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**RESOLUTION NO.1/42-E**  
**ON**  
**COOPERATION IN THE DOMAIN OF**  
**TRADE, TRANSPORT, AGRICULTURE, LABOUR AND TOURISM**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H ( 27-28 May 2015),*

**Pursuant to** the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

**Giving effect to** the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

**Reaffirming** the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

**Recalling** the Ten Year Programme of Action, adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, and its support for industrialization, promotion of trade and investment, transfer of technology, alleviation of debt burden and poverty, among others,

**Also recalling** the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2014,

**Commending** the efforts of the COMCEC towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Working Groups and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

**Also commending** the various initiatives launched by OIC Member States towards strengthening economic cooperation among the OIC Member States and their respective support for the implementation of relevant OIC resolutions,

**Taking into account** the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

**A. INTRA-OIC TRADE**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to intra-OIC trade,

**Taking note** of the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2014,

**Noting with satisfaction** the successful staging of various specialized trade fairs in OIC Member States in such areas as health, agribusiness industries, energy, furniture, Halal Food and etc.,

**Expressing satisfaction** at the steady increase in the total value of intra-OIC trade which has reached to US\$ 778.75 billion in 2013, compared to US\$ 751.68 billion in 2012, as well as the increase in the volume of intra-OIC trade from 18.45% in 2012 to 18.70% in 2013,

**Noting with satisfaction** the various actions and interventions of members of the IDB Group in the area of trade financing, which featured cumulative trade approvals by International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to the tune of US\$ 5.1 billion in 2014, and the various business insurances by ICIEC amounting to US\$ 4.8 billion in 2014,

**Commending** the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Working Groups and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

**Aware of** the urgent need to harmonize the existing standards and procedures on Halal food certification; and **bearing in mind** the recent coordination meeting between the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions on the issue,

**Taking note with appreciation** of the outcome of the Seminar on the implementation of the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin organized by COMCEC Coordination

Office and Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) for the participating member states in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 26-27 January 2015,

1. **Renews its call on** Member States to give effect to the various multilateral trade instruments in force among OIC Member States, particularly the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among OIC Member States, the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments, and the Trade Preferential System of OIC (TPS-OIC) instruments including Framework Agreement, PRETAS and TPS-OIC Rules of Origin;
2. **Welcomes** the initiative by General Secretariat to convene an OIC Stakeholders' Forum on Unified Halal Food Standards and Procedures in OIC Headquarters during the year 2015 in coordination with International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries and Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and **calls upon** Member States to encourage their relevant Public and Private Sector institutions to actively participate at the Forum;
3. **Also welcomes** the offer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 15<sup>th</sup> Trade Fair of OIC Member States in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 8-12 November 2015 and urges Member States to actively participate in this event;
4. **Calls upon** Member States to encourage their respective authorities to join the trade financing and insurance institutions in OIC such as International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) and Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) and to benefit from their trading enhancing services;
5. **Welcomes** the completion of the requirements for the operationalisation of the TPS-OIC System, and **invites** the Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) to consider convening its meeting in 2015;
6. **Requests** the General Secretariat to encourage the relevant OIC institutions to undertake joint trade promotion activities in order to scale-up quality of participation and coverage of such events;
7. **Welcomes** the proposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to organize a Workshop on the Single-Window Modality in order to promote intra-OIC trade and benefit from the experiences of Saudi Arabia in this critical sector and urge all Member States to participate actively in the said Workshop.

## **B. TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT**

**Recalling** the Resolution No.5/11-E (IS) adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008,

**Pursuant to** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project,

**Taking note** of the relevant resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 25-28 November 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Recognizing** the contribution of efficient transportation connectivity to promoting intra-OIC trade, supporting sustainable economic growth, improving the social welfare of people and enhancing international cooperation among OIC Member States,

**Conscious of** the ever increasing demand for developing multi-modal and integrated transportation networks among OIC Member States to facilitate peoples and goods movement within the different OIC regions,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the Dakar Financing Summit for Africa's Infrastructure held in Dakar, Senegal on 14-15 June 2014 and which, among others, prioritized financing for modernization of Dakar-Bamako Railway Line, which is a key component of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project,

**Bearing in mind** the presentation of Dakar-Bamako-Sikasso-Bobo-Dioulasso Railway project, which represents an important segment of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor, during the West African Investment Forum held in Dubai, UAE on 8-9 September 2014,

**Reaffirming** the importance of cooperation and collaboration between OIC Member States towards developing regional transport networks and implementing cross-border projects,

**Underscoring** the need to promote public-private partnerships for the development of transport infrastructure and services in OIC Member States in order to achieve inclusive and sustainable development,

**Expressing appreciation** to the offers of both the Government of Turkey and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development with regard to the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project,

1. **Supports** the execution of the Dakar-Bamako-Sikasso-Bobo-Dioulasso Railway segment on Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor and **urges** OIC Member States and Institutions to mobilize necessary funding for the said project;
2. **Urges** the concerned OIC Member States to include their respective national segments along the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor in their national development plans and to submit the relevant documents to facilitate the mobilization of necessary support by the OIC and its development partners;
3. **Renews its call** on OIC Member States and their partners to extend technical and funding support to the concerned OIC Member States in the elaboration of feasibility studies of their national segments along the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor.

#### C. **AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY**

**Reiterating** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Recalling** the Resolution adopted by the Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 3-6 October 2011,

**Taking note** of the relevant resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 25-28 November 2014 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Bearing in mind** the need to enhance food security and international competitiveness of food and agricultural products of OIC Member States,

**Commending** the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the area of agriculture, especially through the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

**Recalling** the mandate of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) in ensuring the operationalisation of the various resolutions adopted by OIC on food security, agriculture and rural development,

**Expressing satisfaction** at the on-going measures towards consolidating the structures of the new OIC specialized institution -Islamic Organisation for Food Security,

**Taking note** of the increase in the number of signatories to the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security to 23 OIC Member States as well as the ratification of the same by the Republic of Kazakhstan on 21 November 2014,

**Also taking note** of the outcome of the Consultative Meeting on Islamic Organisation for Food Security held at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13 January 2015, in particular the proposed Plan of Action on short-term agricultural projects,

1. **Commends** OIC Member States, which have already signed the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security, and **invites** them to ratify the same at their earliest convenience;
2. **Urges** other OIC Member States to accede to the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security;
3. **Commends** the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the on-going arrangements to host the Inaugural Meeting of the General Assembly of Islamic Organisation for Food Security in Astana in 2015 and **urges** the OIC Member States to actively participate in this meeting;
4. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Astana in 2015 and **urges** OIC Member States to actively participate in the said Conference.

#### **D. OIC COTTON ACTION PLAN**

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CFM held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

**Also recalling** the relevant resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Turkey on 25-28 November 2014,

**Pursuant to** the provisions of the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

**Taking note** of the Report of the 6<sup>th</sup> Project Committee Meeting on Cotton, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 16 November 2014,



**Commending** the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards effective implementation of the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

**Expressing appreciation** to the IDB Group for its approval on financing of two cotton projects from Cameroon and Mozambique,

**Also expressing appreciation** to the SESRIC for the organization of 15 training courses in the cotton-related fields, within the framework of its capacity building programmes,

**Welcoming** the decision of Steering Committee to combine 14 capacity building/technical assistance projects, adopted under the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

1. **Renews its call** on the concerned Member States to resubmit their respective cotton projects in a comprehensive bankable format, approved under the OIC Cotton Action Plan, and to show considerable interest in the new projects being identified to enhance cooperation in this vital economic sector;
2. **Calls upon** the SESRIC and IDB Group to encourage their capacity building projects in cotton and cotton related sectors in cotton producing Member States;
3. **Invites** all Member States to create a Network of Cotton Research Centers for the exchanging of information/research materials such as: Combating diseases and insects; Increasing production efficiency; and Creation of a Gene Bank.

#### **E. LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION**

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CFM, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to labour, employment and social protection issues,

**Considering** the provisions of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection adopted at the Second Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM),

**Also considering** the outcome of the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting on the implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 17-18 June 2014,

**Welcoming** the on-going actions towards the finalization of the draft Statute of the proposed OIC Labour Center in Baku, Azerbaijan,

**Also welcoming** the submissions of Member States on their proposed programmes for the implementation of the Executive Programme for the implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection,

**Commending** the various OIC Institutions for the implementation of capacity building and technical assistance projects in the field of labour, employment and social protection, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group and ICCIA,

1. **Invites** Member States to support the implementation of the Executive Programme for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, especially occupational health and safety development, legal protection of employees and labour market data statistics collection;
2. **Invites** Member States to participate in the Capacity Building Programme related to Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) development, under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP);
3. **Commends** training programmes organized by Malaysia on International OSH Law; and Industrial Hygiene for Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam and Pakistan respectively;
4. **Urges** the General Secretariat to convene an Expert Group Meeting to harmonize the various views of Member States on the draft Statute of the proposed OIC Labour Center and submit its report as appropriate.
5. **Reiterates** its appreciation of the offer by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM) in 2015 and **calls on** all Member States to actively participate in the said Conference.

## **F. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

**Recalling** the relevant provision of the Resolution No.1/41-E adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CFM, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to tourism development,

**Also recalling** the relevant resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Turkey on 25-28 November 2014,

**Pursuant to** the provisions of the OIC Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism among OIC Member States,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 4<sup>th</sup> Coordination Committee Meeting on Tourism, held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, on 3 June 2014, especially the selection of Al-Quds Al-Sherif (State of Palestine) and Konya (Republic of Turkey) as the OIC City of Tourism for 2015 and 2016 respectively,

**Expressing** satisfaction at the launch of the various activities commemorating the OIC City of Tourism Award 2015 to Al-Quds Al-Sherif,

**Taking note** of the recommendations of the 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the Regional Project on “Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa” held in Casablanca, Morocco on 17-18 December 2014,

**Expressing satisfaction** at the outcome of the Third OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 29-31 January 2015,

**Taking into consideration** the recommendations of the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC International Forum on Islamic Tourism held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 2-3 June 2014,

**Welcoming** the offer of the United Arab Emirates to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tourism Fair of the OIC Member States in Sharjah on 19-21 October 2015,

**Commending** the contribution of the various OIC Institutions in the development of Tourism Sector, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IRCICA, IDB Group, ISESCO, ICCIA and SMIC,

**Welcoming** the outcomes of the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session with the theme of “The Role of Public-Private Partnerships for the Development of the Tourism Sector in the OIC Member States” held during the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC,

1. **Congratulates** the Government of the State of Palestine on the award of the OIC City of Tourism 2015 to Al Quds Al-Sherif;

2. **Also congratulates** the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the award of the OIC City of Tourism 2016 to the city of Konya;
3. **Commends** the contributions made by relevant OIC institutions to the various activities in commemoration of the OIC City of Tourism award, in collaboration with the General Secretariat;
4. **Encourages** OIC Member States to actively participate in the OIC City of Tourism Award Programme through staging various commemorative activities in their countries;
5. **Also encourages** OIC Member States to facilitate movement of tourists by easing visa procedures for the citizens of Member States, among other incentives;
6. **Urges** all Member States to organize annual events on Islamic tourism in order to promote intra-OIC tourist flows, through visa facilitation, investment promotion, branding and standardization, and capacity building;
7. **Calls on** OIC Member States and their respective Private Sector entities to promote intra-OIC tourism by actively participating in the Second Tourism Fair, scheduled to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates on 19-21 October 2015;
8. **Reiterates** its appreciation of the offer by the Government of the Republic of Niger to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) in 2015 and **calls on** all Member States to actively participate in the said Conference.

**G. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to F to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.2/42-E**  
**ON**  
**PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (27-28 May 2015)*

**Pursuant** to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action on the need for an increased role for the Private Sector in the advancement of socio-economic development of OIC Member States,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No. 2/41 E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Also reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Turkey on 25-28 November 2014,

**Considering** the findings of the OIC Task Force on SME, which held its 6th and Final Meeting in Bangkok, Kingdom of Thailand, on 15-17 August 2008, particularly its Strategic Plan for the Promotion and Development of SME sector in OIC Member States,

**Noting** the First Food Trade Exchange Meeting held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 5-6 November 2014 and its outcome, aimed at increasing cooperation for the production and marketing of grains, rice and other strategic food commodities,

**Recognizing** the various activities of Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) in the area of promoting investment, women empowerment and youth entrepreneurship, including its cumulative business interventions amounting to US \$3 billion in 2013,

**Acknowledging** the role of the Private Sector in promoting economic and commercial cooperation among OIC Member States, particularly the collective desire to attain 20% of intra- OIC trade by 2015,

**Taking into account** the report on activities of ICCIA, especially in the area of trade promotion, organization of specialized trade fairs and business forums, as well as capacity building workshops,

**Recalling** the outcome of the First Investment Forum on OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia, which was held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 27-28 October 2014, with particular reference to the implementation of the identified projects through public-private partnerships,

**Commending** the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the area of private sector development, especially through the COMCEC Working Groups and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

**Commending** the increasing financial support by OIC Member States to their accredited chamber-member of ICCIA, aimed at addressing the resource gap within the ICCIA,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Welcomes** the role of ICCIA and other stakeholders for their Private Sector advocacy to enhance socio-economic development in OIC Member States;
2. **Requests** OIC Member States to designate their umbrella Chambers of Commerce as accredited member of the ICCIA, in order to strengthen the membership of ICCIA as well as consolidating support for this important corporative representative of the OIC;
3. **Invites** ICCIA to participate in the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia, especially the outcomes of its First Investment Forum, held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 27-28 October 2014;
4. **Also invites** ICCIA to actively participate at the organization of the Islamic Tourism Forum in collaboration with other Public Sector establishments in OIC Member States;
5. **Commends** the recent demarches of ICCIA towards elaboration of an arbitration mechanism to settle commercial disputes within the OIC;
6. **Calls upon** all OIC institutions working in the domain of trade promotion, to coordinate their respective actions with ICCIA with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and wider coverage of OIC trade fairs, exhibitions and specialized forums;

7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.3/42-E**  
**ON**  
**SPECIAL FUNDS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (27-28 May 2015),*

**Reaffirming** the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation,

**Recalling** the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

**Pursuant to** the Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, particularly its strong emphasis on the need to establish a special fund and regional economic programme in order to help OIC Member States in addressing their developmental challenges,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Aware** of the importance of OIC special funds and regional economic programmes in supporting national efforts towards alleviating poverty, improving social services and infrastructures in OIC Member States,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

**A. ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT (ISFD)**

**Reaffirming** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No. 3/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD),



**Expressing its concern** on the limited interventions under the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development on poverty alleviation programmes, which stood at US\$ 382.4 million in 2014,

**Conscious** of the need for further mobilisation of funds in order to make-up for the funding gap of US\$ 7.74 billion to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development,

**Emphasizing** the need to increase disbursements on microfinance, vocational education and training, agriculture and food security programmes,

**Also emphasizing** the need to increase financial contributions to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development as a crucial way of expanding its activities towards alleviating poverty, improving social services and infrastructures in OIC Member States,

1. **Requests** the Secretary General, in collaboration with relevant OIC institutions, to convene a fund mobilization session during the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC for this purpose;
2. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to redeem their respective pledges to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and to make additional commitments so as to achieve the target capital of the said Fund, which is US \$ 10 billion.

## **B. SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA (SPDA)**

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action with regard to promoting activities aimed at achieving economic and social development in African OIC Member States,

**Reiterating** the provisions of the Resolution No. 3/41-E adopted by 41<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to the Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA),

**Noting** with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the approval phase of SPDA in November 2012, under which IDB Group has committed a total amount of US\$ 5.01 billion for financing 480 projects in African OIC Member States,

**Bearing in mind** the various achievements realized under the SPDA, featuring human and infrastructure development, agriculture and social services,

**Underscoring** the importance of mainstreaming regional, cross-border and integrative projects in the successor programme to SPDA,

**Reiterating** its call on Member States to proceed with the elaboration of a successor programme to SPDA,

**Taking note** of the on-going measures of IDB Group towards undertaking independent assessment of SPDA implementation as well as preparation of the outlines of the new successor programme,

1. **Calls on** OIC Member States to support the activities within the framework of SPDA and to contribute to elaboration, and eventual implementation of its successor programme;
2. **Invites** concerned OIC Member States to submit their national priorities to facilitate expeditious action on the new successor programme;
3. **Requests** the Secretary General, in collaboration with relevant OIC institutions, to organize investment and sensitization forums in Africa as a prelude to the elaboration of a new OIC special programme for the development of Africa;
4. **Renews** its call on the General Secretariat and other OIC institutions to expedite action on the elaboration of a successor programme to SPDA.

#### **C. OIC PLAN OF ACTION FOR COOPERATION WITH CENTRAL ASIA**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No. 3/41-E adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 42/37-POL, of 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC, held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, on 18-20 May 2010, with reference to creation of an OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the First Investment Forum on OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia, which was held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 27-28 October 2014, including the various projects recommended for execution in the next biennium;

**Expressing appreciation** to the Government of Republic of Tajikistan for the hosting of the Investment Forum and for the generous hospitality extended to all participants;

**Commending** the exemplary role of the various OIC institutions for the planning and execution of the Investment Forum, thereby underscoring the efficacy of inter-agency collaboration for the implementation of OIC resolutions;

**Taking note** of the outcome of the Workshop on the Country Partnership Models with Central Asia organized by the COMCEC Coordination Office and Turkish Coordination and Cooperation Agency (TIKA) in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 22-23 February 2012,

1. **Approves** the recommendations of the First Investment Forum of the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia, including the implementation of the various projects contained in the Secretary General's Report on this Forum;
2. **Endorses** the initiative to organize an Investment Forum for Central Asia every two years as contained in the Report;
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to consult with Central Asian Member States on the hosting of next edition of the Investment Forum in 2016;
4. **Calls on** Member States to encourage their Public and Private Sectors as well as investment Agencies in OIC Member States to actively participate in the implementation of identified projects at the First OIC Investment Forum for Central Asia;
5. **Urges** Member States to endeavour to actively participate in the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia through project identification and facilitation of their implementation, with particular reference to the social and cultural components of the Plan;
6. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and institutions to identify relevant implementation modalities for expeditious implementation of identified projects by the First OIC Investment Forum in Central Asia.

**D. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to C to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.4/42-E**  
**ON**  
**ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE OIC MEMBER STATES,**  
**MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED TERRITORIES AND NON-OIC**  
**COUNTRIES**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (27-28 May 2015),*

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Charter of Organization of Islamic Cooperation on enhancing and strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among Member States,

**Pursuant** to the Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, particularly the ideals of partnership, mutual assistance and solidarity among the OIC Member States,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No.5/41-E adopted by 41<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014, with regard to Economic Assistance to the OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries,

**Being convinced** that the development assistance from fellow OIC Member States is meant to support and supplement the national efforts of the needy OIC Member States in solving the most important problems of their socio-economic development,

**Recognizing** that requests for assistance on the part of the needy OIC Member States are steadily increasing in volume and in scope,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Urges** OIC Member States and Financial Institutions to continue to extend all possible assistance to the needy OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries;
2. **Requests** OIC Member States to submit, on an annual basis, information on their respective assistance pursuant to this and previous resolutions on this matter.

## **A. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES**

**Expressing appreciation** for humanitarian and development assistance provided by OIC Member States in the form of capacity building, humanitarian and developmental projects and pursuant to its earlier resolutions,

**Noting** the growing need for mobilizing external financial and technical support towards addressing the developmental challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, low industrial capacity and infrastructure deficits, among others,

**Convinced** that development assistance from fellow OIC Member States would underscore Islamic Solidarity and consolidate the growing profile of the OIC as the largest South-South Cooperation platform,

**Aware** of the need to expand such collaboration to other partners in non-OIC countries within the framework of OIC shared international values and triangular economic cooperation,

1. **Commends** the various assistance provided by the Government of Malaysia through Malaysian Capacity Building Programme for OIC Countries (CBP4OICC) as evident in successful implementation of the two pilot projects in Mauritania and Sierra Leone as well as the on-going project in Bangladesh, and welcomes the contribution of the other OIC Member States to the programme;
2. **Invites** the General Secretariat to continue consultations with Government of Malaysia and the IDB for the implementation of next phase of this programme.

### **A.1. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN:**

**Confirming** full solidarity of the OIC Member States with the Government and people of Azerbaijan at this very critical time of the country's history,

**Referring** to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions regarding this conflict,

**Deploing** the Armenia-backed aggressive separatism instigated in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, followed by aggression and occupation by Armenia of about 20 percent of Azerbaijani territories and resulted in violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people from their homes, which, as such, resembles the terrible concept of ethnic cleansing,

**Conscious** of the fact that economic damage inflicted upon Azerbaijan in its territories currently occupied by Armenia already exceeds US\$60 billion,

**Welcoming and appreciating** the assistance extended by some Member States and OIC relevant bodies, United Nations institutions and international organizations,

**Emphasizing** the fact that despite the efforts and achievements of the Republic of Azerbaijan in solving the problems of Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) and refugees, there is still a need for technical and financial assistance by donor countries and international organizations,

1. **Appeals** to the Member States, International Community and Islamic Institutions to make available to the Government of Azerbaijan the financial and technical assistance with a view of implementing development projects aimed at improvement of social and living conditions of IDPs;
2. **Calls upon** the international organizations to continue to support economic and social development activities of Azerbaijan.

### **B. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MUSLIM MINORITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN NON-OIC COUNTRIES**

#### **B.1. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR:**

**Recalling** all previous resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference on assistance to the Kashmiri people, particularly Resolution 23/30-E of the Thirtieth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

**Expressing** deep sympathy to the victims, their families and people of Jammu and Kashmir who suffered huge loss of life and socio-economic and environmental damage from the massive earthquake that struck South Asia on 8 October 2005,

**Concerned** at the reports of Indian government's selective approach in assisting flood victims on communal basis and ignoring Muslims on the basis of religion,

**Also expressing gratitude** for the assistance, contributions and pledges of the international community, particularly the Member States for the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the earthquake victims, which reflect the spirit of Islamic solidarity and cooperation to meet the challenges of unprecedented natural disasters,

**Acknowledging** the interest shown by the Secretary General's Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Abdullah Alim in extending financial assistance for development projects in AJK during his to the region in 2013,

**Welcoming** the Secretary General's offers of financing development projects in AJK during his visit to Islamabad in 2014,

**Further expressing deep appreciation** for the assistance extended to the Kashmiris by some Member States and relevant OIC bodies,

1. **Calls** for expeditiously implementing the recommendations contained in the report of OIC Secretary General's Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the establishment of a Special Trust Fund for the assistance of Kashmiris and focus upon the higher educational needs of the Kashmiri youth through the provision of scholarships to the Kashmiri youth in professional colleges, vocational training and employment generation opportunities;
2. **Appeals** to Member States and Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people whose plight has been aggravated by the devastating earthquake of October 2005;
3. **Encourages** the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations from the Islamic World to continue to provide necessary fund and assistance



to support the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction work, in the affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

4. **Appeals** to Member States to contribute, wherever possible, to the rehabilitation of people affected by the earthquake disaster in order to facilitate the economic and social wellbeing since many means of livelihood have been damaged or destroyed;
5. **Also appeals** to Member States and the Islamic Institutions to grant scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries.

**C. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.5/42-E**  
**ON**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (27-28 May 2015),*

**Recalling** the new vision document of the COMCEC entitled “Making Cooperation Work: the COMCEC Strategy for Building an Interdependent Islamic World” adopted by the 4th Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 August 2012 in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

**Taking cognizance** of Final Communiqué of 12th Session of Islamic Summit (Session of New Challenges and Expanding Opportunities), particularly the provision on Economic Affairs, held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 6-7 February 2013,

**Recalling** Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005, particularly its strong commitment to accelerate economic cooperation among OIC Member States as well as effective collaboration with regional and international organizations,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution 4/41-E on Economic Issues adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Recalling** the relevant Resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular the COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009 and the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC,

**Appreciating** the Government of Turkey for its continued support to the COMCEC and the COMCEC Coordination Office for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMCEC,

**Commending** COMCEC for its efforts for enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the fields of trade, agriculture, transport and communications, tourism, finance, poverty alleviation and private sector development in the light of the COMCEC Strategy,

**Welcoming** the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy through the convening of the COMCEC Working Groups successfully and financing and operationalisation of

the cooperation projects under the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism (PCM),

**Commending** the activities of the COMCEC Coordination Office and various OIC Institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Renews** its request to Member States to further their efforts for the implementation of COMCEC's Resolutions, including resolutions of the 30<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC No. OIC/COMCEC/30-14/RES as annexed to the Resolutions on Economic Issues of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.6/42-E**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RELEVANT OIC INSTITUTIONS**  
**WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC DOMAIN**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of joint vision to strengthen tolerance and reject terrorism), held in Kuwait city, State of Kuwait on 9-10 Shaban 1436H (27-28 May 2015),*

**Pursuant** to the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on follow-up of the implementation of OIC decisions, resolutions and recommendations, including coordination and harmonization of the work of relevant OIC organs,

**Recalling** the Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 7-8 December 2005, particularly the role of OIC institutions working in the economic domain towards increasing intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014,

**Taking into account** the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

**A. STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND  
TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC)**

**Recalling** the Resolution No.2/8-EC adopted by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Tripoli, Libya in May 1977, with regard to the creation of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC),

**Aware of** SESRIC's role in preparing background reports and studies on the various agenda items of the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings,

**Acknowledging** the noticeable increase in the number of training and capacity building programmes and publications of the SESRIC in the recent years,

**Bearing in mind** the continuous efforts of SESRIC towards initiating and implementing a wide range of capacity building programmes and training courses in different fields and areas of interest to the Member States with a view to enhancing the capacities and quality of their human resources,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 36th Meeting of SESRIC's Board of Directors, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 3-4 September 2014,

**Having taken note** of the activity report submitted by the SESRIC,

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to endeavour to implement the recommendations and project proposals contained in the reports and studies of SESRIC submitted to the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings;
2. **Encourages** the SESRIC to conduct joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on developmental issues of interest to the Member States with a view to generating proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
3. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in, and support, the activities of SESRIC through activating the role of their National Focal Points (NFPs) in the OIC-VET Programme;
4. **Urges** SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group to enhance and increase their cooperation to facilitate the implementation of a wide range of training activities within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to actively participate in the Annual Meetings of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States, as well as the annual Sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);
6. **Requests** SESRIC and IDB to consider supporting Afghanistan in the area of disaster management, particularly in preparing a comprehensive study on past natural disasters as well as recommendations on possible strategies to prevent and mitigate natural disasters in this country;

7. **Commends** the continuous efforts of SESRIC towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistical Organisations (NSOs) of the OIC Member States within the framework of the Centre's Statistical Capacity Building Programme (OIC-StatCaB);
8. **Urges** the Member States, which have not done so thus far, for the on-time and regular payment of their annual mandatory contributions to the budget of the Centre, and to act for the settlement of their outstanding arrears, if any, at the earliest.

## **B. ISLAMIC CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (ICDT)**

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 2/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25-28 January 1981, with regard to the creation of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT),

**Noting with satisfaction** the organization of: Seminar "On non-tariff Barriers on the Trade of the OIC African Member States" in Casablanca, Morocco on 19-21 November 2014; and Training Seminars on "Trade Preferential System among OIC Member States and its protocols - PRETAS and Rules of Origin" in Oman, Saudi Arabia and Qatar in September 2014 and in April 2015, respectively,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 12th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa, which was held in Casablanca, Morocco on 17-18 December 2014,

**Bearing in mind** the outcome of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Consultative Group for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade" in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 2-3 March 2015,

**Taking into account** the outcome of the 32nd Meeting of ICDT's Board of Directors, which was held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 4-5 March 2015,

**Having considered** the activity report submitted by the ICDT,

1. **Appreciates** the offer by the Republic of Turkey to organize, in collaboration with ICDT, a Training Seminar on TPS/OIC for ECO Countries in Istanbul on 7-9 April 2015 and **invites** the concerned OIC Member States to actively participate in this seminar;
2. **Welcomes** the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco to organize, in collaboration with ICDT and the IDB Group, a

“Seminar on the new generation of FTAs and their impact on Intra-OIC Trade” in Casablanca on 4-6 May 2015 and **invites** the OIC Member States to actively participate in this seminar;

3. **Also welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Senegal to organize, in collaboration with the ICDT and the SIBM, the African Halal Business Forum in Dakar on 14-16 September 2015 and **urges** the OIC Member States to actively participate in this event;
4. **Commends** the offer of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to organize, in collaboration with the ICDT, the Second Global Network for the Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) of the OIC Member States on the sidelines of the 15<sup>th</sup> Trade Fair of the OIC Member States scheduled for Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 8-12 November 2015 and **urges** the OIC Member States to actively participate in this event;
5. **Urges** ICDT to organize a Workshop on promotion of the Single Window modality in OIC Member States during Second Meeting of the Global Network of the TPOs of the OIC Member States;
6. **Calls on** ICDT to continue extending the technical assistance to the Member States in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations and coordinating the positions of Member States within the WTO with a view to setting up a common platform of negotiations;
7. **Requests** the ICDT to hold more sector-specific exhibitions and to keep on utilizing professional expertise in these activities;
8. **Also requests** ICDT to prepare regularly, progress reports on Trade and Tourism Fairs of the OIC Member States as well as on the other specialized exhibitions and submit them to the relevant OIC fora;
9. **Encourages** ICDT to carry on organizing the Training and Awareness-raising Seminars on the TPS/OIC and its Protocols in the different regions of the OIC in a bid to sensitize the Member States to complete their membership to the TPS/OIC.

**C. ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE (ICCIA)**

**Commending** the efforts of the ICCIA in organizing Forums, Training Program, B2B Meetings, Seminars and Workshops in order to galvanize the role of the Private Sector to expand their network and increase their trading and investment opportunities,

**Bearing in mind** the programmes of ICCIA in the areas of Halal, SMEs Development, Entrepreneurship Development, Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance and Development of Women and Youth-led- Enterprises,

**Taking note** of the recommendations of the Food Exchange Forum between Saudi Arabia and other Islamic Countries, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in November 2014; Workshop on Capacity Building on Value Chain Analysis for Agribusiness, held in Ankara, Turkey in December 2014; and Training Program for Managers, held in Dubai, UAE in February 2015,

**Noting with appreciation** the cooperation of ICCIA with OIC Institutions and the UN Specialized agencies, namely UNIDO, UNDP and UN Office for South-South Cooperation,

**Having noted** the establishment of the following projects by the ICCIA:

- The Islamic Masfaq as a model for Business Development Center to gather all stakeholders under one roof and to facilitate procedures and create development in the various fields of economic activities with the main objective of creating job opportunities and enhancing economic growth in the OIC Member States.
- Excellence Awards to be granted annually to qualifying individuals and private sector enterprises for their distinction in one of the selected fields of the Award(s). These awards aim at consolidating the principle of quality in the OIC countries.
- International Commercial Arbitration Center to be established under the ICCIA umbrella in collaboration with the ICCIA member institutions, so as to contribute in resolving commercial disputes that may arise among the businessmen of OIC Member States.

**Taking into account** the planned activities of the ICCIA during the year 2015, namely:

- 8th Forum for Businesswomen in Islamic Countries;
- 17th Private Sector Meeting;
- Training Programs for the Member Chambers on Capacity Building, Poverty Alleviation, Sustainable Development and Utilization of Microfinance;
- Organizing General and Specialized Exhibitions and Trade Fairs on country and regional basis.



**Having noted** the activity report submitted by the ICCIA,

1. **Calls upon** all interested parties to collaborate with the ICCIA in the areas of Halal, SMEs Development, Entrepreneurship Development, Poverty Alleviation, Microfinance and Development of Women and Youth-led-Enterprises;
2. **Also calls upon** the relevant stakeholders to undertake efforts for the realization of the proposed recommendations of the Food Exchange Forum between Saudi Arabia and other Islamic Countries; Workshop on Capacity Building on Value Chain Analysis for Agribusiness; and Training Program for Managers;
3. **Invites** ICCIA to cooperate on Halal Issues with the SMIIC as the technically competent and authorized platform for the Halal issues;
4. **Also invites** private sector establishments of the OIC Member States to actively participate in the ICCIA organized events during the year.

**D. STANDARDS AND METROLOGY INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SMIIC)**

**Commending** the activities of Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in the area of standardization, metrology and their impact on trade facilitation, trade promotion and capacity building,

**Welcoming** the establishment of the new Technical Committees on Leather and Tanning Material, and Textile and Related Products,

**Also welcoming** the efforts of the SMIIC Metrology Committee in the formation of Halal Certified Reference Materials and training programs aiding in metrology capacity building of Member States,

**Taking note** of SMIIC Capacity Building activities for OIC Member States in the fields of Standardization, Metrology,

**Having noted** the report on the activities of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC),

1. **Welcomes** the increase in the number of SMIIC members to 31 members;

2. **Calls upon** Member States to actively participate at the SMIIC Forum 2015 to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 5 May 2015, which will raise the awareness of conformity assessment and halal activities throughout the Member States;
3. **Encourages** the SMIIC Member States to adopt the OIC/SMIIC Standards as their National Standards in order to aid the harmonization of Standards, Metrology and Accreditation and eliminate the technical barriers to trade among OIC Member States;
4. **Requests** the Member States to become a member of SMIIC in order to benefit from the services provided by SMIIC and actively participate in its established Technical Committees (TCs), namely: TC1: Halal Food Issues; TC2: Halal Cosmetic Issues; TC3: Service Site Issues; TC4: Renewable Energy; TC5: Tourism and Related Services; TC6: Agricultural Processes; and TC7: Transportation in the area of Standardization;
5. **Encourages** the National Accreditation Bodies of the OIC Member States to become a member of SMIIC Accreditation Committee (AC) in the area of accreditation, and **welcomes** the activities of the SMIIC Accreditation Committee in the establishment of an OIC Halal Accreditation Scheme and training programmes in this regard, and requests from the National Accreditation Bodies of OIC Member States to sign Multilateral Agreement (MLA) with SMIIC Accreditation AC, which acts as an umbrella organization for the accreditation activities;
6. **Invites** all related OIC organs to support and collaborate with SMIIC in order to facilitate the realization of its activities and vice versa where appropriate.

**E. ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (OISA)**

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 4/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25-28 January 1981, with regard to the creation of the Organization of the Islamic Shipowners Association (OISA),

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 36th Executive Committee and 27<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Shipowners Association held in Dubai, United Arab of Emirates on 12 November 2014,

**Acknowledging** the role of maritime training institutions in providing the maritime transport market with highly trained and qualified personnel in compliance with the international standards in order to ensure the success of the maritime transport development plans in OIC Member States,

**Conscious** of the need to increase marine academies and training centers to train citizens of OIC countries in order to enable them serve on vessels owned by shipping companies of OIC Member States and other international shipping companies,

**Emphasizing** the need to increase financing infrastructure projects in the maritime industry, including identifying different methods of financing for the building and purchasing of ships to strengthen the maritime commercial fleet in OIC Member States,

1. **Urges** investors and financing institutions to support the development of marine transport, including maritime commercial fleet in OIC Member States;
2. **Requests** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to register their tonnage with the Islamic P&I Club (IPIC) and benefit from its services;
3. **Also requests** OISA to reactivate its Bakkah Shipping Company in order to promote shipping transportation and starting permanent shipping line between OIC Member States;
4. **Urges** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to utilize Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (ASRY), Turkish Shipbuilders' Association (GISBIR) and other shipyard companies in OIC Member States for building, repairing and maintenance of their vessels;
5. **Requests** OIC Member States to encourage their shipping companies to register their under construction vessels and new buildings with Emirates Classification Society (TASNEEF) in order to utilize their best classification services.

F. **GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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