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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/10-C**  
**ON**  
**GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS**

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 08-09 Raja 1436H (27-28 April 2015),*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

**A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS**

**Recalling** the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in mind** Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, at the initiative of the Republic of Iran, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at the enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of The OIC Ten-Year Program of Action called on the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard,

1. **Commends** the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colours, races and cultures.
2. **Also commends** the continued efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in this regard, which led to the organization of a high-level meeting by the General Assembly of the UN in November 2008, to which many world leaders participated in support of the results of the Madrid Conference on the Initiative of the Custodian of

the Two holy Mosques about dialogue. This was emphasized in the statement of the Secretary General who commended the initiative and its role in the dissemination of the culture of dialogue, tolerance and mutual understanding among all the peoples of the world.

3. **Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), whose headquarters were established in Vienna, and **calls on** the Member States to actively contribute with ideas, suggestions, and recommendations of making the Center an effective institution for promoting interfaith and intercivilizational dialogue.
4. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat for initiating steps to institutionalize its cooperation with the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), through signing of a memorandum of understanding, as a sign of its continued interest and support on its work and activities.
5. **Commends** the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, *The World Interfaith Harmony Week*, which has been observed in the first week of the month of February since the year of 2011.
6. **Reiterates** the support by the OIC to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. NursultanNazarbayev, which held its 4<sup>th</sup> session in Astana on 30-31 May 2012, **encourages** religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community as a whole to continue their active participation in that meaningful forum.
7. **Welcomes** the Appeal by the Participants of the IV Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana and acknowledges that the only way to create a safe world is through a dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding, compassion and forgiveness, justice and solidarity, peace and harmony;
8. **Commends** the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.
9. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat, UNESCO, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art

and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.

10. **Commends** the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, including the *3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue*, held in Baku on 20-21 May 2015.
11. **Applauds** the initiatives, programs and activities taken by the General Secretariat and those by the relevant OIC Specialized and subsidiary bodies in particular the ISESCO and IRCICA for celebration of 2010 as the International Year for Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for peace.

## **B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS**

**Cognizant** of the need to promote greater harmony and understanding between and among different cultures,

**Referring** to the OIC's Ten-Year Program of Action and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilizational dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

**Acknowledging**, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the Alliance of Civilizations, launched jointly by Turkey and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC's Ten-Year Action Plan,

**Remembering** its resolutions 1/38-C, 1/39-C, 1/40-C, 1/41-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

**Recalling also** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various AoC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

**Emphasizing** the importance of membership in the Group of Friends of Alliance of Civilizations to effectively contribute to Alliance's noble goals,



**Noting** the Alliance's adoption of a Regional Strategy for Southern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Latin America,

1. **Appreciates** the continuing determination and efforts of the Republic of Turkey in contributing to the overall work of the Alliance and the dissemination of its noble goals.
2. **Commends** the Republic of Turkey for hosting *Partners Forum*, held in Istanbul on 31 May -1 June 2012.
3. **Also Commends** the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, and also for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.
4. **Welcomes** the Alliance's decision to hold its Seventh Global Forum in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2016, which it expects to be crowned with success.
5. **Calls on** Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations.
6. **Calls** upon Member States of the OIC to actively participate in the work of the Alliance, particularly the development and adoption of the Alliance's regional strategies and related guiding documents, and the implementation thereof.
7. **Appreciates** the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the *2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States*, in coordination with ISESCO, in Rabat on 16-17 October 2011, and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the Sixth AoC Global Forum held in Bali, Republic of Indonesia, on 29-30 August 2014.
8. **Appreciates** the successful convening of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States* by the Government of the State of Kuwait in Kuwait city on 12 January 2013.
9. **Welcomes the** successful convening of the *4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member State*, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in Bali, prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> AoC Global Forum.

### **C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION**

**Taking note** of the reports of the Consultative Council on Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Muslim World (CCICS) adopted at its earlier meetings and the importance of the protection of Intellectual and cultural heritage against external threats:

1. **Welcomes** the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects in coordination with OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO.
2. **Commends** the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities since the year of 2011 and onwards, to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and thanks the Member States for their active participation in these events.
3. **Calls** for the activation of the Council of OIC Member States ambassadors in Europe and the Americas to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to improve the image of Islam and spread Islamic culture so as to reduce Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in the above-mentioned countries.

#### **D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR**

**Taking into account** the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri Calendar which will reflect the unity of Muslims during the feasts and celebrations;

**Taking note** of the conclusions of the scientific symposium on unifying the Hijri Calendar held in Tunis on 11 June 2009 in presence of the OIC General Secretariat, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Member States, which include the following:

- Need to rely on vision while making use of astronomical calculations and observatories and to take into account scientific facts and fixed and accurate astronomical calculations.
- Make use of Al-Shahid System of the Tunisian Scientist Mohamed Al Awsat Al-Iyari.

**Recalling** all previous resolutions supporting *Dar Al-Iftaa* in implementing the satellite project in cooperation with Cairo University and the Center for Aerospace Studies and Consulting in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and **stressing** the importance of implementing the project proposed 14 years ago with the aim of unifying the Hijra calendar in Islamic countries as an embodiment of their unity;

1. **Calls** on OIC Member States and institutions and civil society organizations to financially contribute towards the establishment and manufacturing of the Islamic satellite.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures in this regard in coordination with *Dar al-Iftaa Al-Misriyah* with a view to starting the effective implementation of this project.

3. **Calls upon** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2/10-C**  
**ON**  
**PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**Welcoming** the membership of the State of Palestine in the United Nations as a non-State member;  
and as full member of UNESCO;

**Taking into consideration** the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continuation of Israeli policies of settlement, expansion and racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

**Condemning** the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif including the constructing of settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Wall around the city in order to annex it;

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 1/11/2009 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque;

**In line** with the importance of rehabilitation of affected people of Palestine in their territory, the Member States of the OIC support generously the extension of development of quality of education of Palestinian people;

**Expressing deep concern** at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territory;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

## **A) THE TWINNING OF PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITH UNIVERSITIES IN OIC MEMBER STATES**

1. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses** its appreciation to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.
2. **Recommends** also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.
3. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate effectively and generously in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

## **B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN**

1. **Condemns strongly** the decision by Israel, the occupation force, to attempt to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds instead of Arab Palestinian curricula, in the framework of a racist Israeli plan to judaize the city of Al-Quds, obliterate its Arab identity and distort the awareness of emerging Palestinian generations in this holy city, in a blatant violation of international laws and conventions, and calls for issuing an international appeal to counter those measures and for the Islamic Group at the United Nations relevant fora to move promptly to compel Israel, the occupation force, to stop its heinous policies.
2. **Calls upon** Member States to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to provide the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, including imposing their own educational curricula and closing down schools outside their control and the erection of security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students preventing access to their places of work, schools and universities.
3. **Reiterates** its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national, and Arab identity, and **appeals to** the

United Nations and to specialized international bodies and institutions, particularly UNESCO, to counter these Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions.

4. **Calls for** support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and **proclaims** its support for the preservation of the Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of their educational and cultural materials.
5. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
6. **Condemns** the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

### **C) THE ISRAEL AGGRESSIONS AGAINST ISLAMIC HOLY SITES AND CULTURE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CHARACTER, HUMAN HERITAGE, AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF**

1. **Reiterates** the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
2. **Condemns** the systematic and the continuous Israeli attempts to plunder and falsify Islamic and Arab heritage in Palestine, including the recent discovery of stealing by Special Forces of the Israeli occupation army of Arabic and Islamic books and manuscripts from the homes of Palestinians who were forcibly expelled in 1948; these units plundered close to 80,000 books and manuscripts including about 30,000 books from Al-Quds alone, and forged their documentation before a part of them was exhibited at the so-called Israeli National Library. The Council mandates the Islamic Group in UNESCO, ISESCO and IRCICA to follow up investigation of this major theft of Islamic and Arab history and culture with a view to returning them to their original owners or their heirs.

3. **Calls for** continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to compelling Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; reaffirming the City's Arab-Islamic character; and rejecting its annexation or Judaization, in line with the relevant Resolutions of international legality, particularly UN Security Council Resolutions No. 465 and 478; while exerting all efforts in order to implement these two resolutions in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations and international legality.
4. **Condemns again** Israel's illegal decision to add the Mosque of Elibrahimi in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list. **Considers** the Israeli act as looting of Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. Also **Calls** upon the international community and UNESCO to show their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions.
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnels constructed by Israel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at obliterating the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.
6. **Urges** the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
7. **Strongly condemns** Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.
8. **Requests** Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to force Israel to give up the partitioning of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve its integrity as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

9. **Calls on** Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in order to counter Jewish settlements in the city.
10. **Strongly denounces and condemns** Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.
11. **Requests** the General Secretariat to constitute an ad-hoc committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds and other parts of Palestine.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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**RESOLUTION No. 3/10-C**  
**ON**  
**PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES**

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**Recalling** the objectives of the OIC which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights;

**Affirming** those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage;

**Also recalling** the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No. 3/6-C (IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;

**Recalling** the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of the Sacred Muslim Places:

**A) DESTRUCTION OF THE BABRI MASJID IN INDIA AND PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES**

**Noting** that the Babri Masjid with its history spanning five centuries was the object of veneration and respect of Muslims all over the world;

**Also noting** with regret that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

**Recalling** also that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. **Strongly condemns** the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.
2. **Expresses deep regret** over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.
3. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.
4. **Expresses deep concern** over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.
5. **Calls** on OIC Member States to raise the case of Babri Mosque at the UNESCO and the Islamic group at UNESCO to follow it up in a result oriented manner in order to prevent occurrence of incidents of desecration of Islamic sites in India in future.
6. **Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39<sup>th</sup>CFM, ~~and~~ Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup>CFM and Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup>CFM which call upon the Government of India to:
  - a) **Ensure** the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.
  - b) **Take** immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.
  - c) **Take** effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.
  - d) **Take** immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

**B) THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARAR-E-SHARIF ISLAMIC COMPLEX IN KASHMIR AND OTHER ISLAMIC SITES THEREIN**

**Deeply concerned** that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in

December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Quran on 14 December 2002:

1. **Strongly deploras** the destruction of the 542year old Islamic complex at Charare-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.
2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.
3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.
4. **Also condemns** the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir.
5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

**C) THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF ISLAMIC HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RELICS AND SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED AZERBAIJAN TERRITORIES RESULTING FROM THE AGGRESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

**Emphasizing** that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography remaining in the territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

**Reaffirming** United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884, which call on the Armenian forces to effect a full withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

**Reaffirming** that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, at the hands of Armenia, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity;

**Noting** the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors on the Islamic heritage in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

**Fully sharing** the anguish of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this regard:

1. **Strongly condemns** the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressors in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.
2. **Vigorously demands** the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884.
3. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.
4. **Asserts** that Azerbaijan is entitled to adequate compensation for the damages it has sustained and **affirms** the Republic of Armenia's responsibility to pay up full compensation for such damages.
5. **Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.
6. **Thanks** the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also **thanks** those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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**RESOLUTION No. 4/10-C**  
**ON**  
**ISLAMIC, CULTURAL, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES**

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 08-09 Raja 1436H (27-28 April 2015),*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

**A) REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE), ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**

1. **Emphasizes** once again the importance of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.
2. **Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.
3. **Appreciates** the plans of RICE project to design new programs in the spirit of information technology including television, the internet, emails etc for promoting the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic countries.
4. **Expresses** its appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to ensure operation of the Institute and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also **expresses** appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

**B) ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM**

**Reiterating** the importance of the mission of the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and the pioneering and vital role it plays in promoting translation, consolidating the bonds between the Islamic States themselves on the one hand and

between them and the other States on the other, and enhancing intra-civilizational dialogue and reflecting the image of the Islamic world and the culture of the other such as to contribute to the intra cultural and scientific exchange in the service of the Islamic world and humanity at large. **Commending** the success and achievements of the institute during the previous years;

1. **Urges** and requests the Member States and the Islamic financial institutions foremost of which the IDB and the ISF, to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Translation Institute so that it may continue fulfilling its duties optimally. It also **pays tribute** in this connection to the ISF for its financial support to the Institute and urges it to keep up this assistance and **requests** the funds to set up special Waqfs to fund the institute and increase its financial resources.
2. **Pays tribute**, once again, to the Government of Sudan for its financial assistance to the Institute's budget such as to enable it to assume its role optimally, as well as for its contribution towards the resolution of the financial difficulties faced by the Institute and **expresses** thanks to the Government of the Sudan for this scholarships it offers to the students from the Member States and **urges** these states to benefit from them in the future.
3. **Requests** the Member States to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and **requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the institute in the field of training and to offer specialized training opportunities for the students of institute for them to benefit from the General Secretariat's expertise.
4. **Requests** the General Secretariat to make use of the various facilities offered by the Institute in the area of translation and training, for the General Secretariat and Member States' work and **requests** the administration of the institute to submit annual activity reports to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to open the Institute's door to the students from OIC Member States so that it may benefit all desirous citizens of the Islamic Ummah.

### **C) ASSISTANCE TO AHMED BABA INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC HIGHER STUDIES AND RESEARH IN TIMBUKTU (MALI)**

**Recalling** the importance of the role played by the Institute in terms of research and preservation of manuscripts;

**Mindful** of Institute's need for support and assistance as proposed by the OIC mission to Timbuktu dispatched by His Excellency the Secretary General on March 04-09, 2006;

**Recalling** the appeal for support and assistance which the Secretary General had addressed to all OIC Member States and its specialized and affiliated organs;

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mali in taking charge of Institute's operating budget.
2. **Pays tribute** to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Libya, and the ISESCO for their qualitative contributions to Institute's functioning.
3. **Urges** other Member States, specialized institutions, and OIC affiliated cultural organs to extend the required material, financial and academic support to the Institute.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup>Session of the COMIAC.

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**RESOLUTION No. 5/10-C**  
**ON**  
**SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 08-09 Raja 1436H (27-28 April 2015),*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General and reports submitted by IRCICA and IIFA on following the matters:

**A) THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA)**

1. **Notes with appreciation** the production of a number of reference books and organization of congresses on subjects relating to history, history of culture, cultural and architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world in the context of the Centre's various programs and research projects.
2. **Praises** the Centre's activities relating to the Islamic heritage of Al-Quds, in particular the "Al-Quds/Jerusalem 2015" program of architectural studies and workshops and recently, the 2014 Annual Seminar of this program (27 November 2014) and the international conference on "Preservation of Islamic Heritage of Al-Quds" (28 November 2014) held at its headquarters; the exhibition of historical photographs of Al-Quds which was opened by the President of the Republic of Turkey H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on the occasion of the 30th session of COMCEC (Istanbul, 27 November 2014) and the exhibition "Al-Quds in the Memory" (Ramallah, 4 January 2015 and cities of Palestine) which was opened by the President of the State of Palestine H.E. Mahmoud Abbas both exhibitions in the presence of the OIC Secretary General H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani and, the studies and presentations highlighting the Islamic identity of Al-Quds in various forums.
3. **Commends** the series coordinated by the Centre of events on intercultural and inter-civilizational dialogue in accordance with Resolution 1/41-C on General Cultural Matters, para 8 which diffuse correct knowledge on Islam, its civilization, its values of inter-faith tolerance, and its cultural interactions with other cultures and civilizations; in particular the thematic session on "Coexistence of Different Cultures: Examples



from History as Lessons for the Future” organized by IRCICA during the Sixth Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations held in Bali, Indonesia (29-30 August 2014).

4. **Takes note** of the regional congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries which help advancements of researches in these areas and diffuse their outcomes world-wide, in particular, the international congresses on: “History and cultures of Muslim peoples around the Black Sea” (Bucharest, Romania, 4-5 November 2014) which highlighted the Islamic heritage in the region, including Crimea; “China and the Muslim world” (second congress, 3-4 February 2015); “Science and Technology in Islamic Civilization” (Baku, Azerbaijan, 19-22 February 2015); and the forthcoming congresses on history of Islamic civilization in Southeast Europe and the Balkans (Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 21-23 May 2015), history of Islamic civilization in Southern Africa (Durban, South Africa, 27-29 November 2015), and Islamic civilization in Central Asia (Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Fall 2015) among others.
5. **Praises** the program of short-term schools titled “Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management” conducted jointly with Al-Turath Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, lastly, in this context, the 2014 Summer School held in six Balkan countries, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro (5-26 August 2014) and the Spring School in the historical city of Abha, in Asir, Saudi Arabia (March 2015) and welcomes the Centre’s holding these schools periodically in different regions taking up multicultural and historical cities as case studies.
6. **Takes note** with appreciation of the innovative and regular activities of the Centre promoting the Islamic arts, in particular calligraphy, and in this regard, the IRCICA International Gathering on the Art of Calligraphy (Istanbul, 12-15 September 2014) which was attended by more than 300 participants, from the following countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Egypt, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Oman, Qatar, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, USA and Yemen and the series of events organized in this context including distribution of calligraphy diplomas (Ijaza) to 38 calligraphers from 12 countries bringing the total number of calligraphers trained under the umbrella of IRCICA to 146 from 46 countries; an international exhibition by 54 calligraphers; a symposium on the art of calligraphy and series of calligraphy workshops; welcomes the preparations for the 10th international calligraphy competition to be launched in 2015 and calls upon the Centre to continue to organize training programs and international competitions .
7. **Expresses** its appreciation of the organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, including the International Festival for Artisans-at-Work organized jointly with Pendik Municipality, Istanbul (20-28

September 2014) in which 52 countries participated namely Albania, Algeria, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Argentina, Bulgaria, Brazil, China, Crimea, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Estonia, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Kenya, Macedonia, Mexico, North Cyprus, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Tahiti, Tatarstan, Thailand and Ukraine where innovators and artisans gathered in pavilions forming a traditional heritage craft village; and also of the publication in this field of the volumes, both bilingual in English and Arabic, entitled Features, Characteristics and Cultural and Economic Contribution of Arts and Handicrafts (2014) and Handmade Prayer Carpets through History, the latter resulting from cooperation between IRCICA and Kuwait Islamic Arts Centre through the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of the State of Kuwait (2014).

8. **Takes note** of the following planned future events: “Istanbul International Festival of Arts, Crafts and Creativity” to be organized jointly with the Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul (September 2015) where, in accordance with Resolution no. 2 of the 8th session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, held in Banjul, on 4-6 December 2013, which “Invites IRCICA to implement the mechanism criteria for the award of OIC Seal of Excellence for Handicrafts”, the award of the OIC Seal of Excellence for Handicrafts, worth US\$100000, will be implemented, to be accompanied by Istanbul International Congress on “Innovation and Creativity in Arts and Crafts”, the Istanbul International Exhibition of Artisans-at-Work, a folkloric parade under the banner ““Revival and protection of traditional heritage”, presentations of artisans-at-work, an international arts and crafts market (bazar) and an exhibition of albums, catalogs and books published in the fields of arts and handicrafts, and also “Tabriz International Festival for Arts, Crafts and Creativity” (Tabriz, 8-15 May 2015) to be organized jointly with Tabriz University for Islamic Arts and the Islamic Culture and Relations Organization of Iran and accompanied with an International Congress on “Innovation Dimension in Arts and Crafts”, Tabriz International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Crafts – awards worth US\$60000, the International Exhibition of Artisans-at-Work, an arts and crafts market (bazaar), a folkloric parade under the slogan “Revival and protection of traditional heritage”, and an exhibition of albums, catalogs and books published in the fields of arts and handicrafts.
9. **Takes note** of IRCICA’s activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, its contribution in this regard to knowledge and information for cultural tourism and its collaboration with international bodies concerned; commends the development of the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and invites the Member States which have not done so yet to provide IRCICA with the required data and information on their Islamic

sites and monuments and designate their respective focal points to collaborate continually with the Database unit at IRCICA.

10. **Takes note** of the publication of issue no. 3 of IRCICA's Journal, an academic periodical aimed at promoting research and cooperation in cultural and social sciences as regards studies on Islamic civilization and the Muslim world.
11. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to the Member States, in particular the Republic of Turkey, host country of IRCICA and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, host country of the OIC General Secretariat, for their continuous support of IRCICA.
12. **Expresses** its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and calls upon the other countries to do so and to settle their arrears due to IRCICA's budget.

## **B) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)**

1. **Expresses** its highest and deferential consideration to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, ruler of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to Their Majesties the Kings, Their Excellencies the Heads of State and Government, and Their Highnesses the Princes, leaders of OIC Member States, for their continued support to the action of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in fulfilling the important mission it was entrusted with: that of highlighting to the face of world the dimensions of tolerance, balance and moderation embodied by Islam, while at the same time, reaffirming the role of the Academy as the institution of reference in the field of Islamic jurisprudence for the Islamic Ummah.
2. **Welcomes** the completion of the "Zayed Glossary of Basic rules and Islamic Fiqh" (*Ma'lama Zayed Lilqawa'id al- Usooliyyawal-Fiqhiyyah*) and **thanks** the Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation, for its continued support to the action of the Academy, brilliantly expressed in the financing of this Glossary project.
3. **Takes note** of the contribution of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in the fight against polio by holding a consultative meeting of the Association of Muslim Scholars and **urges** them to continue their campaign to raise Muslim awareness on the urgent need to vaccinate their children against this crippling disease that must be eradicated everywhere and by all possible means.
4. **Welcomes** the efforts of the Secretariat of the Academy to clarify and publicize the provisions of the Islamic Shari'ah about Halal food and for actions undertaken for the development and implementation of specifications and standards governing the Halal Food and Halal Food certification bodies.

5. **Recommends** the Secretariat of the Academy develops standards and rules in order to ensure that slaughter procedures are in compliance with the principles laid down by Islamic Shari'ah
6. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), for their constant support to the Academy and **urges** them to complete the translation and publication of the resolutions adopted the Academy given the importance of resolutions translated for non-Arabic-speaking Muslim countries.
7. **Expresses** its sincere appreciation to the Government and competent authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for inviting the Academy to hold the 21<sup>st</sup> session of its Scientific Council, in November 2013, in Riyadh, in the premises of the Imam Mohamed Bin Saud Islamic University.
8. **Expresses** its sincere appreciation to the Government and competent authorities of the State of Kuwait for the kind invitation to the Academy to hold its 22<sup>nd</sup> session in this country in 2014.
9. **Expresses** its gratitude to the following Member States that have so far hosted the sessions of the Scientific Council of the Academy: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (8 sessions, including the forthcoming one), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), the State of United Arab Emirates (3 sessions: one in Abu Dhabi, one in Dubai and one in Sharjah); the State of Kuwait (2 sessions); The Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia and Algeria (one session each). This is palpable proof, among others, of the strong support extended by these countries to the Academy.
10. **Calls upon** Fiqh Academy (IIFA), in coordination with the General Secretariat, to create a special family division with the involvement of women experts aiming at providing solutions for religious, juristic, cultural issues related to Muslim women/family.
11. **Calls upon** Member States of the OIC to host the next sessions Council of the Academy and in so doing, contribute to reach the goals and objectives for which this institution was created.
12. **Congratulates** the Academy for the high quality of its scientific publications and their content in terms of topics and research papers that provide answers Muslims as individuals and the Islamic Ummah, as community, need to address new issues and challenges they are confronted in all fields.
13. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Member States that have paid their compulsory contributions to the budget of the Academy and **reiterates** its call on other Member

States that have not yet settled their contributions to do so at their earliest convenience, as well as it **recommends** to all Member States to lend their moral and material support to the Academy so that it can fulfill its lofty mission to serve the Muslim Ummah.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION No. 6/10-C**  
**ON**  
**SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS**

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 08-09 Raja 1436H (27-28 April 2015),*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Stressing** on the need for the Secretariats of OIC Institutions to always adhere to the principle of impartiality and disinterestedness and to abstain at all times from political influence or interfering in or giving opinion about Member States' affairs without being duly authorized or mandated by Member States concerned.

**Having considered** with appreciation the reports submitted by ISESCO on the activities carried out between the two sessions of the COMIAC:

**A) THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)**

1. **Commends** the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its various fields of competence: namely, education, science, culture and communication; **praises** its Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, for his efforts to develop the Organization's action and expand its scope; **commends** the content of ISESCO's Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2016-2018, which reflects a holistic, innovative and coherent multidisciplinary strategic vision; **lauds** ISESCO's remarkable contribution to implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation of the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.
2. **Welcomes** the signing by ISESCO of cooperation agreements and action programmes with several international, Islamic and Arab organizations; **commends** the joint activities implemented in this connection, particularly international conferences and symposia and developmental projects, which have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous programmes which were implemented by ISESCO in association with parallel organizations and institutions, thus contributing to

highlighting the true image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. **Expresses** its support and appreciation for the continued efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by ISESCO Director General to urge the international community to pressurize Israel into abiding by the international resolutions concerning the protection of religious landmarks, cultural and civilizational heritage, and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions; **supports** ISESCO's efforts to document the war crimes and crimes against humanity which were and are still being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Gaza and all Palestinian territories; and **welcomes** the convening by ISESCO of the seventh meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee on the new Israeli attempts to Judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif (25-27 March 2014, Amman, Jordan).
4. **Notes with appreciation** the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanisms devised by ISESCO, particularly in the areas of education, science, culture and communication; and **invites** the Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies adopted by the Islamic summit conferences and relevant Islamic conferences, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and in cooperation with the relevant regional and international organizations.
5. **Commends** the actions made by ISESCO to develop educational capacities in the Member States and beyond, in the fields of teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, literacy and adult education, through its specialized educational centres and delegations in the Republic of Chad, the Union of Comoros, the Republic of Niger, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Guinea, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Burkina Faso, the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Malaysia, and through such advanced specialized teaching aids as (*Al Amal*) and (*AlarabyaAlmuyassara*) series; and **lauds** the educational and civilizational project on the transcription of Muslim peoples' languages in the Standardized Quranic Script being implemented by ISESCO in cooperation in cooperation with its partners, and commends the educational and civilizational project which aims at ensuring integration and interaction between Arab Islamic traditional schools and modern schools in Africa and Asia.
6. **Welcomes** the steps taken by ISESCO towards updating the Strategy for the Promotion of Education in Islamic Countries in such a way as to keep abreast of new educational, social and economic developments in Member States and outside the Muslim world and to provide a comprehensive guiding framework for addressing present-time and future challenges, based on a holistic prospective vision that would promote joint Islamic action in education; and **thanks** the Republic of Azerbaijan for accepting to host the First Islamic Conference of Education Ministers, in Baku, in 2015.

7. **Commends** the efforts and actions made by ISESCO to foster intercultural dialogue and the alliance of civilizations and religions, redress the false image held about Islam and Muslims in the West and counter Islamophobia; **welcomes** ISESCO's initiative to strengthen Africa's role in the alliance of civilizations, welcoming, in this regard, the holding, in coordination with the General Secretariat, of a conference on *Strengthening Africa's Role in the Alliance of Civilizations* in the second semester of 2015; and **invites** the Organization to carry on such efforts inside the Muslim world and beyond, in association with its regional and international partner organizations, and to pursue coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the Member States to undertake innovative initiatives and put in place mechanisms to counter the fierce campaign targeting Islamic sanctities and cultural symbols, in coordination with national, regional and international media and communication outlets.
8. **Commends** the efforts of ISESCO in improving Higher Education systems in the Member States, constitution of the High-Level Quality and Accreditation Committee to follow-up on the implementation of the "Key Performance Indicators" in the OIC Member States, its Terms of Reference (TOR) and thanks the Ministry of Higher Education, under the chairmanship of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. And Expresses its support and appreciation for launching of the project "TAFAHUM" on exchange of students, faculty and researchers among Universities in the Islamic World, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and in cooperation with its Student's Exchange Programme, and urges ISESCO and OIC to establish a general framework, to enhance partnerships among the universities and prestigious schools, and to share experience and knowledge, with the ultimate aim to foster peace, understanding and mutual respect among the Member States and with others.
9. **Thanks** ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated every year as Islamic culture capitals; and **invites** it to pursue such support. It also **commends** the efforts the Member States hosting Islamic culture capitals for 2014 (Sharjah, Bishkek and Ouagadougou) and in preparing and implementing the celebration programmes **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's 10<sup>th</sup> General Conference calling for the expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals Programme to include Islamic historic cities from outside the OIC Member States.
10. **Appreciates** the efforts exerted to launch the report on "Transforming Arab Economies: the Knowledge and Innovation Road" to speed up their progress towards knowledge- and innovation-based economies through provision of well-articulated and coordinated cross-sectoral knowledge economy strategies for their countries and also for duplicating these efforts in the Asian and African Member States to accelerate their transition towards the knowledge-economies.
11. **Appreciates** the efforts exerted by all the member of the Joint Management Team for successful completion of the project of the "Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation", under which various country reports were published which mapped key



trends and trajectories in science, technology and innovation in the OIC Member States, and suggests continuation of the project to prepare national reports of the Member States not covered in the first phase of the Atlas project, to enable them to benefit from such landmark studies.

12. **Recommends** the establishment of “Islamic World Observatory of Science and Technology” to map Member States science, technology and innovation capabilities, provide decision and policy makers with national and global scientific and technological trends and statistical data for evidence based policy making and planning, and lauds the establishment of the “Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN)” within the framework of ISESCO and efforts exerted to create national research and education networks to promote the use of and activate PIREN as a cyber collaboration platform for scientists, researchers and education networks, and improve connectivity for sharing knowledge and good practices, stimulating joint research and addressing relevant challenges.
13. **Lauds** the efforts of the ISESCO Centre for Promotion of Scientific Research (ICSPR) in encouraging the scientists and researchers towards excellence in their performances, and urges the Member States to invest more in research and development, especially through mobilizing more private sector investment, as well as more resources in developing human capital and building up institutional and scientific capacities to optimize the use of such investments and ensure effective sustainability of the various interventions.
14. **Invites** ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further contacts with Islamic cultural centres and associations in Europe, Asia and Latin America, through the Supreme Council for Education, Culture and Science for Muslims outside the Islamic World, with a view to activating the Implementation Plan of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World, and the Strategy for Benefiting from Muslim Competencies outside the Islamic World. It also **welcomes** the convening of the First Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres outside the Islamic World during the year of 2015 in coordination with the General Secretariat; **calls on** ISESCO to pursue its efforts in this regard; **commends** ISESCO’s efforts in responding to the media smear campaigns targeting Islam and its civilization and countering Islamophobia; and **praises** ISESCO's *Course to Train Journalists and Broadcasters in Addressing Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media*, which was adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Algiers, 18-19 December 2011) and the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, 17-20 April 2012).
15. **Commends** ISESCO’s efforts aimed at boosting the Islamic World Heritage Committee’s action towards preserving Islamic heritage in the Member States, particularly the special attention it gives to the protection of endangered Islamic

cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Iraq and Afghanistan; and **stresses** the necessity of coordination and collaboration with IRCICA in this regards.

16. **Lauds** the efforts the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) devotes to establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies and implementing activities and programmes to promote university education as a means for championing Muslim communities' causes and as an agent of comprehensive sustainable development; and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation with the Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic action, particularly through the effective role it plays in the implementation of activities, programmes and projects within the framework of partnership and cooperation.
17. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, in Abu Dhabi, in 2015, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, in Nizwa, in 2015, on the occasion of the celebration of Nizwa as Islamic Culture Capital for 2015, in cooperation with the competent national parties and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat; and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in these conferences.
18. **Invites** ISESCO, in coordination with the General Secretariat, to call on the governments of the OIC Member States to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls, promote women role in the decision making and Sustainable development, and produce publications and programs to empower Women and Family through broader educational strategy.
19. **Calls on** ISESCO to implement the project of *Atlas of Muslim Women Heroin's in Member States*, as well as Childhood Guide in Member States, Elderly Guide in Member States while coordinating in initiation and preparation of similar reports covering and mapping innovations in all the OIC Member States after regular intervals of every two years for its release at the corresponding Ministerial Meeting.
20. **Adopts** the declarations, resolutions, recommendations and reference documents issued by the specialized Islamic ministerial conferences held by ISESCO in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, especially the 7<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Rabat, 18-19 December 2014); thanks the Kingdom of Morocco which hosted this conference as well as parties and organizations having participated in them; invites ISESCO to ensure follow-up to the implementation of those resolutions in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the concerned parties.
21. **Expresses** its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and to His Royal Highness Crown

Prince Megren bin Abdulaziz, and their Majesties, Excellencies, Highnesses the Kings, Presidents and Emirs of Member States for their generous support to ISESCO and for financing several educational, scientific and cultural programmes and activities.

22. **Expresses** its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to ISESCO to discharge its mission in the most optimal manner.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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**RESOLUTION No. 7/10-C**  
**ON**  
**AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS**

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 08-09 Raja 1436H (27-28 April 2015),*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Having taken note** of the decisions adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> I.S.S.F General Assembly Meeting as well as those of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> I.S.S.F Executive Committee Meetings;

**Having considered** the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) and The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic –Schools (WFIAIS):

**A) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF)**

1. **Congratulates** HRH Prince Abdullah Bin Mosaad Bin ABDULAZIZ, for his unanimous election as I.S.S.F President and wishes him success in the realization of the I.S.S.F goals and progress serving the cause of youth in our Ummah;
2. **Lauds** the future activities the I.S.S.F has decided to implement within the framework of its 2014-2016 Plan, urging the Islamic Member States to host and participate in these activities to ensure their success and achieve key objectives of the I.S.S.F and encouraging them to provide all possible material and moral support for the I.S.S.F;
3. **Presents** due thanks to the Republic of Indonesia for organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Palembang 2013 and to all member States that participated in this outstanding sport event.
4. **Presents** due thanks to the Republic of Uganda, represented by the Uganda Olympic Committee for the very successful organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> I.S.S.F Weightlifting Championship in 2014 and to Member States that took part therein;
5. **Presents** due thanks to the State of Qatar, represented by Qatar Olympic Committee for the very successful organization of the 2014 International Islamic Triathlon

Championship held under the umbrella of the I.S.S.F and wishes success in future editions;

6. **Expresses** its support to the I.S.S.F-ISESCO cooperation leading to the organization of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of Sports Medicine and Anti-doping Course for the Francophone member NOCs in the city of Salé, Morocco from 3-6 June 2014 in collaboration with the Moroccan Olympic Committee and the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA).
7. **Welcomes** the common will of the I.S.S.F, Indonesia Olympic Committee and the Local Government of the Province of South Sumatera to develop sport cooperation in service of the Ummah youth by organizing an annual sport event in the City of Palembang and signature of the memorandum of understanding by the three parties; and supports the I.S.S.F call to members states to sign similar MOUs which boost the I.S.S.F future plans.
8. **Presents** its appreciation to members states – represented by their respective NOCs - supporting the I.S.S.F in 2015 by hosting the following activities:

The 2 <sup>nd</sup> I.S.S.F Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz Parachuting Championship	Saudi Arabia
Islamic Triathlon Championship	Qatar
The 3 <sup>rd</sup> I.S.S.F Weightlifting Championship	Turkey
The I.S.S.F Taekwondo Championship	Azerbaijan
The I.S.S.F Tennis Championship	Indonesia
The I.S.S.F Kick Boxing Championship	Jordan
The Rugby Crescent Cup	Malaysia
The I.S.S.F Defense Sports Tournament	Tunisia

9. **Welcomes** the I.S.S.F General Assembly's approval of the bid of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in 2017 and **wishes** success for Azerbaijan in this regard;
10. **Welcomes** the I.S.S.F Executive Board decision to admit Air Sports to the Federation's program as well as the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> I.S.S.F Air Sports Championship, in Saudi Arabia, September 2014;
11. **Welcomes** all resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 17 and 18 March 2014 while urging member states to put these resolutions into action and cooperate with the OIC

Secretariat and I.S.S.F to develop plans and strategies as required for the achievement of goals.

12. **Takes note** of the ICYSM approval of changing the name of the “Supervision and Coordination Office for Youth in Islamic Countries” to become “The Islamic Countries Youth Council”, based in Riyadh under the umbrella of the I.S.S.F.
13. **Authorizes** the I.S.S.F, being the ICYSM General Secretariat, and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC) to take due action for the preparation and the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the ICYSM in cooperation with the conference organizing committee in the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat.
14. **Extols** the signature of the Common Work Agreement between the I.S.S.F and the I.S.E.S.C.O, implementation plan and the confirmation of cooperation among OIC organs;
15. **Welcomes** the decision of the I.S.S.F Executive Board approving the I.S.S.F Activity Plan for the next few years which highlights the incorporation of new aspects particularly women sport, environment, and tourism with the I.S.S.F sport activities, and **encourages** NOCs in member states and other concerned organizations to contribute to these activities as a means of achieving progress and prosperity for youth in member countries.
16. **Calls** upon Member States to fulfill their financial obligations towards the I.S.S.F and take the initiative to settle their outstanding annual subscriptions in order to enable the I.S.S.F to assume its roles and activities;
17. **Commends** the proposal of the I.S.S.F to sign a partnership agreement with a specialized firm to undertake necessary studies regarding the realization of new financing resources for the Federation.
18. **Expresses** its appreciation to the I.S.S.F General Secretariat for undertaking the preparations for the various I.S.S.F activities and events, contributing to the achievement of the I.S.S.F goals and objectives;
19. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdulaziz, H.R.H. Crown Prince Miqrn Bin Abdulaziz the Deputy Premier and Minister of Defense as well as H.R.H. Prince Mohammed bin Nayef the Second Crown Prince, the 2nd Deputy Premier, HM Adviser and Special Envoy - may Allah save them – for hosting the I.S.S.F headquarters and for their material and moral support to the I.S.S.F as a reflection of their unshakeable belief in the need to uphold all the issues of youth in the Islamic Ummah.

## **B) THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYF-DC)**

- 1. Appreciates** the financial contribution by the Government of Turkey towards the Forum's annual budget; and calls upon the Member States as well as the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions and other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC; **welcomes also** proposal by the Government of Turkey to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of ICYF-DC in Istanbul in Fall of 2014.
- 2. Welcomes** contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC; and **looks forward** to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement related to providing ICYF-DC Regional Centre with appropriate office premises.
- 3. Endorses** cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC on "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multifaceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; endorses also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB that envisages a number of activities including implementation of programs in support of youth of Muslim minorities in non-member states; **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB in order to provide sustainable financing towards different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Member States and of Muslim minority communities worldwide and calls upon the OIC Member States to contribute towards its development;
- 4. Welcomes** the establishment of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) initiated and developed by ICYF-DC, being an affiliated platform to ICYF-DC and aimed at developing of youth entrepreneurship in the OIC Member States and growth in youth employment; welcomes cooperation between ICYF-DC and the State of Qatar on development of ICYEN Project and looks forward for implementation of the Agreement signed between the ICYF-DC and Qatar Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations; **invites** IDB and member states to closely work with ICYF-DC in implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Support Fund (YESF) for opening the special credit line discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB as well as for providing grant tools for ICYEN capacity building in the least developed countries of the OIC.
- 5. Expresses** the assurances that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP SUSSC), UNESCO, ILO and UNEP will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC; **welcomes** the cooperation between ICYF-DC and UNDP

SUSSC for implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Development (YED) programme.

6. **Appreciates** the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and calls upon the Member States to actively take part in the program; **welcomes** “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day Program” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity; and **calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and International levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity;
7. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) at its First Convention held on 7-10 April 2011, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF-DC and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. MehribanAliyeva, The First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO/ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador; **recognizes** ICYF-DC as the OIC partner in youth related issues in OIC-AoC Cooperation and calls upon the Member States and OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC as the representative of the OIC youth in GYMAoC; and coordinate their relevant actions vis-à-vis UN AoC youth programs with relevant position of ICYF-DC including its position for advancing interest of Muslim youth at the forthcoming 6<sup>th</sup> UN AoC Forum in 2014, in Indonesia.
8. **Endorses** Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI) and action Plan signed by the parties in November 2010 in follow up to the said MOU; calls upon member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU and its Action Plan;
9. **Welcomes** launching of new global award by ICYF-DC for young Muslims from across the world titled “10 Young Muslims who can change the World” anticipated to be annual global award to celebrate the success of 10 exceptional young Muslims and the contribution they make to improve the world and calls upon the OIC member-states and institutions to cooperate with ICYF-DC to this end; **Acknowledges** ICYF-DC as a OIC youth institution, being an umbrella organization for the national youth councils of the OIC Member States as well as Muslim youth organizations from the non-OIC countries; **Appreciates** ICYF-DC’s initiative to establish National Youth



Councils in the OIC member-states, in particular in the MENA region to coordinate the youth activities and calls upon the member-states and the OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC for implementation of this endeavor; **welcomes** the “OIC Model”, an International Relations Training Program initiated by ICYF-DC and envisaged to raise awareness on and promote the OIC as leading international institution throughout the community of Universities in the Member States; **endorses** “State of Muslim Youth” annual report prepared by ICYF-DC Secretariat in cooperation with eminent Muslim scholars and calls upon Member States and OIC institutions to support the project and contribute to researches conducted by ICYF-DC to this end.

10. **Welcomes** “Mevlana” international student exchange programme and “Ibn Batuta” international youth exchange programme, both for the OIC member states initiated by the OIC Youth Forum and given OIC General Secretariat’s activities in this field requests the Forum to coordinate implementation of these programmes with the General Secretariat.
11. **Welcomes** the cooperation of ICYF-DC with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and requests the Secretary General to submit annual report on the Forum’s activities to the next session of Council of Foreign Affairs.
12. **Mandates** the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) and the host country to start preparations for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth and Sports to be held in 2016 in Turkey in coordination with the General Secretariat.
13. **Requests** the ISSF and ICYF-DC to coordinate their cooperation through memorandum of understanding, with a view of clarifying of their respective areas of activities.
14. **Welcomes** ICYF-DC General Assembly’s revising the name of the institution and to change it according to the current name of the OIC.

### C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. **Invokes** blessing on the futuristic activities which (IUMS) decided to perform within its 2013/2014 plan and urged member countries to entertain and participate in these activities with the aim of its success and grant it all possible material and moral support.
2. **Expresses** its sincere thanks to government of the Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia headed by the Custodian of The Two Holly Mosques, His Highness Crown Prince Salman Bin Abdul-Aziz and Second Deputy Prime Minister, His highness Prince Migrin Bin

Abdul-Aziz for fostering (IUMS) headquarters in Jeddah and the material and moral support which reflects their full belief in care of all issues related to the Islamic Nation Youth.

3. **Congratulates** His Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal on the occasion of his appointment Minister of Education and President of Saudi Arabia Boy Scout Association.
4. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude and thanks to His Excellency Professor EkmeleddinIhsanoglu on the occasion of the expiration of his work term as Secretary General of OIC, and **expresses** its congratulations to His Excellency Mr. Iyad madani on the occasion of his election as Secretary General of OIC wishing him all success.
5. **Expresses** its sincere thanks to his Excellency Dr. Khalid Al-Angari, Minister of High Education in KSA for his approval of participation of Saudi universities students in international journeys for universities students and youth.
6. **Expresses** its worm congratulations to Dr. Zuhair Hussain Ghunaim, (IUMS) Secretary General on the occasion of putting on (Bronze Wolf Medal) in the 40<sup>th</sup> International Scout Conference in Slovenia which is the highest scout award in the world granted by the World Scout Organization to the distincts in the scout movements service.
7. **Expresses** its thanks to Mr. Scott A. Teare the Secretary General of World Scout Organization for his cooperation with (IUMS) and its activities and programs and **appeals** to him for more cooperation with (IUMS).
8. **Expresses** its thanks to Dr. AtifAbdelmageedAbdelrahman the Director of Arab Regional Office and Secretary General of Arab Scout Organization for his cooperation with (IUMS) and its activities and programs and **appeals** to him for more cooperation with (IUMS).
9. **Requests** Ministers of High Education in member countries to stress on participation of universities in the International Journeys of universities students and youth which are organized by International Union Of Muslim Scouts to achieve the wish of the Islamic Countries Kings and Presidents in the 3<sup>rd</sup> exceptional summit conference held in Makkah 2005 by a call from the Custodian of The Two Holly Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz.
10. **Requests** Ministers of High Education and Ministers of Education in member countries to support (IUMS) in opening “Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz International Centers for Training of Residents Sons who are joining Distance Learning” in member countries where communities are resident and to assign competent bodies by that task, and it **calls** for support of these centers as they are very important for training of

Muslim Sons in countries other than their own and in commemoration of the name of his highness Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz for his donation for the establishment of these centers.

11. **Congratulates** His Highness Prince Khalid Al-Faisal Minister of Education in Saudi Arabia to approve the opening of "Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz International Centers for Training of Residents Sons who are joining Distance Learning" in KSA.
12. **Invokes blessing** on the starting off of (IUMS) in training Muslim Nation Youth in information and qualify them for information courses and graduate qualified information generation from member countries universities, and it requests Ministers of High Education to direct universities vice chancellors for the participation of their students in this important activity which is executed in cooperation with ISESCO.
13. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Islamic Development Bank for its support to the (IUMS) activities and projects.
14. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund headed by Ambassador Nasir Al-Zuabi for its support to the (IUMS) activities and projects.
15. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude and thanks to His Excellency Dr. Ali Bin Saud Al-Bimani, chancellor of Sultan Qaboos University for the participation of the university students in the international journeys for universities students and youth organized by (IUMS).
16. **Recommends** support of cooperative endowment project for Muslim Scouts. His highness Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz, God to have mercy upon, donated a land for the project and the (IUMS) is building it to be its headquarter and a residence for Muslim Scouts during their visit to perform their rituals.
17. **Recommends** the support of courses to prepare Muslim Scouts Leaders by obtaining the Wood Badge to form Muslim Scouts teams Leaders to perform care of Muslim Sons and explain Islamic religion to non-Muslims.
18. **Requests** Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) to coordinate and cooperate in youth affairs through signature of memos of understanding with the aim of organizing activities and programs in cooperation with (IUMS).
19. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude and thanks to the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organizations (ISESCO) and its Director General Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for his support and signing cooperation agreement with the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW).

## **D) THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS (WF-IAIS)**

- 1. Recommends** to the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support the plans and projects of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools in spreading Arabic language and Islamic culture and to extend every possible assistance for the implementation of such plans and projects.
- 2. Recommends** continued support for the organisation of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.
- 3. Recommends** to the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of text books series, prepared by the WF-IAIS, for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, the distribution of those books among Muslim learners, and the establishment of a WF-IAIS printing press at its headquarters, as well as other printing presses in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their utilization in those countries and among Muslim communities.
- 4. Recommends** support for the Assistance Fund for International Arab-Islamic Schools and Educational Institutions members of WF-IAIS with a view to helping them promote Islamic education standards, in particular in non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.
- 5. Requests** support for the WF-IAS project to establish an education section at the Imam Shafii College – Comoros Islands University to award Bachelors Degree in all Arabic language specialties in accordance with the agreement signed between the WF-IAIS and the Comoros national Ministry of Education preparatory to Masters and Doctorate studies in Teaching Curricular and Methods in the Section.
- 6. Recommends** support for the Examination Council of International Arab-Islamic Schools Project, set up by the WFIAIS in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims to set the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic universities, and to activate this Council and establish its regional branches.
- 7. Recommends** support for the projects undertaken by the WFIAIS to set up the Arabic language centre and forum of civilizations in London, the educational centre in Cairo, and Turkish Arab University in Istanbul.
- 8. Recommends** support for the WFIAIS activities towards the establishment of an examination council in Uganda in collaboration with the Islamic University in Uganda

as well as an examination council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMIAC.

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