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RESOLUTION NO. 1/9-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ELIMINATING HATRED AND PREJUDICE AGAINST ISLAM

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Reaffirming the valuable contribution of Islam to the human civilization, in particular by encouraging the promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding, genuine mutual respect in human exchanges and civilized discourse based on reason and logic,

Recalling the OIC objectives, in particular to endeavor to eliminate discrimination in all its forms and to preserve the dignity of all Muslims,

Reaffirming all OIC resolutions on the subject, which stress, inter alia, the need for effectively combating defamation of Islam and incitement to religious hatred, hostility, violence and discrimination against Islam and Muslims, as well as the growing trend of Islamophobia,

Recalling further that States have the obligation to prohibit by law any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,

Recalling also relevant international instruments on the elimination of various forms of discrimination, as well as all relevant resolutions adopted by the UN Human Rights Council and the UN General Assembly expressing grave concern at the instances of deliberate stereotyping of religions, their adherents and sacred persons in the media and by political parties and groups in some societies, and at the associated provocation and political exploitation,

Noting with concern that defamation of Islam could lead to social disharmony and violations of human rights,

Commending the efforts of the Secretary General for monitoring and taking effective action for countering Islamophobic incidents,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary General on the subject,

1. **Affirms** categorically the firm determination of Member States to continue their effective cooperation and close consultations to combat Islamophobia, defamation of all divine religions, and incitement to hatred, hostility and discrimination against Muslims.

2. **Expresses** its deep concern over the mounting trend of Islamophobia and systematic defamation of Islam as well as discrimination against Muslims including measures like the ban on constructions of minarets, burning of the holy Koran, attack on mosques and other discriminatory measures that incite religious hatred and **calls upon** the international community to exert efforts to prevent incitement to hatred and discrimination against Muslims and to take effective measures to combat the defamation of religions and negative stereotyping of people on the basis of religion, faith or race.

3. **Expresses** its deep concern over the ban on the construction of minarets in Switzerland as an Islamophobic act which contradicts the International Human Rights norms as well as the principle of Freedom of Religions, and **urges** that Government, in line with its obligations under international law, to take all necessary measure to repeal the ban so as to ensure the rights of the Muslim Community therein.

4. **Asserts** that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent, interrelated in nature, taking into consideration the significance of national and regional particularities, and the various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds. **Emphasizes** the necessity for the international community to address all human rights issues in an objective, impartial and nonselective manner.

5. **Attaches** utmost importance to the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of expression, as stipulated in international human rights law instruments and **further recalls** that international human rights law provides that the exercise of the right to freedom of expression carries with it special duties and responsibilities and therefore may be subject to certain restrictions provided by law and necessary for respect of the rights or reputations of others, and for the protection of national security or public order, or public health or morals.

6. **Stresses** the need to prevent the abuse of freedom of expression and freedom of press for insulting Islam and other divine religions and the necessity for ensuring that the right to freedom of expression should be exercised by all, in particular the media, with responsibility and in accordance with the law.

7. **Welcomes** the adoption of the OIC Strategy to broaden support for its resolution on “Combating defamation of religions” at the 37th Session of the CFM held in Dushanbe and expressed satisfaction on the continued efforts of the OIC Groups in Geneva and New York towards achieving a consensus on this resolution.

- 8. Commends** the Secretary-General for taking the initiative of convening a two day Brainstorming Session of a Panel of Eminent Persons on the OIC Sponsored Resolution on ‘Combating Defamation of Religions’ at the IRCICA premises in Istanbul from 4 to 5 July 2010, which examined the various aspects of the Resolution with a view to broadening international support for the resolution. **Reiterates** the urgency of enhanced coordination with regard to the procedure as well as the substantive content of the Resolution – particularly among the General Secretariat and the OIC Groups in New York and Geneva.
- 9. Rejects** all acts and attempts of distortion to associate Islam with terrorism and believes that such stereotyping leads to discrimination and poses grave and multidimensional challenges to global as well as regional peace, security and stability.
- 10. Calls** upon the international community to make collective efforts to prevent incitement to hatred and discrimination against Muslims and to take effective measures to discourage negative stereotyping of people on the basis of religion, faith or race.
- 11. Emphasizes** the need to develop, at the UN, including the HRC, a legally binding institutional instrument to promote respect for all religions and cultural values and prevent intolerance, discrimination and the instigation of hatred against any group or followers of any religion.
- 12. Condemns** in the strongest possible terms, all blasphemous acts against Islamic principles, symbols and sacred personalities, in particular, publication of offensive caricatures of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), attack on his companions, family, Quran and Sunnah and all abhorrent and irresponsible statements about Islam and its sacred personalities, and screening of defamatory documentary about the Holy Quran and dissemination of this hate material under the pretext of freedom of expression and opinion.
- 13. Expresses** great alarm at the rise of influence of right wing radical elements and their proponents who are actively perpetrating Islamophobia as seen in the case of the heinous plan to burn the holy Koran in Florida, USA and **commends** the OIC Secretary General for his timely intervention on the issue.
- 14. Expresses** its appreciation for the strong and principled statements made by the US authorities including its President, and other world leaders as well as community and religious leaders on the unfortunate episode pertaining to the "Burn a Koran Day" and further **expressed** satisfaction at the strong condemnation and pressure emanating thus, that led to the abandoning of the planned burning.
- 15. Strongly condemns** and deplored the most recent publication of the book entitled “Tyranny of Silence” by the Cultural Editor of the Jyllands Posten newspaper of Denmark that included a compilation of denigrating caricatures and cartoons of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) which were published by the same newspaper in 2005 arousing worldwide condemnation and denunciation, and causing hurt and insult to the sentiments of Muslims around the world.

16. Underscores that the publication of the book constituted a flagrant violation of the stipulation of Article 20 of 1966 International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, as well as the Danish Criminal Code section '140' stipulating protection of religious feelings against mockery and scorn, and in section '266 b' stipulating protection of groups of persons against scorn and degradation on account of their religions among other things.

17. Declares that the publication of the book substantiated the OIC's concerns over the abuse of freedom of expression by motivated groups and individuals to fuel hatred towards Islam and Muslims in some parts of the western world and **calls** for an immediate withdrawal of the book from the market and **hopes** that similar items in the future would not be repeated.

18. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the OIC initiatives in order to effectively counter Islamophobia through discussions and deliberations in various international forums and **calls** for a global awareness on the dangerous implications of the rise of Islamophobia on world peace and security and called on the international community to demonstrate its collective political will to address the issue with all urgency.

19. Welcomes the consensual statement made by the President of the Human Rights Council of behalf of the Council on September 30 2010 regarding the condemnation of the growing number of instances of religious intolerance such as discrimination, conflating a religion with terrorism, or desecrating or destroying Holy books, religious sites or shrines, which continued to occur in all parts of the world.

20. Strongly deplors all acts of psychological and physical violence and assaults, and incitement thereto, against Muslims and acts directed against their business, properties, cultural centres and places of worship, as well as targeting of holy sites, religious symbols and venerated personalities of Islam.

21. Reaffirms that all Islamophobic acts are contemporary forms of discrimination, constitute an affront to human dignity and violate the internationally recognized human rights norms and standards.

22. Also reaffirms the commitment of all States to the implementation, in an integrated manner, of the United Nations Global Counter-terrorism Strategy, adopted without a vote by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 60/288 of 8 September 2006 and reaffirmed by the Assembly in its resolution 62/272 of 5 September 2008, and in which it clearly reaffirms, inter alia, that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilization or group, as well as the need to reinforce the commitment of the international community to promote, among other things, a culture of peace and respect for all religions, beliefs and cultures and to prevent the defamation of religions.

23. Calls upon all States to prevent any advocacy of religious discrimination, hostility or violence and defamation of Islam by incorporating legal and administrative

measures which render defamation illegal and punishable by law, and also **urges** all Member States to adopt specific and relevant educational measures at all levels.

24. Commends with satisfaction the relevant activities of the Secretary General and the work of the OIC Groups in the United Nations particularly the OIC Working Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva for their valuable contribution to protect and promote the common interests of the OIC Member States and **requests** them to continue their activities in line with the resolutions of the Organization.

25. Calls for the implementation of the Strategy on Combating Islamophobia adopted by the 11th Islamic Summit and the importance of expediting the implementation process of its decision on developing “a legally binding international instrument to prevent intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion, and defamation of religions and to promote and ensure the respect for all religions”.

26. Encourages Inter-parliamentary Group of the OIC Member States to take appropriate measures to combat all forms and manifestations of defamation of Islam and inciting prejudice and hatred against Muslims, inter alia, by coordinating and unifying their relevant positions at the regional and international fora.

27. Expressed satisfaction on the work of the OIC Islamophobia Observatory and **requests** the Secretary General to further activate the Islamophobia Observatory.

28. Requests H. E. the Chairman of the COMIAC and the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference to bring the issue to the 12th Session Islamic Summit Conference to be held in Sharm Al-Sheikh in Egypt in March 2011.

29. Also requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 12th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

B) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS:

Recalling the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8th 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, 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 exerted by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan through The Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, with the organization of many meetings and conferences in the framework of dialogue among religions, cultures and civilizations, both inside and outside the kingdom, and its contribution to the Amman Message adopted in an international conference held in Amman in 2005, with the participation of religious scholars from different Islamic schools of thought. The Message which was translated into living languages and which was distributed on a large scale, highlighted the enlightened image of Islam and its commitment to dialogue with the other in order to achieve the wellbeing and progress of the human society.

4. Welcomes Kazakhstan's continuous efforts in promoting dialogue among civilizations, including those in its capacity as the Chair of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, **supports** the decision to hold High Level OSCE Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination on June 29-30, 2010 in Astana and **encourages** the OIC Secretary General, Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu to consider participating in this event.

5. Supports the initiative of the President of Kazakhstan H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev to declare the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures in 2010 endorsed by the UN General Assembly resolution 62/90 and **calls** on the OIC Member States and the international community to organize and actively participate in, events on interreligious and intercultural dialogue in 2010.

6. Further supports the initiative of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev for convening the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions and **encourages** the religious circles of the OIC and the International Community to continue their active participation in this forum.

7. Commends the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, the EU and other international organizations, 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.

8. 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.

9. Commends the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, in this **emphasizes** the importance of the Conference on "Intercultural Dialogue as a basis for peace and sustainable development in Europe and its neighboring regions" held on 2-3 December 2008 in Baku and its "Baku Declaration for the Promotion of Intercultural Dialogue", which presents a unique opportunity for the OIC to develop initiatives and possible joint projects for further promoting sustained process of intercultural dialogue and highlighting the true image of Islam in the world.

10. 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.

11. Appreciates the UN General Assembly Resolution regarding announcement of the year 2010 as the Year of the International Rapprochement of Cultures that calls for promotion of the religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, advocating the respect of the specificities of each culture or religion and stressing the need to respect and protect religious sites in accordance with the relevant international treaties.

C) 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,

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 Istanbul Forum in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

Noting the Alliance's adoption of a Regional Strategy for Southeast Europe, its initiative to develop a similar Regional Strategy for the Mediterranean, and its decision to hold the Alliance's Annual Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 28-29 May 2010,

- 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 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.
- 3. Appeals** to Member States to become affiliated to the Alliance of Civilizations, thereby generating an additional momentum to the development of this initiative consistent with the goals of the OIC, and benefiting all humankind.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Commends** the Secretary General for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.
- 6. Welcomes** the initiative taken by the Secretary General to invite the High Representative of the AoC to a lecture session on "OIC-AoC partners in Dialogue among Civilizations" at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah as a step forward in cooperation between the two organizations.
- 7. Expresses** satisfaction for the implementation by the OIC, AoC and other partners, of the Project "Restore Trust, Rebuild Bridges" under which the OIC will be launching a capacity building program for the Palestinian civil society in the first semester of 2010.
- 8. Supports** the Egyptian initiative for Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue and the sessions organized so far in its framework, and **commends** the Euro-Mediterranean Strategy of the Alliance of Civilizations and Egypt's efforts under this initiative.
- 9. Appreciates** the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the 1st Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States in Jeddah on April 24-25, 2010 and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the third AoC Annual Forum held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on May 28-29, 2010.
- 10. Lauds** the Secretary General for taking the lead in organizing a sub event on Islamophobia at the 3rd Annual Forum of the AoC in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

D) 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 to submit their projects to ISESCO.
2. **Commends** the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities in 2009 and 2010 to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and calls on Member States to actively participate in Baku, Kuala Lumpur, N'djamena and Kairouan celebrating in the course of 2009 and in Dushanbe, Tarim and Marrakech celebrating in the course of 2010.
3. **Expresses** its appreciation and gratitude to His Excellency President Zine el Abidine Ben Ali for giving his patronage to the program of celebration of Kairouan as the capital of Islamic Culture for the year 2009. This celebration contributed to explain the role of Kairouan in spreading the Islamic civilization and making the human civilization as a beacon of peace, which contributed to the dissemination of the lofty values of Islam in the world for centuries. This celebration also contributed to emphasizing the cultural and civilizational radiance of Tunisia further confirmed after the 7th November and which reinstated Tunisia's standing and consolidated its Arab and Islamic affiliation.

E) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR:

Taking into account the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri calendar,

Having considered the final communiqué of the joint symposium with the OIC General Secretariat, held in Tunis on 11 June 2009 on the topic: "Unifying the Hijra Calendar,"

Having considered the OIC Secretary General's welcome of the implementation of the Tunisian proposal on the unification of the Hijra calendar:

1. **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 the University of Cairo and Center for Space Studies and consultation in the Arab Republic of Egypt.
2. **Decides** to establish a committee to meet at the level of experts and representatives of ministries of Islamic affairs to prepare a unified Hijra calendar, to be later submitted for the approval of the ministries of Islamic affairs in Member States;
3. **Decides** also to deploy more efforts to unify the Hijra calendar with a view to arriving at a correct practical formula to enable Islamic countries to agree and unite on the beginning of lunar months;

4. Decides also to consider this issue in the framework of harmonizing between the sharia sighting and the astronomical and scientific version.

F) CONFERENCE OF SCHOLARS

Recalling the Forum of Muslim Intellectuals held in Makkah from 9 to 11 September 2005 upon the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the King of Saudi Arabia;

Recognising the need for coordinating and unifying the positions of Muslim intellectuals and thinkers in order to meet the challenges facing the Islamic world;

Having taken note of the outcome of the First Continental Conference of African Scholars which was held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) from 7 to 9 June 2010 upon the initiative of the President of the Republic of Senegal:

1. Commends Senegal for the initiatives taken to establish continental coordination with the aim of joining African scholars' efforts and contributions in order to help resolve the problems facing the Continent, the Ummah and humanity as a whole.

2. Reaffirms the importance of Islamic research and education for the promotion of Islamic thought.

3. Calls upon the Member States to support this important initiative and to participate at the Conference of World Scholars proposed to be held in 2011.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/9-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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 the Islamic Conference, 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 the Islamic Conference 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 Mosque 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 17th 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 the Islamic Conference made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Mosque and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Mosque and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Mosque 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. **Recommends** that the issue be submitted to (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Parties.
6. **Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 2/36-C adopted by 36th CFM and Resolution 2/37-C adopted by the 37th 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 Baramulla 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 deplores** the destruction of the 539 year 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. **Iso 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), 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.

D) THE DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES, HOLY TOMBS, HUSSAINIAT AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN IRAQ:

Continuous to be deeply concerned about the terrorist destructions in Iraq that affected the Mosques, Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in addition to the killing of many Iraqis:

1. **Deplores strongly** the destruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al Hadi and Imam Al Askari, and religious sites, mosques and places of worship as acts aimed at causing sedition and sectarian strife among Iraqi citizens.

2. **Expresses** its deep concern about the numerous and substantial losses of life and public and private property.

3. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Government of Iraq and its continued endeavours in reconstruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship that were destroyed.

4. **Urges** the international community, in particular the Member States to exert utmost efforts by providing possible assistance in order to protect religious places, especially because they are citadels of Islamic civilization.

5. **Affirms** the necessity and importance of strengthening the unity of the Iraqi people and of rejecting differences, particularly those with sectarian foundations.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/9-C
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Conscious of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Reaffirming of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period;

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

A) PROMOTING WOMEN'S STATUS IN THE OIC:

Recalling the OIC's obligations towards international conventions and instruments, particularly those related to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (the Fourth World Conference on Women 1995), and Beijing + 5 and recommendations made in the 1st Conference on "Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States" in Istanbul as well as within the OIC framework of the Ten Year Program of Action;

Acknowledging the outcomes of the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on November 24-25, 2008, with particular reference to the adoption of OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (Cairo Plan of Action for Women), and its welcoming of Egypt's proposal to establish and host a new specialized organ within the framework of the Organization concerned with women's affairs and advancement;

Reiterating the OIC's commitment in addressing a range of difficulties envisaged by women and reducing inequalities between women and men, and between particular groups of women in the OIC Member States, which earmarks the visionary and comprehensive strategy of the OIC to advance the status of women;

Recalling the importance of the international humanitarian law specially the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women and children;

Stressing the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process:

Recalling resolution 4/36-C adopted by the 36th Session of CFM held in Damascus in 2009; welcoming the establishment of an organization concerned with women affairs and advancement, to be headquartered in Cairo;

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General on the adoption by the OIC Legal Experts Group of the Statute of the organization concerned with women affairs and advancement, in the meeting held in Jeddah on 12-14 October 2009;

1. Urges the OIC Member States to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with greater role in the development of Muslim society in various fields.

2. Considers that poverty among women has to be alleviated to elevate them into equally productive and proactive partners of men in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify those misperceptions emanating from the false attribution of women's problems and social ills in the Muslim societies to Islam.

3. Calls the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to campaign smuggling, sexual abuse of women, exploitation of women's labor, pornography and abuse of women for commercial purposes by the media and protect the victims of such cases, recalling women's high moral and spiritual status and dignity and their right to decent life.

4. Requests the OIC Member States to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit and empowerment of women.

5. Urges the governments of the OIC Member States to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the level of education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process.

6. Recommends the OIC Member States, due to the dangerous implications of the recent conflicts in the region including those in the occupied Palestinian lands, Iraq and Afghanistan and also the recent Israeli invasion against Lebanon, to hold regional expert meetings to develop some directives to support women and girls in military conflicts and submit the results to the relevant international organizations as well as condemning the attacks by Ghods Occupying Regime to Palestine, killing innocent women and children.

7. Welcomes the adoption of the OPAAW by the Second Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States as a comprehensive plan

of action and **endorses** it for the implementation by Member States in coordination with the General Secretariat within the prescribed timeframes, and **reiterates** the welcoming highlighted by the said Conference of Egypt's Proposal to establish and host a new specialized organ within the framework of Organization concerned with women's affairs and advancement.

8. Welcomes the adoption of the statute of the Cairo Center on Women Affairs by the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers. **Calls** on the Member States to join this organization, and to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat for the implementation of the Islamic Summit Conferences and CFM resolutions on women's advancement.

9. Appreciates the preparations made by the Islamic Republic of Iran in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat to host the Third Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States on 19 -21 December, 2010.

10. Welcomes the outcome of the First International Conference of Women Scientists held in the Islamic Republic of Iran on 27 to 28 January 2010 through the support of ISESCO.

11. Appreciates the initiatives of Mrs. Leila Ben Ali, President of the Arab Women Organization for holding of High Level International Conference on Women at the level of first ladies of the Member States to be hosted by Republic of Tunisia under high patronage during 28-30 October 2010.

B) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD:

Recalling in particular, the provisions of the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of the rights of the child,

Welcoming the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF:

1. Requests the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, and to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and to reiterate the Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.

2. Commends the role of UNICEF in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.

3. Urges Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions

in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.

4. Requests Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programs and to support programs which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.

5. Urges the Member States to act for the implementation of Rabat declaration adopted by the 1st Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children.

6. Welcomes the outcomes of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood held in Khartoum, The Sudan on February 2-4, 2009.

7. Appreciates the preparations made by the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to host the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO.

C) PROMOTING THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Emphasizing the role of the youth in the Islamic world in promoting dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, in highlighting the true image of Islam and in the dissemination of its eternal values which call for moderation, dialogue, tolerance and the respect of the other, **Having considered (with appreciation)** the conclusions of the International Conference on 'Youth Issues in the Islamic world: Today's Stakes and Tomorrow's Challenges' held by the ISESCO in the Republic of Tunisia under the High Patronage of His Excellency President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali (Tunis, 24-26 November 2008):

1. Hails the hosting by the Republic of Tunisia of the International Conference on 'Youth Issues in the Islamic world: Today's Stakes and Tomorrow's Challenges' held by the ISESCO in Tunis on 24-26 November 2008; **reiterates** its gratitude and highest consideration to the President of the Republic of Tunisia Zine El Abidine Ben Ali for hosting and giving his high patronage to the Conference; **commends** the results of the Conference and **expresses** its support to its resolutions and conclusions as included in the Tunis Declaration for the promotion of the youth's position in the Islamic world.

2. Supports and backs the initiative of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali to declare the year 2010 an International Youth Year and supports his invitation to hold, under the supervision of the United Nations Organization, a world youth conference in 2010 co-organized by the ISESCO and international Islamic organizations concerned with the issues of the youth.

3. Welcomes the initiative of the ISESCO to declare 2009 a 'Year of Dialogue with youth in the Islamic world', **supports** its efforts to organize the Islamic preparatory meeting of the international youth conference early in 2010, and **invites** OIC Member

States to contribute to the success of this consultation and participate in the activities of the International Youth Conference at the highest level.

4. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud for his kind approval for the hosting of the *International Symposium on Youth in the Muslim world: Enlightenment of today and hope for the future* by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and under his High Patronage that would be held by ISESCO and the King Abdul Aziz Center for National Dialogue in March 2011 and **supports** holding this symposium that will contribute in strengthening the status of youth in the Muslim world and their role in achieving strength prosperity of the Ummah.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/9-C
ON
ISLAMIC, CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th 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 offer the Institute's doors 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 RESEARCH 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 People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/9-C
ON
PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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 continued Israeli policy of 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 to expand the municipal boundaries of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif by constructing more 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;

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

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. **Also calls on** the Member States to support the Palestinian Student Fund in the Diaspora camps which was established by virtue of a Presidential Decree issued by President Mahmoud Abbas.

3. **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.

4. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate effectively in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN:

1. **Condemns** the measures taken by the Israeli occupation authorities against the educational and cultural institutions and organizations in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly in terms of the obstacles created by the racist separation Wall preventing Palestinian students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities and thus denying Palestinians access to education, so as to obliterate their national identity, alienate them from their culture and history, and distort their civilization so as to serve the designs of occupation.

2. **Emphasizes** on the full withdrawal by Israel from Arab occupied lands including Occupied Syrian Golan to the Fourth June line of 1967 in accordance with international resolutions 242 and 338.

3. **Reiterates** its refusal of the Israeli acts in the Occupied Syrian Golan and that the OIC should do the necessary in cooperation with the UNESCO to prevent Israel from annexing same sites in the Arab Syrian Golan and Palestine to its heritage.

4. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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 SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES 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. **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.

3. **Commends** the newly elected Director General of the UNESCO for her assurances to the Secretary General that the UNESO shares the concerns of the OIC with regard to the preservation of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Al-Quds.

4. **Condemns** 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 tunnel; 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 destroying 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 3rd 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. Commends the efforts of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and the high orientations of His Majesty King Abdullah Ibn Hussein (May God protect him) in rehabilitation of the Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, specially rebuilding the historical tribune Salahuddin and restoring the holy Dome of the Rock, in addition to the efforts of the Kingdom in facing the Israeli planes aimed at Judaism the Holy City and stop the excavations under the foundation of the Aqsa Mosque.

10. Commends the efforts of Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency following the Royal directives of His Majesty King Mohamed VI, Chairman of Al-Quds Committee (May Allah protect him), to preserve the identity of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its religious, cultural and civilizational character, and to promote the steadfastness of its inhabitants through the support and funding of programmes and projects in the sectors of health, education, housing, etc.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Requests the General Secretariat to constitute a committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetrated 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 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/9-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions of Islamic Summit Conferences and the other OIC Conferences Islamic Conferences, specially the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference and the 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

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), ISTANBUL:

1. Notes with appreciation the production of a number of reference books in the field of culture, history, arts, and crafts of the Muslim world resulting from the Centre's various programs and research projects, and organization of academic congresses, awards and diverse exhibitions;

2. Praises the launching of the program titled "1400th year of the revelation of the Holy Qur'an" commemorating the passage of fourteen centuries since the beginning of the revelation, with an international inaugural conference which gave it a beginning worthy of its significance; **expresses its appreciation** to H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey for giving his patronage to the event and for inaugurating it and to H.E. Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, Chairman of the 11th Islamic Summit and Chairman of COMIAC for his message which was read at the inaugural ceremony, and to all Member States having participated in the event at ministerial and/or scholarly levels, and **invites** all Member States to devote activities to this commemoration during 2010-2011.

3. Commends the continuing studies on copies and translations of the Holy Qur'an in printed and manuscript forms and **takes note** in this regard of the bibliography of translation in Urdu language published in the series on manuscript translations of the Qur'an and the facsimile edition of the Qur'an copy attributed to the time of Caliph Othman which belongs to the collection of Mashhad Imam Hussain in Cairo published in the series of editions of the oldest known copies.

4. Commends the Centre's diverse activities, including coordination of intergovernmental academic projects, aimed at promoting correct knowledge and awareness, positive understanding and dialogue among civilizations, projecting the true image of Islam and Muslim cultures, correcting references to these subjects in publications and textbooks which also help combating Islamophobia, and **notes** with appreciation in this regard the launching and coordination jointly with the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre, of a project on "Interactions between cultures within

and around the Mediterranean and between the Mediterranean and Other Cultures and Regions of the World”, also adopted among UN Alliance of Civilizations projects by the Second Summit held in Istanbul in April 2009, and RICICA’s partnership with the Council of Europe in the project on “The Image of the Other in History Teaching” involving symposiums, research and publishing including its active participation in the third forum of the UN alliance of civilizations held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 27-30 May 2010, and its conducting, jointly with the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre, a project to produce references highlighting the history of cultural interactions between civilizations for use as supplements to history textbooks, where Islamic contributions will be reflected.

5. Takes note of the series of regional congresses on Islamic civilization organized jointly with governments and universities within and outside the Member States with participation from around the world, **records** in this respect the holding of the congress on history titled “The Maghreb and Western Mediterranean during the Ottoman Period” held under the patronage of H.M. King Mohammed VI of Morocco (Rabat, 12-14 November 2009) and the congress on the History of Yemen held under the patronage of the President of the Republic of Yemen H. E. AH Abdullah Saleh (Sana’a, 16-17 December 2009) as well as the publication of the books resulting from the congresses on “Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural Region” (Kazan, 2005), “Islamic Civilization in South Africa” (Johannesburg, 2006) and “Islamic Civilization in Balkans” (Bucharest, 2006), and **express** its appreciation that these congresses and the resulting publications help to strengthen scholarly bonds between the Member States on one hand, and the Muslim communities and the Islamic cultural heritage located outside the Member States as well as scholars of the world, on the other;

6. Takes note of the plan of IRCICA to organize the Fourth International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in the Balkans to be held on 13-17 October 2010 in Skopje, Macedonia; the Fourth International Congress on Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural Region to be held in Ufa on 21-22 October 2010 and the International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in the Mediterranean to be held in Lefkosa on 1-4 December 2010.

7. Takes note of the successful organization of the International Congress on “The Second Constitutional Period of the Ottoman State on its Centenary” held in Istanbul on 7-10 May 2008;

8. Notes with appreciation the successful organization of the International Congress on Employment of Traditional Industries within the new Architectural Projects held in Tunis on 27-31 October 2008 in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Handicraft and the Ministry of Culture and Heritage Preservation of the Tunisian Republic;

9. Notes with appreciation the publication by IRCICA of a Documentary Volume entitled: **Tourism and Handicrafts in the Muslim World** which provides a survey assessment of the prospects of economic, social and cultural development of the relationship between Tourism and handicrafts in nearly 50 OIC Countries;

10. Takes note of the plan of IRCICA to organize the Doha International Festival on Arts, Heritage and Creativity in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the State of Qatar which includes the organization of an international Seminar on Innovation and Creativity in Arts and Crafts; International Doha Award for Innovation in Crafts and International Exhibition of Artisans-as-at Work which is planned to be held in Doha on 5-9 December, 2010;.

11. Takes note of the plan of IRCICA to organize the Muscat International Festival on Arts, Heritage and Creativity in cooperation with the Muscat Municipality, Sultanate of Oman which includes the organization of a Congress on Excellence in Crafts; The Muscat Award for Artisans and International Exhibition of Craft Products and Techniques of Artisans planned to be held in Muscat on 1-15 February, 2010;

12. Notes with appreciation the finalization of the International Competition for the “Prince Faisal bin Fahd Awards for the Preservation of Islamic Architectural Heritage” that IRCICA dedicated to the memory of the late Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the Chairman of the International Commission for the Preservation of Islamic Cultural Heritage (ICPICH) as a tribute for his remarkable contributions to the preservation of Islamic cultural heritage, and the presentation of the awards to the winning architectural restoration projects in October 2009;

13. Commends the activities aiming to highlight and preserved the Islamic heritage of Al-Quds and Palestine, especially the Al-Quds/Jerusalem 2015 program which produced an architectural report, the publication of an annotated documentary album of historical photographs of Al-Quds in three language editions and the holding of a congress on “Al-Quds during the Ottoman Era: (Damascus, 22-25 June 2009) in cooperation with the Syrian Ministry of Culture.

14. Note with appreciation the publication of a unique Volume entitled: Tatar History and Civilization which represent a reference work in English and provide detailed information about the origins and historical evolution of Tatar society;

15. Notes the progress made in the establishment 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, **praises** the activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, in particular IRCICA’s participation in the organization of the International Congress for Urban heritage in Islamic Countries (Riyadh, May 2010) place under the patronage of the Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques H.M. King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and organized at the initiative of Supreme Commission for Tourism and Antiquities of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and also, IRCICA’s collaboration with international bodies concerned, such as the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and **requests** 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 permanently with the Database unit at IRCICA in this respect.

16. Note with appreciation the implementation of the 8th international calligraphy competition organized in the name of the late Syrian calligrapher M. Badawi Al-Dirani

(1312-1387 H./1894-1967), and sponsored by Abu Dhabi Culture and Heritage Authority (7-1973) with a ceremony held in Abu Dhabi and Istanbul on 15 April 2010;

17. Commends IRCICA for organizing the second International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in West Africa, in Mali in 2010;

18. Takes note of the plan of IRCICA to coordinate a comprehensive publication on the history and civilization of Islam and the history of Muslim nations;

19. Expresses its gratitude to the Prime Minister of Turkey H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan for allocation by the Turkish Government of a spacious building within the Yildiz Palace complex for IRCICA's library and for the Prime Minister's inaugurating the library on 17 May 2009 upon completion of the Library Expansion and Development Project undertaken by IRCICA, and also **expresses** its gratitude to H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Makhtoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Emir of Dubai, for the generous funding which made possible the re-arrangement and furnishing of the building and establishment of a Digital Library for Research on Islamic Civilization within IRCICA library.

20. Thanks the Member States for the moral and material support extended to IRCICA, in particular the host country of IRCICA, the Republic of Turkey, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host country of the OIC General Secretariat; **expresses its gratitude** for the support and patronage extended by the Sovereigns, Heads of State and Government of the Member States to IRCICA: to H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, for having visited the Centre and extending a generous donation to IRCICA in support of its various long-term programs; H.E. President Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, President of the Eleventh Islamic Summit and Chairman of COMIAC for having visited IRCICA and extending support of its activities, and to H.E. Malal Bacai Sanha, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, for attending the opening ceremony of the Governing Board session.

21. Expresses its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and **invites** the other countries to do so and settle their arrears to IRCICA's budget.

B) THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY

1. Expresses profound appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his appeal to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), during the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah on 5-8 December 2005, to assume an effective role in combating extremism and spreading moderation; and **emphasizes** the importance of reforming the Islamic Fiqh Academy to become a jurisprudential authority for the Islamic Ummah.

2. Expresses thanks to H.E. the OIC Secretary General for the due attention he devotes to the IIFA pursuant to the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah.

3. **Thanks** Dr. Abdussalam Daoud Al-Abady former Secretary of the IIFA for his effective role in enhancing the role of the IIFA in accordance with the resolutions of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al Mukarramah from 5 – 8 December 2005 and **commends** his outstanding performance throughout his time at the helm in the IIFA secretariat.
4. **Praises** the efforts made by IIFA to organize the consultation meeting on the OIC Halal Standards Projects on the Standardization Expert Group and valuable studies that emphasizes the need to adhere to the provision of Islamic rules and principles regulating this important subject related to Halal foods.
5. **Recommends** that the opinion of the IIFA on the Islamic rules and principles regulating Halal foods be adopted by the OIC Standardization Expert Group (SEG) and the COMCEC in the further work for the Halal Food System.
6. **Takes note** of the various activities of the IIFA aimed at projecting the correct image of Islam based on moderation.
7. **Takes note** of the efforts of the IIFA and hails the cooperation with the Jordanian university, ISESCO and Islamic Research and Training Institute in organizing a conference on cooperative insurance that took place from 11 – 13 April 2010.
8. **Commends** the IIFA's efforts in organizing consultative meetings on the global financial crisis and Islamic economic thought to which many specialized agencies were invited.
9. **Notes with appreciation** the efforts deployed by the IIFA in organizing a symposium on Islamic sukuks in cooperation with the King Abdulaziz University, the Islamic Research and Training Institute and the General Council for Banks, that took place in May 2010.
10. **Takes note** of the IIFA's efforts to organize a symposium on combating narcotics in conjunction with the Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University.
11. **Commends** the efforts and work of the staff of IIFA Secretariat since the thirty-second session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs. performance of the staff of the IIFA
12. **Thanks** the Zayed Charitable Foundation for its support to the work of the IIFA through financing Fiqh Rules Teaching project.
13. **Thanks** the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Islamic Institute for Research and Training for their continuous support to the Economic Fiqh Encyclopedia.
14. **Thanks** the Member States that hosted the annual IIFA sessions namely the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), The United Arab Emirates (**3 sessions: in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah**), the State of Kuwait (2 sessions) Brunei Darussalam, Bahrain, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of

Oman, and Malaysia (one session each). This is deemed a real contribution from these countries to the support the IIFA. ISECS calls upon the OIC Member States to host IIFA future sessions, which will help achieve its goals and objectives.

15. **Commends** the outstanding standards of the IIFA's academic publications and the topics and studies they contain which meet the needs and aspirations of the Islamic Ummah to confront the civilisational, intellectual and scientific challenges, in particular the IIFA's journal which has now reached 16 editions/ 54 volumes and for the IIFA's production of the journal and its research on compact discs (CD).

16. **Thanks** the Member States which paid their contributions to the budget of the IIFA, and **renews** its call to the Member States which have not yet paid their dues to do so soon as convenient. It also **recommends** that all the Member States continue their support to the IIFA so as to enable it to serve Islam and Muslims, in particular in issues that are vital for the Ummah.

C. ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND (ISF)

Recalling the decisions taken Islamic conferences, particularly the 11th Islamic Summit held in Dakar-Senegal from 13 to 14 March 2008, as well as the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, at its 34th Session held in Islamabad from 15 to 17 May 2007 in respect of the support for the Fund and its Waqf, as well as making serious efforts to strengthen it;

Observing with gratitude the achievements of the Fund during the past 36 years in terms of providing assistance to public and private institution as well as those in charge of youth affairs, high education, Islamic enlightenment and youth welfare throughout the Muslim world;

Registering with satisfaction the approval by the 11th Islamic Summit held in Dakar-Senegal, of the increase of the capital of the Waqf to US\$ 200 million to enable the Fund to achieve through its investments a financial basis for tapping resources in favour of its budget making it capable of funding the biggest number of programmes possible whose execution are required in favour of the Member States;

Recalling the importance of the noble purposes of the ISF being an icon of Sharia based Islamic joint administration amongst Member States and its deep interest in the Islamic Solidarity which constitute a communication bridge between Muslim peoples, in addition to its being the humanitarian and charity arm of the OIC;

And having considered the report of the General Secretary and Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of the its budget for the year 2010, as well as the financial difficulties it is facing in the framework of executing its budget and annual programmes because of acute short resources;

1) **Expresses** its resolve to preserve this important Islamic body which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of the Islamic solidarity.

- 2) **Exhorts** Member States to make donations annually –within their available means-to the ISF and contributions to the capital of its Waqf
- 3) **Also exhorts** Member States which had announced their contributions to expedite action in paying these contributions to enable the Fund to maintain the solidarity bond of the Muslim Ummah.
- 4) **Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to the Member States which made contributions to the Fund during the financial 2009, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates then the State of Kuwait, the State of Qatar, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Tunisia, the Gabonese Republic and Republic of Senegal.
- 5) **Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF.
- 6) **Adopts** the Permanent Council’s approval of the closing accounts of the ISF for the financial year 2010
- 7) **Approves** the Permanent Council’s adoption of the estimated projects budget of US\$ 20 million for the Fund for the financial year 2010.
- 8) **Also calls** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the operational budget of the Executive Bureau of the Fund which was approved by the Permanent Finance Committee at its thirty-eight session, held in December 2009.
- 9) **Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistances to cultural, Islamic and educational projects in the Muslim world, focusing particularly on projects whose creation has been decided during the Islamic Conferences of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
10. **Expresses** its profound gratitude and appreciation to the Emergency Committee for its rapid response, with its available financial resources, in dealing with catastrophes and natural disasters affecting the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to endeavour to make contributions for the purpose of making resources available to the Fund to enable it strengthen this aspect.
11. **Also expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the efforts they are making in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/9-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 37th Session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report submitted by ISESCO and ICIC;

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

1. Commends the preparations and arrangements made by ISESCO in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat to hold the specialized Islamic Ministerial Conference specially the third session of the Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood (Libya, 7-11 February 2011) and the seventh session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Algeria, 2011).

2. Encourages the current cooperation between ISESCO and the Arab Women Organization; **welcomes** their signing of joint cooperation agreement as well as their initiative of holding the International Conference on Women, in the Kingdom of Morocco before the end of 2010, with the Arab Women Organization President Mrs. Leila Ben Ali as the Chair; and **appreciates** the achievements of this pioneering women organization in favour of women in the Arab and the Muslim world.

3. Welcomes ISESCO's follow-up efforts to activate, through a number of youth activities implemented in the Member States, the "Tunis Covenant on Promoting Muslim Youth and Enhancing their Status in the Muslim World", which was issued by the "International Conference on Youth Issues in the Islamic world: President and Future Challenges" (Tunis, 24-26 November 2008).

4. Extends deep thanks and gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Tunisian Republic, both for his initiative to proclaim the year 2010 an International Youth Year, and for his invitation to organize a world youth conference under the auspices of the United Nations Organization; **expresses** thanks to the United Nations, the Member States and the regional and international organizations for supporting and unanimously approving that invitation; and **invites** the OIC Member States to develop comprehensive, edifying and varied programmes to celebrate the International Youth Year in order to strengthen the role of the youth within our societies and open up wider avenues for them to communicate with their peers, as part of the global youth, and establish dialogue and understanding with them.

5. **Commends** the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its various fields of competence; namely, education, science, culture and communication; **praises** the Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for his tremendous efforts to expand ISESCO's scope of action; also **commends** ISESCO's action plan inspired by a coherent, comprehensive, innovative, and overarching strategic vision; **lauds** ISESCO's significant role in implementing the Ten-Year Programme of Action endorsed by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation for the activities undertaken by ISESCO under this programme.

6. **Welcomes** the signing, by ISESCO, of cooperation agreements with the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations and the World Bank; **commends** the activities implemented within the framework thereof which have promoted the invaluable initiative led by ISESCO Director General in establishing extensive international and regional cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous Islamic and international specialized conferences, which were organized by ISESCO in association with parallel international organizations, thus contributing to highlighting the positive image of the Muslim world; and invites ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

7. **Notes with appreciation** the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanisms drawn up by ISESCO, particularly in the fields of education, science and culture; and **invites** the Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies adopted by the Islamic Summit and relevant Islamic conferences.

8. **Commends** the efforts made by ISESCO to implement the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world, promote Islamic cultural action for Muslim communities outside the Islamic world; enhance dialogue and cultural diversity, as well as safeguard sanctities and preserve Member States' Islamic cultural and civilization landmarks.

9. **Notes with appreciation** the adoption, by the Sixth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, of the Strategy for the Development of Cultural Tourism in the Islamic world, and the Action Plan to Revive and Activate the Routes of Cultural Communication among the Peoples of the Islamic world. The Committee **endorses** both documents and **invites** ISESCO to translate them into action in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the specialized and subsidiary organs of the OIC, as well as in cooperation with the Member States and relevant regional and international organizations.

10. **Thanks** ISESCO for dedicating and implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the Islamic and Arab culture capitals as part of contribution to the celebration programmes and **invites** it to pursue such support. It equally **commends** the efforts which the Member States hosting the capitals of Islamic culture have put during the period from 2005 to 2010 to prepare and implement the celebration programmes and properly coordinate with ISESCO's General Directorate in this connection. The Committee also **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's Tenth General Conference regarding expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals' Programme to include Islamic historical capitals and cities from outside the OIC Member States.

11. Invites ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further contact with Islamic cultural centers 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 enforcing 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.

12. Welcomes the cooperation established between ISESCO, the High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations, UNESCO, the League of Arab States, ALESCO, the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Council of Europe in enhancing dialogue among civilizations and promoting the values of middle stance, moderation and respect for the other.

13. Commends ISESCO's programme on the training of Imams working within Muslim communities outside the Islamic world in spreading the values of dialogue, middle stance and moderation. It also **commends** the methodology of ISESCO's General Directorate to strengthen cooperation relations, as well as coordinate with governmental authorities in European, Asian and Latin American countries and involve them in the implementation of its activities geared to Muslim communities in these countries.

14. Praises ISESCO's initiative both to establish the Islamic Heritage Committee to address the issues of tangible and intangible Islamic cultural heritage and natural heritage, and to coordinate Member States' efforts and stances in relevant international and regional meetings.

15. Commends ISESCO's efforts in bringing Islamic madhahib closer together especially its programmes and projects aimed at translating into action the Strategy for Bringing Muslim Madhahib Closer together, as part of the meetings of the Supreme Consultative Council for Rapprochement of Islamic Schools of Thought, and its efforts to set into motion the implementation mechanisms of this key document.

16. Expresses full appreciation of the efforts made by ISESCO, jointly with the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the specialized scientific institutions, toward the calculation and determination of the beginning of lunar months. It also **lauds** ISESCO's commitment to reaching an astronomical, jurisprudential agreement on a unified Islamic global calendar, as befits the great value Islam attaches to lunar months in religious observances, and mindful of Muslims' feelings and need for performing their acts of worship at the appropriate time.

17. Expresses its sincerest thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and to the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's generous support to ISESCO and for financing a number of programmes and activities both in teaching the Arabic language and Islamic culture and in promoting dialogue of civilizations and religions.

18. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for his kind patronage to a number of ISESCO's activities held in Morocco, as well as for His Majesty's messages to participants, and for the constant support ISESCO receives from the Moroccan government to discharge its mission in the best conditions.

19. Lauds the volume and equality of information and communication activities and programmes which ISESCO implemented and participated in as part of the effort to promote ICT culture in the Islamic world; and **invites** ISESCO to direct further interest toward training ICT executives and providing technical advice and expertise to Member States to enable them to strengthen relevant infrastructure.

20. Commends the activities held by ISESCO in the interest of the Member States as part of follow-up to the implementation of the Strategy for the Development of ICT in the Islamic world; and **calls on** ISESCO to carry on preparation, under its action plans, of executive programmes for the Strategy's areas of action, in the interest of information and communication professionals in the Member States, especially as regards reducing the digital divide and developing regulations and action plans to further democratize communication and facilitate access to the information and knowledge society in the Islamic world.

21. Commends the training activities held by ISESCO as part of follow-up to the implementation of the project on the regional centres for training and multimedia and audio-visual production in Khartoum, Damascus and Tehran; **thanks** the countries hosting those centres (Sudan, Syria and Iran) for fully cooperating with ISESCO and supplying necessary working tools; and **calls on** those countries to continue supporting ISESCO's training programmes for the benefit of young media practitioners across the Muslim world.

22. Expresses appreciation for ISESCO's outstanding efforts to refute western media smear campaign against Islam and Muslims; and **calls on** it to pursue its programmes to train Imams and preachers in deploying ICT to publicize Islam, and provide refresher courses for Journalists working in Islamic media outlets outside the Islamic world, in order to enhance their legal knowledge and professional skills to better deal with Islamophobia and dispel the stereotypical view of Islam and Muslims in the western media.

23. Expresses its support to and appreciation for the ongoing efforts and contact made by ISESCO Director General at the regional and international levels to urge the international community to pressurize Israel to abide by the international law and resolutions concerning the protection of the religious landmarks, cultural and civilization heritage, and educational scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the occupied Syrian Golan; and **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, with the view to prepare legal files to bring to international justice Israeli civilians and militaries accused of war crimes.

24. Expresses thanks and appreciation for the efforts made by ISESCO both to support educational, scientific and cultural institutions and to protect the Islamic

heritage from obliteration and judaization in the occupied Palestine, particularly in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

B) Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC)

1. **Welcomes** starting of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) fulfilling its functions following coming into force of the ICIC establishing agreement after reaching the needed quorum for its ratification by OIC Member States, and the election of its non permanent members by the 35th Islamic Conference of foreign ministers.

2. **Urges** OIC Member States which have not yet ratified the Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives. Invites all Member States and Islamic institutions to extend material and moral support to the Committee so that it may implement its programmes.

3. **Calls** on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to exert efforts regarding refugees and prisoners of war and provide care and protection in collaboration with the UN high Commissioner's Office for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Crescent and other relevant regional and international organizations.

4. **Expresses** its profound thanks to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for extending support and facilities to the Committee.

5. **Expresses** its utmost thanks to the Syrian Arab Republic for hosting the 25th Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent, held in Damascus on 22 – 24 February 2010.

6. **Welcomes** the results and recommendations of the 25th session of the Committee.

7. **Expresses** its thanks to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, State of Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Mali and the Republic of Senegal, States parties to the ICIC's agreement that paid their financial contributions, to the ICIC budget of 2009 and 2010 and **calls upon** the other parties to the agreement to pay their contribution to the ICIC as soon as possible.

8. **Expresses** its profound appreciation to the ICIC president, members and its direction for the humanitarian activities and assistances executed in different region of the Islamic world.

9. **Calls** on the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Development Bank and other OIC concerned institutions to extend financial and material support to the ICIC humanitarian programs.

10. **Calls** upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the ICIC programs within the framework of development projects in

Darfour in Sudan, in the Federal Republic of Comoros, and the humanitarian projects in Gaza and Somalia, Republic of Yemen and Republic of Niger, as well as the program of the Republic of Senegal to remove landmines in the region of Casamance.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 10th Session of the COMIAC.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/9-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Having taken note of the decisions adopted by the 6th I.S.S.F General Assembly Meeting, the I.S.S.F Executive Committee Meeting, the 1st Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 24-25 Safar 1426H (3-4 April 2005) and the ICYSM Ministerial Committee as well as the I.S.S.F Activity Report Presented by its Secretary General;

Having taken note of the decisions of the 14th Meeting of the International Committee of Muslim Scouts held in Kuwait in June 2009, and of the decisions of the 10th Session of International Islamic Scouts Conference of the presidents of scouting associations in the Member States, held in Korea on 12 July 2008, as well as the report of the Secretary General of the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) on IUMS activities;

Having considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, and International Union of Muslim Scouts;

A) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF):

- 1. Lauds** the future activities the ISSF has decided to implement within the framework of its 2010-2011 Plan, urging the Islamic Member States to host and effectively participate in these activities to ensure their success and achieve one of the key objectives of the ISSF; and emphatically **urges** the Member States to take part, attach interest to, and interact with all ISSF activities in the future, and provide the ISSF with all possible material and moral support and effectively participate in all its events.
- 2. Extols** the ISSF plan to implement the Ten-Year Program of Action (TYPOA) to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the 21st century.
- 3. Calls upon** the Member States to fulfill their obligations towards the ISSF and take initiatives to that end in order to enable the ISSF to undertake the necessary activities; further calls on Member States to pay their outstanding annual contributions to the ISSF.

4. **Welcomes** the Resolution taken by the Sixth Meeting of the General Assembly on the adoption and ratification of the proposed amendments to the ISSF statute.
5. **Welcomes** the accession of some international bodies and organizations to the membership of the ISSF as observers.
6. **Congratulates** the Republic of Indonesia on enlisting the trust of the ISSF General Assembly and on securing its final approval to appoint Indonesia to host the 3rd Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) due in 2013; further **urges** all Islamic States to participate in this edition to achieve the key objectives of the ISSF.
7. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for its request to host the 2010 Taekwondo Championship.
8. **Congratulates** the newly elected ISSF Board of Directors for the term 2009-2013 by the Sixth Meeting of the ISSF General Assembly under the chairmanship of H.R.H Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz.
9. **Takes note** of various developments and aspects and the following decision No. 1374 dated January 19, 2010 of the Executive Council of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation on the cancellation of the 2nd Session of the Islamic Games and the position of the Islamic Republic of Iran on this decision.
10. **Expresses** its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to H.R.H Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, Chairman of the ISSF, for the considerable attention and continued support he devotes to the ISSF and the keen interest he attaches to the issues concerning the sports community in the Islamic Ummah, conferring on the ISSF a prominent position among international sports bodies.
11. **Expresses** its gratitude to the ISSF General Secretariat for undertaking the preparations for the various ISSF activities and events, contributing to the achievement of the ISSF goals and objectives, and for preparing the various ISSF meetings.
12. **Expresses** also its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, especially the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz - *May Allah preserve him* – and H.R.H. Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, for hosting the ISSF headquarters, and its hosting of the celebration of the silver jubilee of the Federation on the occasion of its 25th Anniversary and for their material and moral support to the ISSF out of their unshakeable belief in the need to promote all the causes concerning the youth in the Islamic Ummah.

B) 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 the Arabic language and the Islamic culture and to provide all possible assistance for their implementation.

2. **Recommends** continued support for the organization of training courses for teachers of Arabic and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia and the Balkans.

3. **Also Recommends** contribution towards the printing of textbooks for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, which has been prepared by the Federation, as well as for its distribution among Muslim children and students, by establishing a printing press for the Federation at its headquarters as well as other printing presses in central locations in the Islamic States in order to facilitate its distribution and utilization in those States and among Muslim communities.

4. **Invites** the IDB to continue its contribution towards the printing of school books for Afghan children and Arabic language books for non-Arab native beginners in needy countries.

5. **Urges** support for the open institute for continuing studies in Khartoum to continue its activities and the N'djamena Teachers Institute in Chad by providing each of them with a printing press to provide them with the required textbooks and other publications.

6. **Recommends** support for the project of the World Examinations' Council for the Arab-Islamic Schools established by the Federation, in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims at placing the examinations of the private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic Universities, as well as enhancing this Council, and establishing regional branches for it.

7. **Recommends** support for the project of the Federation to set up an Arabic language centre and forum of civilizations in London and to establish a training centre in Cairo.

8. **Recommends** support for the activities of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools to establish examinations council in Uganda in cooperation with the Islamic University in Uganda and to establish examinations council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

C. The Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation.

1. **Expresses** its satisfaction on completion of ratification by the Republic of Turkey of “The Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Turkey, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) on the establishment. in Istanbul of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)”; and **requests** the Government of Turkey to expedite implementation of the provisions of the Agreement providing ICYF-DC Headquarters and Secretariat in Istanbul with the appropriate status of international organization to assist the organization, to properly exercise its activities.

2. **Appreciates** the financial contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the Forum; and **calls upon** the Member States, the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions as well as 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.
3. **Endorses** cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC on different youth projects, in particular "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multifaceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; **notes with satisfaction** signing of The agreement between the Government of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) On the Premises; of the ICYF-DC Regional Center for Eurasia in Baku" and welcomes the efforts by the Government of Azerbaijan to facilitate speedy implementation of the provisions of the Agreement; **endorses** also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB which envisages a number of activities including implementation of programs In support of youth of Muslim minorities in non-Member States; **appreciates** IDB contribution towards international conference on Information and Communication Technologies and youth development held on 1-4 November 2009, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan.
4. **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf developed by the ICYF-DC in order to provide sustainable financing towards different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Members States and of Muslim minority communities worldwide and calls on the OIC Member States to contribute towards its development; **endorses** program of Islamic Countries Youth Entrepreneurship Network (ICYEN) 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 including towards development of ICYEN and looking forward for the parties to expedite implementation of the projects aimed at comprehensive development of Muslim youth.
5. **Expresses** the assurance that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UN Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and UNESCO will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC.
6. **Endorses** cooperation between ISESCO and ICYF-DC in the areas of promoting Intellectual development of youth and dialogue among civilizations;
7. **Appreciates** the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of "The 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 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 Khojaly massacre as crime against humanity;

8. **Welcomes** the Youth for the “Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF-DC together with international partners; **endorses ICYF-DC contribution to** the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations launched at the UN Alliance of Civilizations’ Istanbul Forum as the AoC youth platform; **welcomes** the idea of holding GYMAOC First convention in Baku in 2010 and **extends** its support to the UN AoC, the Government of Azerbaijan and its partners in achieving the success of the Convention and invite the Member States to actively participate in the GYMAOC First Convention; **commends** ICYF-DC efforts in promoting participation of Muslim youth in the global youth movement; **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 of and coordinate their relevant actions vis-a-vis UN AoC youth programs with relevant position of ICYF-DC including its position for advancing at the forthcoming AoC Rio Forum.

9. **Endorses** Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI); **calls upon** Member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU; and looking forward for the parties to develop concrete Plan of Actions under the Memorandum.

10. **Welcomes** the cooperation of the Forum with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues and as a major partner vis-a-vis implementation of the OIC 10-year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and to submit annual reports on the Forum’s activities to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

11. **Requests** the ISSF and ICYF-DC to coordinate cooperation on youth affairs, through a memorandum of understanding, with a view to clarifying the respective mandates.

D) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS:

1- **Endorses** the future activities IUMS has decided to undertake in the framework of its 2010-2011 programme, and urges Islamic Member States to host and to participate actively in these activities in order to contribute to their success and achieve one of the most important objectives of the IUMS; **and urges** the Member States to participate in and give importance to all IUMS activities in the future, provide it with every possible financial and moral support, and to take part in all its events through Islamic scouting associations.

2- **Endorses** IUMS’s programme to activate the Ten-year Programme of Action with a view to confronting the challenges facing the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century.

3- **Welcomes** the decision of the General Assembly in its 10th Meeting to adopt the proposed amendments to the Statute of the IUMS.

- 4- **Congratulates** the Republic of the Sudan for its success in hosting the 26th Arab Scouting Conference, which was inaugurated by His Excellency President Omar El Bashir; and Malaysia for the success of the Asian scouting conference it hosted.
- 5- **Expresses** its gratitude to the Arab Scouting Organization in Cairo for its efforts in educating the Muslim youth.
- 6- **Congratulates** the International Islamic Scouting Committee, newly-elected for the period 2009-2012, under the presidency of His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasif.
- 7- **Expresses** its sincere appreciation and gratefulness to His Highness Prince Faysal Bin Abdullah Bin Mohammad, Minister of Education and President of the Saudi Arabian Boy Scouts Association, for his continued support to the UISM and for the issues of Muslim scouts.
- 8- **Congratulates** the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques on the election of Dr. Abdullah Bin Sulayman Al Fahed as President of the Arab Scouting Committee.
- 9- **Expresses** its thankfulness to UISM General Secretariat for its preparations for the implementation of UISM's different activities which led to the attainment of its objectives and the preparation of its meetings.
- 10- **Expresses** gratitude to His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al Faysal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his support to UISM' activities and for facilitating its work for the benefit of the Muslim youth at large.
- 11- **Expresses** its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, particularly the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdul-Aziz (May God Support him), His Royal Highness Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz for hosting the headquarters of the UISM and for their financial and moral support SR 1.000.000,00), including Crown Prince's donation of a land plot and a sum of 1 million Saudi Riyals, as a contribution to the construction of the headquarters, out of their interest in issues of the Muslim youth.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/9-C
ON
THE INITIATIVE OF PRESIDENT ZINE EL ABIDINE BEN ALI,
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA
ON THE PROCLAMATION OF 2010 AS THE
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Having considered the resolution of the 37th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan from 4–6 Jumadal Thani 1431H (18–20 May 2010),

Having considered resolution 64/134 adopted by the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly under the topic “2010 As International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding,”

1. **Expresses** deep satisfaction and pride at the adoption by the sixty-fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly of the initiative of the H.E. President of the Republic of Tunisia, Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, on the proclamation of 2010 as International Year of Youth;
2. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to continue to support this initiative by participating actively in the consultations that would be conducted by the President of the General Assembly on ways to organize the world youth conference;
3. **Urges** Member States to participate in the celebration of International Year of Youth by organizing national activities and participating effectively in the world youth conference to be held under the auspices of the United Nations.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/9-C
ON
THE COMMEMORATION OF KAIROUAN
AS CAPITAL OF ISLAMIC CULTURE FOR THE YEAR 2009

The 9th Session of the Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 3 - 5 Dhul-qada, 1431H (11-13 October 2010,

Recalling the resolution adopted by the 4th Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Culture of the ISESCO Member States held in Algiers in 2004;

Having considered the ISESCO's programme on the civilizational and cultural contribution of cities which have played a central role in spreading the Islamic civilization;

Having considered the resolutions of the Consultative Council on the Implementation of the Islamic world Cultural Strategy adopted in its previous meetings;

1. **Expresses** appreciation and gratitude to His Excellency President Zine El Abidin Ben Ali, President of the Republic of Tunisia, for having given his High Patronage to the event "Kairouan: Capital of Islamic Culture 2009".
2. **Expresses** its deep satisfaction for the rich and diverse activities held in the framework of the commemoration of Kairouan as Capital of Islamic Culture for 2009.
3. **Commends** the valuable participation of the ISESCO and Islamic States to the success of this important event, which contributed to the projection the role of Kairouan in the dissemination of the Islamic Culture and in the making of the human civilization, as a minaret of peace which played an outstanding role in spreading the lofty Islamic values in the world, throughout centuries. This commemoration has also contributed to emphasizing Tunisia's cultural and civilizational influence reinforced by the change of 7th November which enabled Tunisia to restore its position, while consolidating its Arab-Islamic belonging.
