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***Resolutions
On Matters Pertaining To the Work of the OIC Independent
Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC)***

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RESOLUTION No. 1/42-IPHRC

ON

MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE WORK OF THE OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IPHRC)

The Forty-second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism) held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait from 9-10 Sha'baan 1436H (27-28 May 2015),

Recalling articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008,

Recalling resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the statute of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC),

Recalling resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of the IPHRC,

Recalling resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Cognizant of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy and accountability in Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten Year Programme of Action (TYPOA),

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. (OIC/CFM-42/2015/IPHRC/SG-REP),

1. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in the Statute;
2. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on the human rights content of the whole range of issues related to the OIC;
3. **Takes note** of the reports of the 5th and 6th IPHRC regular sessions, held in Jeddah, at the OIC Headquarters, on 1-5 June and 1-6 November, 2014 respectively, as contained in documents No. OIC/IPHRC-5/2014/REP.FINAL & OIC/IPHRC-6/2014REP.FINAL;
4. **Also takes note** of the Commission's activities in 2014 including a country visit to Central African Republic to ascertain the human rights situation; holding of an International Seminar on the "Negative Impact of Sanctions on full and effective

enjoyment of human rights by the people of targeted countries” and its outcome document; a thematic debate during 6th Session on “Combating extremism and religious intolerance in Islam” and corresponding declaration; as well as meetings with relevant UN and regional human rights mechanisms to discuss and promote views on issues of concern to the OIC.

5. **Further takes note** of the detailed deliberations that took place within its four Working Groups on Palestine, the Right of Women and of the Child, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities and the Right to Development as well as their planned activities in 2015 including possible visits to Palestine and Myanmar and holding of a Workshop on one of its priority areas.
6. **Welcomes** the IPHRC decision on its “Working arrangements and interaction with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs)”, adopted during the 6th Regular Session, and encourages Member States to begin nominating their NHRIs for the purpose.
7. **Urges** Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IDB, to take full advantage of the Commission’s advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of the IPHRC;
8. **Welcomes** the progress on the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between IPHRC and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and looks forward to its early finalization.
9. **Welcomes further** the assurances of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to exerting all efforts possible to enable the Commission to carry out its mandated tasks and to that end requests the Kingdom to extend the required support and facilities to IPHRC Headquarters and its Secretariat.
10. **Requests** IPHRC Secretariat that pending the finalization of host country agreement/ shifting of the Headquarters to the new location, to continue to provide secretariat support to the Commission from within the OIC General Secretariat to enable IPHRC to carry out its mandate optimally.
11. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of the IPHRC and requests him to continue extending the needed support to IPHRC to perform its mandated tasks in an organized and efficient manner.
12. **Requests** further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
