourth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment held in Tunisia on 5-6 October 2010. **Also welcomes** the executive working plan for the implementation of the strategy in Islamic countries in collaboration with GFDRR of the World Bank. **Expresses appreciation** for the cooperation between the OIC, the World Bank, IDB, ISESCO and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair of the Council of Ministers of Environment, in the implementation of this strategy, and **calls upon** all Member States to extend their vital support to this programme, to guarantee its success in overcoming vulnerabilities in disaster prone countries.

- 44. Expresses appreciation** for the ongoing cooperation between the General Secretariat and the United Nations Office for Coordination for Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and welcomes the high-level joint mission conducted between the OIC and OCHA to Afghanistan in August 2016 to examine ways and means to support the people of Afghanistan.
- 45. Expresses** the hope that the OIC General Secretariat intensifies its efforts in advancing cooperation with the IDB, SESRIC, the ISF and the Islamic Fiqh Academy on the humanitarian front, including on issues pertaining to resilience, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Islamic social finance, and on delivering humanitarian assistance in general.
- 46. Expresses appreciation** for the growing cooperation between the General Secretariat and humanitarian NGOs, particularly those enjoying OIC consultative status, and **welcomes** the steps taken to establish the Council of NGOs enjoying consultative status with the OIC in accordance with CFM decisions in this regard. **Urges** Member States to encourage their active humanitarian NGOs to apply for consultative status of the OIC in accordance with the specified rules and regulations. **Further urges** NGOs to strengthen their cooperation with the General Secretariat to address humanitarian crises and disasters in a more efficient manner.
- 47. Requests** ICHAD to effectively implement the humanitarian aspects of the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul in April 2016 and any remaining elements of the previous Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd the Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah-Al-Mukkaramah in December 2005.
- 48. Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
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RESOLUTION NO.2/44-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN THE HORN AND EAST AFRICA

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on 16-17 Shawwal 1438 H. (corresponding to 10-11 July 2017);

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

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

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

1. **Expresses** its grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian conditions in the Horn and East of Africa due to the ongoing drought resulting in dramatic risk of famine along with the fatal and rapid spread of diarrhea, cholera and other epidemic diseases across the region.
2. **Underlines** the clear need of massive support and solidarity from the international community to alleviate the plight of more than 17 million people in the states of East and Horn of Africa affected by the drought and famine disaster.
3. **Urges** all Member States to positively respond to the urgent appeal of the OIC General Secretariat to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to drought-affected countries of the region.
4. **Reiterates** its appeal to the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavors, and **requests** Member States, partners and civil society to generously assist these countries in alleviating the suffering of the people by developing sustainable projects to build their resilience capacity against the recurring conditions of drought in the region.
5. **Welcomes** the timely initiative of Turkey, as the Chair of OIC Summit, proposing to send an OIC fact finding mission to the drought-affected countries of the region, in order to collect firsthand information regarding the humanitarian situation on the ground and to determine the requirements of these countries to overcome the impact of the drought, famine and epidemic diseases, with a view to not only meet existing humanitarian needs but also to end those needs through sustainable development assistance.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.3/44-ICHAD
ON THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE
INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs) IN THE NORTH-EAST NIGERIA
AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF LAKE CHAD BASIN, AFFECTED BY THE
ACTIVITIES OF BOKO HARAM TERRORIST GROUP

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Guided by the principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

Recalling all previous OIC resolutions, decisions, statements and declarations on the protection of Internally Displaced Persons;

Noting the 1998 United Nations Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the 2012 African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention);

Further noting the report of the OIC-IDB-ISESCO Joint Mission to Nigeria from 17-21 July, 2016, and the Assessment of the Humanitarian Needs of Nigeria, in the wake of the challenging humanitarian conditions as a result of the activities of Boko Haram terrorist group;

Commending the OIC and the countries of the Lake Chad Basin Commission for the role they have played in addressing specific needs of Internally Displaced Persons within Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon in various regional and international conferences; **Further commending** the OIC's resolve to contribute towards addressing the immediate and longer-term humanitarian needs of Internally Displaced Persons in the North-eastern Nigeria and countries of the Lake Chad Basin affected by the activities of Boko-Haram terrorists group, with a view to enhancing their self-reliance as well as the resilience of the affected communities;

Expressing appreciation to the OIC Member States that have provided protection and assistance to the Internally Displaced Persons in the North-Eastern Nigeria in particular and countries of Lake Chad Basin in general;

Reiterating its deep concern over the regional dimension of the humanitarian crisis in the Lake Chad Basin countries, and **appreciation** to the Governments and host communities in the region for their significant efforts to provide temporary shelter and protection to the majority of the displaced persons;

Expressing its great concern about the persistent need for the increased provision of immediate humanitarian and long-term development assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in the Lake Chad region;

Also Underscoring the imperative of addressing the root causes of internal displacement and the responsibilities of the international community to assist States in addressing the pressing needs of Internally Displaced Persons, including through the facilitation of sustainable solutions;

1. ***Urges*** OIC Member States to increase their humanitarian and developmental assistance to the victims of Boko Haram activities in the Lake Chad Basin areas and to ensure that no one is left behind as OIC work towards assisting its Member States to achieve sustainable development in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. ***Requests*** the OIC General Secretariat to collaborate with Member States to continue assisting countries of the Lake Chad Basin, in accordance with the principles of burden-sharing, shared responsibility and the spirit of Islamic solidarity and in accordance with OIC Ten-Year Plan of Action 2025;
3. ***Calls for*** increased support to Government of Lake Chad Basin countries from the OIC General Secretariat and its various organs through the implementation of the Islamic Solidarity Funds for Development's Sustainable Villagers Programme (SVP), Vocational Literacy Programme (VOLIP) and Micro-finance Support Programme (MFSP) in the reconstructed communities in the North East Nigeria;
4. ***Further Calls*** on OIC Member States, that have not assisted victims of enforced displacement in the Lake Chad Basin countries, to urgently do so to alleviate their suffering and hardship;
5. ***Requests*** the OIC General Secretariat to continue with its efforts on the humanitarian front, and establish an effective coordination mechanism for humanitarian assistance to Lake Chad Basin countries;
6. ***Encourages*** the OIC General Secretariat to strengthen the link between its humanitarian assistance and development cooperation with countries in the Lake Chad Basin area as a new approach to addressing the immediate humanitarian needs, reducing vulnerability, and improving self-reliance and resilience of the victims of forced displacement in the area;
7. ***Calls on*** the OIC General Secretariat and its organs to also commit substantially in key life-saving sectors including food, water, sanitation, health, shelter and quality education, recognizing that education provides fundamental protection to displaced persons and lay solid foundation for durable solution in rebuilding war-torn societies;
8. ***Further calls*** on the OIC Member States to support measures adopted by the OIC General Secretariat and its organs for ensuring adequate, sustainable and predictable financing for the OIC General Secretariat to respond to the immediate humanitarian and developmental needs of displaced persons and communities in the Lake Chad Basin area;
9. ***Calls for*** re-invigorated international efforts to assist in tackling terrorist activities in the Lake Chad Basin area;

10. ***Urges*** Government authorities in the Lake Chad Basin area to ensure that the reconciliation measures incorporate the specific needs and conditions favourable for the safe and dignified return of displaced persons as well as promoting a sustainable and inclusive reintegration of displaced persons; and
11. ***Requests*** the Secretary General of the OIC to follow up on the implementation of the resolution and provide an update on assistance by the OIC to the Internally Displaced Persons in the North-East Nigeria in particular **as well as** the Lake Chad Basin area in general to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
12. ***Requests*** the Secretary General of the OIC to follow up on the implementation of the resolution and provide an update on assistance by the OIC to the Internally Displaced Persons particularly in the North-East of Nigeria, regions of the far North of Cameroon and other affected areas in the Lake Chad Basin to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM).

**RESOLUTION No. 4/44-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN LEBANON**

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Recalling Resolution no.6/39-Pol for the establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and Resolution no.1/36-ICHAD on the tasks and duties of the said Department,

Having examined the report of the Secretary General no.OIC/CFM/42/2015/ICHAD/SG-REP on the humanitarian activities of the OIC, particularly the paragraphs pertaining to the humanitarian conditions in the OIC Member States and the alleviation of the sufferings of the Syrian citizens inside Syria and in the neighbouring countries, particularly Lebanon;

1. **Expresses** its deep concern over the rising numbers of Syrian refugees in Lebanon with the attending effects on the country's social, economic, and security-related situation,
2. **Expresses** its appreciation for the efforts made by the Lebanese state despite its meager capacities to receive and cater for the Syrian refugees,
3. **Calls on** the Member States, international organizations and civil society institutions to extend all necessary support to the state of Lebanon to enable it to face up to the burdens resulting for this refugee influx,
4. **Also calls on** international partners to take the necessary steps to put an end to this crisis on the premise that the safe return of the refugees to Syria represents the only lasting solution to the crisis even in the transitional stage.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the items of this resolution and report thereon to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM).

**RESOLUTION No. 5/44-ICHAD
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Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among Muslims and defending rights of the people;

Referring to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 43rd CFM held in Tashkent on 18-19 October 2016

Emphasizing the grave and deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria particularly in Idlib that reached new and horrific dimensions which entail urgent attention and resolute action by the international community, the UN the OIC in particular;

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

Noting that more than half of the Syrian population (13.5) is in desperate need of assistance including more than 6.5 million IDPs deprived form sustained humanitarian assistance;

Further highlighting the serious ramifications of the flow of refugees for the neighboring countries and **taking into consideration** the ever increasing burden shouldered by them who are currently hosting more than 4.5 million refugees;

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

Reiterating the urgency to allow immediate and unimpeded humanitarian access to all Syrian cities, through all border crossing points, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2191, the need for an increased humanitarian assistance inside Syria and to meet the needs of the internally displaced persons concentrated in certain areas who seek refuge and protection and providing full support for the neighboring the countries to alleviate the humanitarian situation of the displaced Syrians and to facilitate their return;

1. **Commends** the exemplary generosity and hospitality of Syria's neighboring host countries (Jordan, Turkey, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt and the Sudan); and **calls on** the international community and the United Nations to offer support and relieve the burden on these countries.
2. **Praises** the State of Kuwait for hosting the first, second, and third International Pledging Humanitarian Conference for Syria; and commends the State of Kuwait's effective participation in chairing, in partnership with the UK, Norway, Germany and the UN, the

fourth Donor Conference held in the British capital, London, on 4 February 2016, in response to the serious humanitarian crisis facing the innocent brotherly Syrians.

3. **Recognizes** the grave humanitarian situation facing Jordan because of the presence of 1.4 million Syrian refugees, 600,000 of whom escaped to this country beginning from March 2011, in addition to the continued daily inflow to Jordan, the strong impact of which also affects the economic, social, services, infrastructural, environmental, demographic composition and security sector of Jordan, and continues to constitutes serious threat to the security and stability of Jordan; stressing that international assistance remains insufficient compared with needs, **calls upon** the international community the United Nations and OIC Member States to provide extensive support to enable Jordan to continue to shelter this large number of refugees.
4. **Calls on** OIC Member States to continue to assist the neighboring countries in accordance with Islamic solidarity and the principles of responsibility and burden sharing.
5. **Calls upon** the UN Security Council to take further steps in the face of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria and to ensure the immediate and full implementation of the provisions of UN Security Council Resolutions 2254 and 2258 in particular those pertaining to rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access across conflict lines and across borders through the most direct routes, allow immediate, humanitarian assistance to reach all people in need, in particular in all besieged and hard-to reach areas, release any arbitrarily detained persons, particularly women and children, **calls on** International Syria Support Group (ISSG) states to use their influence immediately to these ends.

RESOLUTION NO.6/44-ICHAD
ON TRANSFORMATION OF THE OIC OFFICE FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS
AND DEVELOPMENT IN NIAMEY INTO A REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Forty Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity), held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, on 16-17 Shawwal 1438 H. (corresponding to 10-11 July 2017);

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqués of the previous OIC Summit meetings, particularly the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in April 2016, which called for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandated the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action 2025;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Recalling resolutions No. 23/32-POL; 24/33-P; 11/34-P; 33/34-POA; 1/37-ICHAD; 1/38-ICHAD; 1/39-ICHAD, 1/40-ICHAD; 19/40-POL; 1/41-ICHAD; 1/42-ICHAD and 1/43-ICHAD, adopted by the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, respectively in June 2005 (Sanaa – Yemen); June 2006 (Baku – Azerbaijan); May 2007 (Islamabad – Pakistan); May 2010 (Dushanbe – Tajikistan); June 2011 (Astana – Kazakhstan); November 2012 (Djibouti); December 2013 (Conakry – Guinea); June 2014 (Jeddah – Saudi Arabia); May 2015 (Kuwait City); and October 2016 (Tashkent – Uzbekistan);

1. ***Commends*** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC Representative Offices and Humanitarian Coordination Offices in the humanitarian domain, with the objective of alleviating the suffering of needy and vulnerable populations, particularly in the OIC Member States affected by crises and disasters; and ***calls upon*** the Member States to channel a portion of their generous humanitarian assistance through the OIC in order to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and enhance joint Islamic humanitarian action.
2. ***Thanks*** the State of Qatar for organizing, on 12-13 June 2007, the international conference of donors to help ensure food sufficiency in Niger, a country still faced by a recurrent food crisis due to persistent drought disrupting its development plans and adversely impacting on the lives of millions of people in rural zones; ***expresses gratitude*** to all states and donors that participated in this international conference; and ***thanks*** them for the contributions they made to finance agricultural and water projects in Niger for the period between 2009 and 2014.
3. ***Calls upon*** Member States and humanitarian partners to intensify their assistance to address the worrisome humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin resulting from the deadly attacks of the Boko Haram terrorist group, with the specific goal of catering for refugees and IDPs in Niger, Nigeria, Chad and Cameroon; ***further calls upon*** Member States, NGOs and

other humanitarian stakeholders to give priority to grass root development, particularly in the fields of agriculture, rural and suburban water supply and environmental preservation.

4. ***Expresses concern*** over the humanitarian situation in the African Sahel region; and ***calls upon*** all Member States and NGOs to exert development efforts to combat poverty and underdevelopment in rural zones that are the most vulnerable to humanitarian crises.
5. ***Expresses satisfaction*** to the OIC Humanitarian Affairs and Development Office for the efforts made in providing access to water in rural areas and establishing pilot farms in the various regions of Niger, with the view to contribute to the country's food sufficiency and find durable solutions to these critical challenges.
6. ***Welcomes*** the initiative of H.E. Mr. Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of Niger, proposing the transformation of the Niamey-based OIC Office for Humanitarian Affairs and Development into a regional humanitarian and development office for Sahel and Lake Chad Basin countries, and requests all Member States to support this initiative. Requests the Secretary General to take all necessary measures to concretize this project and to follow up its implementation, and submit a report thereon to the 45th Session of the CFM.
7. ***Requests*** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 45th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
