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We, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegations of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation participating in the Forty-Second Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Kuwait from 9-10 Shaban 1436 H (27-28 May 2015) under the theme: “Session of Joint Vision for the Promotion of Tolerance and Denunciation of Terrorism”;

Declare as follows:

- Affirming our full commitment to and support for the objectives and principles of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to benefit Muslim peoples and secure their common interests through bilateral framework and the framework of our Organization with the aim of promoting Islamic solidarity and coordinating Joint Islamic Action,

- Supporting the efforts of the Secretary General towards reform of the OIC and improvement of its capacity in all fields with the aim of upgrading its performance to confront challenges and expand its relations, including through the opening of new regional offices for the Organization to support its objectives and serve its causes and international just causes,
- We reiterate our full support for the cause of Palestine and Al-Quds Ash-Shareef and for the legitimate and inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination and return. We stress that just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East region is dependent on full Israeli withdrawal from the Palestinian and Arab lands occupied in 1967, including the Syrian Arab Golan and occupied Lebanese territory, on the establishment of the Palestinian State with Al-Quds Ash-Shareef as its capital, and on finding an equitable solution to the Palestinian refugees issue, in accordance with relevant international legitimacy resolutions and the Arab peace initiative.
- We express our support for the presentation of a new draft resolution to the Security Council in order to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian land and to find a final settlement for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. We condemn and renounce the arrogant policies of the Israeli government through its blockade of the Gaza Strip, building of settlements on Palestinian lines, expansion of racial segregation wall, judiazation of Arab Al Quds and, attempts to make it a Jewish state. We express our support for the efforts and measures taken by the Palestinian

state to accede to international institutions, charters, treaties and protocols.

- We express our profound appreciation for the efforts of the OIC Secretary General to mobilize support for the Palestinian cause, and welcome the visits by the ministerial Contact Group on the City of Al-Quds Ash-Shareef to many influential states in order to support the search for a just and comprehensive solution to the Palestinian issue.
- We appreciate the ongoing efforts of His Majesty King Mohammed V., Chairman of the Al-Quds Committee and Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency to protect the identity of Al-Quds Ash-Shareef and support the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the holy city and safeguard their Islamic heritage.
- We reiterate our commitment to the security and stability of Yemen and our support for the legitimacy embodied in H.E. President Abdu Rabuh Mansour Hadi and for the conclusion of the political process in accordance with the Gulf initiative and its implementation mechanisms, the outcomes of the national dialogue, and Security Council resolution 2216 and other relevant resolutions.
- We commend the outcomes of the Riyadh conference on “Saving Yemen and Building a Federal State”, held from 17-19 May 2015 with wide participation of all political and social forces and constituents, civil society, youth and women organizations and the adoption of the Riyadh Document in accordance with the objectives set out by the Yemeni President in his letter to the Custodian of the

Two Holy Mosques thus: “To preserve the security and stability of Yemen in the framework of adherence to legitimacy and reject the coup against it, to reject and delegitimize the so called constitutional declaration, to return military ammunition and equipment to the State, to re-establish state authority to all Yemeni territory and bring Yemen to safety in order to enable return of normalcy, to resume the political process in accordance with the Gulf initiative and its implementation mechanisms, the outcomes of national dialogue, and to ensure that Yemen does not become a base for terrorist and extremism organizations”. We call on all Yemeni political constituents to respond urgently to the request of H.E. President Abdu Rabuh Mansour Hadi for resumption of dialogue with all parties.

- We reiterate the contents of the communiqué issued by the OIC Ministerial Executive Committee in Jeddah on 15 February 2015, the communiqué issued by the Extraordinary meetings of the Foreign Ministers of the Cooperation Council of the Arab State of the Gulf on (21 January 2015, 7 February 2015 and 14 February 2015) on the grave situation in the Republic of Yemen, the resolution of the 26th Arab Summit held on 26-29 March 2015, and the communiqué of the Arab Parliament on 17 February 2015.
- We welcome operation Restore Hope for the advancement and reconstruction of Yemen and express our deep appreciation for the initiative of the custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud for the establishment of a unified center to coordinate the provision of assistance to the Yemeni people. We urge all states, including OIC states, regional and international

organizations, including OIC bodies working in the development and humanitarian fields, to provide assistance and adopt the international programme for the comprehensive economic and development support for the reconstruction of Yemen.

- We call on the international community to adopt a firm position to end the violence and continued destruction of Syrian infrastructure, and to put an immediate end to blood letting and killing of Syrians; and we reaffirm the legitimate rights of the Syrian people and our support for a political solution based on the resolutions of the Geneva 1 Conference.
- We call on all parties concerned to implement UN Security Council resolutions 2139 and 2165, and all other relevant resolutions.
- We commend the State of Kuwait for hosting first, second and third Conferences to support the humanitarian situation in Syria.
- We follow with deep interest the ongoing security incidence and political developments in Libya and call on all Libyan factions to assume their responsibilities to end the ongoing violence there and adhere to the only possible peaceful option for ending the Libyan crisis, we commend the relentless efforts exerted by UN Special Envoy to Libya to find a political solution to the crisis, and reaffirm the need to commit to the respect of the unity, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Libya, to abstain from interfering in its internal affairs and preserve its full independence.
- We reaffirm our support for the Libyan people in countering those willing to tamper with the security of Libya by providing the

needed support to protect the Libyan borders, stopping illegal immigration, and preventing the infiltration of terrorists groups and flow of weapons and military equipment.

- We follow the unfortunate developments in the security situation in Iraq and the attempts of the so-called 'Daesh' terrorist group to undermine its security and stability; we reaffirm our support for the brotherly Republic of Iraq in preserving its security, stability, sovereignty and territorial integrity, and support the serious and dedicated endeavors of the Iraqi Government to implement the national reconciliation program with a view to consolidating the internal front and strengthening the national unity of the Iraqi people.
- We welcome the framework agreement between the P5+1 Group and Iran and look forward to its finalization through the final signature arrangements in the end of next June. We also reiterate our call to Iran to cooperate with international community so as to contribute to fostering peace and stability elements and to reinforce relations of good neighborliness.
- While reiterating our condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of any justification thereto, and denouncing terrorist attacks and all forms of incitement which affected many States and some OIC Member States, we express in this regard our strong condemnation of the terrorist act which recently targeted a mosque in Al-Qateef region in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and insist, in the same vein, on the need to combat terrorist groups and those who support and finance them and their heinous practices which have nothing to do with noble religion of

Islam, we stress that these groups can in no means be linked to the noble Islamic religion because terrorism has no region or nationality.

- We reiterate the need to work for drying out the sources of funding of terrorism and commitment to relevant UN and OIC resolutions on combating terrorism and extremism, particularly the outcomes of the Ministerial level Executive Committee Meeting held on 15 February 2015; we call for joining regional and international efforts to fight terrorism and extremist thought, and commend the outcomes of the brainstorming session held at the CFM level in Kuwait on importance of developing an effective strategy to combat terrorism and extremism.
- We welcome in this regard the content of the Makkah Declaration adopted by the international Islamic Conference on 'Islam and the Fight against Terrorism' held in Makkah on 22-25 February, 2015 under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, which called for distancing the members of the Islamic Ummah, regardless of their denominational affiliations, from dissents and fighting, and for developing a comprehensive strategy to dry out the sources of terrorism and extremists thought and promote trust among the youth of the Ummah.
- We also reaffirm that combating terrorism and religious extremism is not done by engaging in a conflict with the upright religion of Islam, nor by propagating the concept of Islamophobia, but rather through wide cooperation, dialogue, constant communication with other societies, and through rejection of destructive ideas which

incite violence and hatred, and emphasizing that the idea of openness and tolerance among peoples is first of all a human necessity advocated by divine religions.

- We stress the importance of concerned efforts to consolidate cooperation among the peoples of the Member States in social, cultural and development areas as well as combating poverty. In that vein, we compliment the roles played by GCC countries in offering development assistance to states suffering from development challenges.
- We welcome the outcomes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the OIC Ministers of Foreign Affairs (15 February 2015, Jeddah), the International Conference on Counterterrorism organized by the Muslim World League (22 February 2015, Makkah Al-Mukkarramah), and the First International Summit on Combating Violent Extremism (Washington, February 2015), which further strengthen international, regional, and bilateral cooperation, and we demand joint international efforts and ideological security and military coordination to counter extremism and terrorism firmly and relentlessly.
- We welcome UN Security Council's resolution 2199 (February 2015) which was adopted unanimously under chapter-VII, on eliminating all sources of funding terrorism, and strengthening control in areas captured by terrorists.
- We condemn the gruesome atrocities committed by all terrorist organizations including Daesh, Al-Qaeda, and Jabhat Al-Nusra

against innocent civilians, as the escalation of violence and terrorist crimes threaten regional and international security and stability.

- We reiterate our solidarity with Mali, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Union of the Comoros, Djibouti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the People of Jammu and Kashmir, the Turkish Cypriots and the People of Kosovo, and their aspirations to live in peace, security and prosperity.
- We reiterate the importance of respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan, pursuant to relevant UN Security Council's resolutions.
- We express our solidarity with the African countries, as further reflected in the Arab-African Summit hosted by the State of Kuwait, in facing the security and development challenges and in combating poverty.
- We denounce the practices against the Muslim Rohingya in Arakan region, Myanmar, and call on the international community and the Member States to provide humanitarian assistance. We also call on the Islamic Group in Europe and Geneva to shed light on this issue and to mobilize international support to prevent their persecution and deprivation of their legitimate rights.
- We praise the endeavours of the Secretary General and the Expert Group in relation to the new OIC Ten Year Programme of Action 2016-2025, which would advance socio-economic, humanitarian, scientific, and development fields to counter the challenges faced by the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century.

- We express our appreciation of the decision by the Republic of Uzbekistan to host the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in 2016.
- We extend our congratulations to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait on the occasion of bestowal of honour on the State of Kuwait as a Center of Humanitarian Action, which reflects the role undertaken by the State of Kuwait in the humanitarian and development areas.
- In concluding the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, we extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait and to the People and government of the State of Kuwait for their warm hospitality and for the outstanding organization of this conference, which yielded the desired results from the OIC's work in the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Joint Vision for the Promotion of Tolerance and Denunciation of Terrorism).

State of Kuwait, 10 Shaaban 1436H (28 May 2015)