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RESOLUTION No. 1/42-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC

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),

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah-Al-Mukkaramah in December 2005 which calls for the strengthening of the role of the Organization in confronting disasters;

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqué of the 11th session of the Islamic Summit held in the Republic of Senegal in March 2008, which calls for sustained efforts to organize humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ICHAD/SG-REP)

1. ***Commends*** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat in the humanitarian domain, the enhanced cooperation with the international humanitarian community, and international organizations, and in particular, OCHA, UNHCR, ICRC, World Bank, the African Union, the Arab League, USAID, AusAid, EU, and coordination efforts accomplished by the Humanitarian Affairs Department (ICHAD) to alleviate the sufferings of people in need within various OIC Member States affected by disasters and calamities.
2. ***Commends*** the significant effort rendered by the OIC Humanitarian Coordination Office in Somalia in the first phase of the Somalia recovery programme, under the government's plan for stabilizing and rebuilding of Somalia, and ***expresses*** appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous assistance offered under the Saudi National Campaign, as well as various donors and stakeholders who contributed towards these projects. ***Further calls upon*** Member States and NGOs to extend the necessary assistance towards the recovery phase in Somalia.
3. ***Expresses appreciation*** to the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt for its cooperation and facilitation of the humanitarian mission to Gaza from 1-5 September, 2014, and for

organizing the Cairo International Conference on Palestine “Reconstruction of Gaza” under the auspices of the Egyptian President and joint organization between Egypt and Norway. *Welcomes* the pledges made at the conference, particularly by OIC Member States and *calls* on those who made pledges to honour their commitments. ***Further appeals*** to Member States and NGOs to extend the necessary assistance to the Palestinian people, particularly in Gaza.

4. ***Expresses deep concern*** on the deteriorating situation in Syria, the increasing number of IDPs and refugees in neighbouring countries; and the inhumane and dreadful situation of Syrians denied access to humanitarian assistance. ***Reiterates*** its appreciation to Member States and NGOs that contributed generously towards the alleviation of the plight of Syrian refugees and displaced persons. *Further calls* upon Member States and NGOs for their continued assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and to countries hosting Syrian refugees. ***Commends the hosting by the State of Kuwait of the 3rd donors conference for Syria after hosting both High-level International Humanitarian Pledging Conferences for the Syria Crisis in 2013 and 2014.***
5. ***Welcomes*** the joint OIC-OCHA mission to Iraq from 20-24 October 2014 to sensitize the international community and Member States to the current humanitarian situation in Iraq. ***Expresses its appreciation*** to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous donation of US \$500 million to Iraq. **Also expresses** its appreciation to the State of United Arab Emirates for the humanitarian assistance it provides for Iraq including the building of the 10,000-capacity first camp in Kurdistan origin for housing the displaced Iraqis ***Calls*** upon Member States and NGOs to extend the necessary assistance to Iraq to address humanitarian and protection needs of millions of displaced persons and ***further calls*** on Member States and NGOs to help in rebuilding destroyed places of worship in Iraq.
6. ***Expresses deep concern*** on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Yemen, particularly after the painful events being witnessed in the Yemeni arena presently, appeals to member states and regional and international organization and bodies and OIC institutions to provide urgent medical assistance to boost the capacity of health facilities to face the serious shortage in the stock of hospitals and health centres and to provide urgently all forms of relief assistance to the Yemeni people to mitigate the plight of the victims of the ongoing war in several Yemeni cities and regions. ***Expresses appreciation*** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for food relief assistance of US\$ 58 million.
7. ***Welcomes*** the proposal of the General Secretariat to organize a meeting of the shareholders of the Darfur Development Bank at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah in the near future. ***Calls on*** Member States and financial institutions interested in contributing to the capital of the Bank to inform the General Secretariat as it is planning to invite all the countries and institutions expressing interest in becoming shareholders in the Bank
8. ***Expresses*** deep concern over the humanitarian situation in the province of Southern Kordofan resulting from the protracted war in the province, and the influx of refugees from Southern Sudan. ***Commends*** the General Secretariat for its efforts to assist the affected people.

Requests Member States and NGOs to extend support to the affected people of Southern Kordofan.

9. **Welcomes** the high-level partnership humanitarian mission to Chad from 17-21 November 2014, led by the OIC and the AU, and comprising OCHA and the Arab League; and representatives from Azerbaijan, Germany, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, Qatar, USA; and partners from NGOs and philanthropic organizations from the Gulf States, to express solidarity with Chad over the influx of large numbers of returnees and refugees from CAR and other neighbouring countries, and assess the needs of the vulnerable populations. *Calls* for a strong partnership with the international community to assist Chad to meet the challenges of providing drinking water, education, health and nutrition, and the influx of returnees and refugees from neighbouring countries, since Chad hosts refugees and returnees from CAR, Sudanese refugees who fled violence in Darfur; people who escaped violence in areas affected by Boko Haram attacks in Nigeria and returning Chadian workers from Libya while food insecurity already threatens 17% of the Chadian population. **Calls** on Member States and NGOs to assist Chad with the necessary resources to mitigate the adverse effects of the combined humanitarian crises on its long-term development efforts.
10. **Expresses satisfaction** on the work undertaken in Niger in the provision of drinking water that has positively contributed towards the alleviation of suffering of the most vulnerable and needy population. This effort is also a gesture of solidarity and a contribution to the programme established by H.E. the President of Niger to facilitate access to water resources to all Nigeriens living in rural areas. **Further** requests Member States and NGOs to provide financial resources to implement the much needed water resources projects due to be launched in Niger in several rural areas so as to find solutions to their chronic shortages of potable water.
11. **Commends** the Ramadan Humanitarian Campaign launched in Bangui, Central African Republic (CAR), to preserve the dignity of the population of PK5 and other areas severely affected by the conflict. **Requests** Member States and NGOs to offer additional support towards this initiative, to alleviate the plight of the rising number of needy people in CAR and neighbouring countries exacerbated by the protracted conflict. **Welcomes** the headquarters agreement signed between OIC and the Government of the Central African Republic on the establishment of a Humanitarian and Development Office in Bangui, CAR.
12. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region, and **reiterates** its appeal to Member States and NGOs to support Sahel countries to undertake vital, sustainable development-oriented projects, to break the vicious cycle of drought, deprivation and poverty in the region.
13. **Expresses grave concern** on the plight of the people affected by the outbreak of the Ebola epidemic in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia, and **reiterates** its solidarity with the affected people. **Commends** the efforts made by the General Secretariat and the IDB in convening a conference, on 5 November 2014, to mobilize resources; **commends** the efforts of the African Union, particularly the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in

appointing a regional coordinator on Ebola Epidemic, the choice of which fell on H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe, President of the Togolese Republic. **Expresses** gratitude for those countries contributing resources, and **calls upon** the OIC Member States, NGOs, philanthropists and the international community at large to offer the necessary assistance to these affected countries.

14. **Expresses serious concern** on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Myanmar, particularly the plight of the Muslim Rohingyas. **Further** calls upon the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OIC and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar. **Encourages** Member States and NGOs to provide humanitarian aid to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar through the contact group members that have ongoing humanitarian operations on the ground or through any other means that may be secured by the General Secretariat.
15. **Renews its support** to the Tsunami Orphans Programme in Banda Aceh implemented by the OIC, in coordination with the IDB, under the patronage of the Late Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, and requests the General Secretariat to extend the project to cover other countries, mainly Syria, Somalia, Iraq, Central African Republic and Palestine. **Invites** Member States, international and regional organizations, NGOs, financial institutions and philanthropists to contribute towards this noble project.
16. **Welcomes** the Islamic Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for OIC countries adopted by the Fourth Islamic Summit in 2010. **Also welcomes** the executive working plan for the implementation of the strategy in Islamic countries in collaboration with GFDRR of the World Bank. **Expresses appreciation** for the cooperation between the OIC, the World Bank, IDB, ISESCO and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair of the Council of Ministers of Environment, in the implementation of this strategy.
17. **Welcomes** enhanced cooperation between the General Secretariat and the United Nations Office for Cooperation in Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) through the Joint OIC-OCHA Plan of Action (PoA) covering the period 2015-16 which has been developed between the two organizations, and seeks to build on the progress made during the first PoA (2012-2014). **Welcomes** cooperation between the General Secretariat and OCHA on the reform of ICHAD.
18. **Takes note** of the membership of the OIC in the Regional Steering Group for the MENA region, and **urges** Member States to participate actively in the process of preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit to convene in Turkey in May 2016. **Calls on** Member States to propose ideas on how best the OIC can formulate a common OIC vision in this important humanitarian conference, address its interests and concerns, and contribute in the success of this important Summit. **Notes with satisfaction** the efforts of non-governmental organizations and civil society for their advocacy, and the series of workshops and meetings held at the national level in a number of Member States in order to present the recommendations of civil society working in the humanitarian domain to the preparatory process of the Summit.

19. **Expresses** its appreciation for convening the Second Humanitarian Forum in Jeddah on 26 and 27 November 2014, in the context of cooperation with ICRC, under the theme: *The humanitarian work in a disturbed world* and **commends** the efforts of the International humanitarian organizations to enhance the capacity of humanitarian stakeholders. **Highly appreciates** the significant collaboration and cooperation between the different partners, particularly ICRC and the OIC in convening this forum.

20. **Approves** the designation of 9 May every year for the commemoration of International Humanitarian Law and requests Member States to utilize this day to carry out activities helping to promote the rules of International Humanitarian Law.

21. **Urges** Member States that are yet to accede to the convention establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to do so and to request as soon as possible and so that the Committee can perform its duties and realize its objectives. Calls upon states parties to the Convention that are yet to pay their contribution to the Committee's budget to do so as soon as possible.

22. **Welcomes** the agreement between the OIC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Qatar on hosting the headquarters of the Funds operating in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina, and Sierra Leone. **Welcomes** the effort of the General Secretariat to reform and restructure the OIC Funds in cooperation with the head of the Funds and their governing bodies and combining all the funds under one fund with windows for different countries and devising a window for emergency assistance to enable the General Secretariat and its humanitarian implementing partners to provide timely life-saving response, and immediate recovery to populations affected by disasters. The emergency assistance window shall be funded by voluntary contributions and funds shall be used in accordance with the financial rules and regulations of the OIC and the agreement between the General Secretariat and different donors in this regard. **Urges** Member States, civil society and philanthropists to contribute generously to achieve this objective.

23. **Welcomes** the advanced level of cooperation between the OIC and the IDB on the humanitarian front as well as on the issues pertaining to resilience, DRR, and humanitarian assistance and **calls** on them to intensify further their cooperation.

24. **Highly** appreciates the growing cooperation between the General Secretariat and the NGOs with OIC consultative status. **Welcomes** the steps taken to establish the Council of NGOs enjoying consultative status with the OIC. **Urges** all NGOs to strengthen their cooperation with the General Secretariat to address the crises and disasters in a more efficient manner. **Urges** Member States to encourage active registered NGOs to apply for consultative status at the OIC in accordance with the specified rules and regulations.

25. **Congratulates** His Highness the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah on being named Humanitarian Leader by the UN Secretary General in September 2014 in recognition of the significant role that His Highness has played on the humanitarian front.
26. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
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RESOLUTION NO: 2/42-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARINA SITUATION IN SYRIA

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, on 27-28 May 2015 (9-10 Shaban 1436H),

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among Muslims and defending rights of the people;

Referring to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 41st CFM held in Jeddah on 18-19 June 2014;

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

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

Noting that nearly half of the Syrian population (12.2 million) is in desperate need of assistance including 8.15 million IDPs deprived form sustained humanitarian assistance;

Further highlighting the serious ramifications of the flow of refugees for the neighboring countries and taking into consideration the ever increasing burden shouldered by them who are currently hosting more than 3.9 million refugees;

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

1. **Commends** the exemplary generosity and hospitality of the neighboring countries, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt for hosting Syrians and calls on the international community and the UN to support these countries in alleviating the burdens they face.
2. **Commends** the Government of the State of Kuwait for hosting the Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria in March 2015, upon the invitation of the Secretary-General of the UN.
3. **Recognizes** the grave humanitarian situation facing Jordan because of the presence of 1.4 million Syrian refugees, 600,000 of whom escaped to this country beginning from March 2011, in addition to the continued daily inflow to Jordan, the strong impact of which also affects the economic, social, services, infrastructural, environmental, demographic composition and security sectors of Jordan, and continues to constitute serious threat to the security and stability of Jordan; stressing that international assistance remains insufficient compared with needs, **calls** upon the international community/the United Nations and OIC Member States to provide extensive support to enable Jordan to continue to shelter this large number of refugees.

4. **Calls on** OIC Member States to continue to assist the neighboring countries in accordance with the principle of burden sharing and Islamic solidarity.

5. **Calls upon** the UN Security to take further steps in the face of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria and to ensure the immediate and full implementation of the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 2191, in particular those pertaining to rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access across conflict lines and across borders through the most direct routes.

Resolution 3/42-ICHAD
On
Displaced Syrians in Lebanon

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, on 27-28 May 2015 (9-10 Shaban 1436H),

Recalling resolution 6/39-P on the Establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and resolution 1/36-36 on the Functions and Competencies of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General OIC/CFM/42/2015/ICHAD/SG-REP on the humanitarian activities of the OIC, particularly the paragraphs on the humanitarian situation in OIC Member States an alleviating the plight of Syrian civilians in Syrian and neighbouring countries, especially Lebanon,

1. **Expresses** strong concern over the growing number of displaced Syrians in Lebanon, which has constituted a burden on the social, economic and demographic conditions of the country;
2. **Expresses** its appreciation for the efforts of the Lebanese state despite the scarcity of resources to receive and care for the displaced Syrians, also commends the policy of the Lebanese Government to keep borders open for and not to turn back civilians fleeing the raging fighting;
3. **Calls upon** Member States, international organizations and civil society bodies to provide the necessary support to the Lebanese State to enable it confront the burden resulting from this displacement;
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the issues in this resolution and present a report thereon to the 43rd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
