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RESOLUTION NO.1/42-S&T
ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Referring to the OIC Vision 1441H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Mindful of the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 1/41 – S&T on Science and Technology Matters adopted by the 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Welcoming the launch of the country report on Indonesia and the Final Report under the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation project, thus marking the conclusion of the project;

Commending the role of the COMSTECH and the activities and programmes of ISESCO, SESRIC, IAS, IDB and ICCI in the field of the development and promotion of science and technology in the Islamic World;

Taking note of the efforts of the COMSTECH Secretariat in preparing for the OIC Summit on Science and Technology in coordination with the Government of Pakistan;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities for the promotion of science, technology and innovation, including efforts for sound STI policy frameworks, promotion of R&D, university-industry linkages, collaboration of joint-R&D projects, public-private partnerships, and measures for enhancing R&D funding;
2. **Urges** COMSTECH to expedite the finalization of the project for STI mapping and foresight studies covering a broad cross-section of OIC Member States and updated at

regular intervals as successor programme to the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation project;

3. **Looks forward** to the convening of the OIC Summit for Science and Technology for identifying priorities, goals and targets for the advancement and promotion of science and technology as a driver for socio-economic development in the OIC Member States;
4. **Urges** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to participate at the OIC Summit for Science and Technology scheduled to be held in Islamabad during last quarter of 2015;
5. **Calls upon** all relevant OIC institutions to coordinate their programmes and activities with COMSTECH with a view to achieving synergies and complementarities in the pursuit of the objectives outlined by the Summit on Science and Technology;
6. **Welcomes** IDB publication on IDB Prize Winning institutions on S&T and **urges** IDB, COMSTECH and the General Secretariat to identify opportunities among the winning institutions to be centres of excellence for intra-OIC collaboration on S&T;
7. **Requests** IDB to continue supporting initiatives for the promotion of science, technology and innovation, bearing in mind the priorities, goals and targets directly contributing to the achievement of socio-economic development objectives of the Member States;
8. **Invites** the Member States to confirm participation, at their earliest convenience, in the International Specialized Exhibition EXPO-2017, to be held in Kazakhstan, which will be an opportunity for them to present their best practices and technologies in the green energy field”
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/42-S&T
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Mindful of the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 2/41 – S&T on Higher Education Matters adopted by the 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Recalling the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Higher Education and Scientific Research, including those adopted by the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Rabat, 18-19 December 2014);

Bearing in mind the important role of the OIC affiliated universities i.e. Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Dhaka, Bangladesh, Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), Islamic University in Niger (IUN) and International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in promoting higher education, research and development;

Welcoming the successful conduct of the OIC Educational Exchange Programme under which nearly 300 scholarships have so far been announced at graduate, masters, doctoral and post-doctoral levels by various public and private sector universities in the OIC Member States;

Welcoming the convening of the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Rabat, Morocco, on 18-19 December 2014;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities in the domain of higher education, including efforts for improvements in curricula, faculties, networking among higher education institutions, promotion of joint research projects, distance learning arrangements, scholarship programmes and vocational training programmes;

2. **Expresses** appreciation for the higher education scholarships offered by Azerbaijan, Brunei Darussalam, Egypt, Turkey and universities from Member States and Observers; COMSATS Institute for Information Technology (CIIT), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Pakistan, University of Lahore (UOL), The Cyprus International University (CIU), The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), The European University of Lefke (EUL), The Girne American University (GAU), The Near East University (NEU), The Middle East Technical University METU under the OIC Educational Exchange Programme; and invites Member States to encourage their public and private sector higher education and research institutions to actively collaborate with the OIC for the further strengthening and promoting the OIC Educational Exchange Programme;
3. **Further** invites Member States to widely disseminate for the benefit of interested students information about the ongoing offers of scholarships for the academic session in 2015, which include 10 scholarship offers by the Arab Republic of Egypt, 10 offers by COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, 5 offers by International Islamic University Malaysia and 15 offers by University of Lahore;
4. **Urges** ISESCO and OIC General Secretariat to coordinate their efforts within the frameworks of the OIC Educational Exchange Programme and TAFAHUM project on exchange of students, faculty and researchers among universities in the Islamic World, with a view to establishing a general framework for promoting and advancing higher education through enhanced exchanges, scholarships, sharing of expertise and joint research;
5. **Welcomes** the holding of the first meeting of the High-Level Quality and Accreditation Committee, which was held in May 2014 under the chairmanship of Saudi Arabia, to follow-up on the implementation of the 'Key Performance Indicators for Universities in the Islamic World' and the adoption of the Terms of Reference of the Committee by the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Rabat, 18-19 December 2014);
6. **Appreciates** the efforts of the concerned Member States and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for promoting and advancing higher education in Member States, including IDB's support for OIC universities as well as IDB scholarships programmes: Scholarship Programme for Muslim communities in Non-member Countries, M.Sc. Scholarship Programme in Science and Technology for Least Developed Member Countries' and Merit Scholarship Programme for High Technology.
7. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts of IDB to contribute to the establishment of an International Islamic University in Kabul, Afghanistan, as well as efforts by the Bank to mobilize financial resources for this purpose;

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.3/42-S&T
ON
HEALTH MATTERS

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Recalling Resolution No. 3/41 – S&T on Health Matters adopted by the 41st session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Referring to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers and the Steering Committee on Health , including those adopted by the 4th Islamic Conference of health Ministers (Jakarta, 22-24 October 2013);

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Taking note of the progress made in the implementation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014 – 2023;

Appreciating the hosting by Turkey of the 2nd Meeting of Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) of the OIC-SHPA (23-24 February 2015) and the 9th Meeting of the Steering Committee on Health (25-26 February 2015);

Taking note of the establishment of the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group and holding of its first meeting in Jeddah on 25-26 June 2014;

Appreciating the convening of a meeting of OIC Ambassadors accredited to the WHO which was held in Geneva on 29 September 2014 under the chairmanship of the then Minister of Health of the Republic of Indonesia to mobilize support for Member States affected by the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa;

Appreciating the joint efforts of OIC and IDB in assisting the member states affected by the Ebola Virus Disease EVD in West Africa including the convening of the resource mobilization conference on 05 November 2014;

Taking note of holding of the inaugural meeting of the OIC collaborative Project on Maternal and Child Survival Programme in seven selected OIC member states in conjunction with SESRIC, IDB, WHO, UNFPA and USAID, held in Ankara on 19-21 January 2015;

Further taking note, with appreciation, of the efforts by Islamic Advisory Group on polio eradication including the convening of International Ulama Conference on child health and immunization in Somalia organized by the OIC, IDB, IIFA and WHO in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan on 28-29 January 2015;

Welcoming the progress in the OIC-IDB-IAEA Cooperation project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;

Appreciating the ongoing cooperation in the field of health between the OIC and international partners such as the World Health Organization, the Global Fund to fight against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), the Stop TB partnership, the Roll Back Malaria, UNICEF, UNFPA and the GAVI Alliance;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to continue their efforts in implementing the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014-2023 in coordination with the respective Lead Country Coordinators (LCCs) for each of the six thematic areas of the Programme;
2. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat to continue coordination with the OIC Technical Committee on Development and Harmonization of Standards of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines and the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group and the IDB toward promotion of self-reliance in production of vaccines and exploring possibilities for viable and practical mechanisms for Pooling of Procurements of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines;
3. **Invites** interested vaccine manufacturing companies from OIC Member States to join the OIC Vaccine Manufacturers' Group;
4. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat in close coordination with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to urgently organize meeting of Member States to discuss for Pooling of Procurements of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines;
5. **Invites** Member States to participate in training sessions on pharmaceutical regulatory system to be organized by Malaysia in November 2015 and further invites the Member States to utilize the WHO Collaborative Centers relevant to various aspects of health;
6. **Welcomes** the contributions of NGOs in implementation of OIC-SHPA 2014 -2023;
7. **Welcomes** the meeting of OIC Ambassadors accredited to the WHO which was held in Geneva on 29 September 2014 under the chairmanship of the then Minister of Health of

the Republic of Indonesia to discuss the Ebola Virus Disease outbreak and takes note on the necessity of immediate actions and continuous solidarity to confront the outbreak;

8. **Welcomes** the OIC-IDB joint efforts in contributing towards international response to the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease in West Africa and lauds the IDB for the approval of US \$ 10 million as seed money for a special fund dedicated to assisting states to fight Ebola Virus Disease;
9. **Expresses gratitude** for the generous contribution of US \$ 35 million by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz (May Allah have mercy on him) towards OIC-IDB efforts to contain the spread of Ebola and **calls upon** other Member States and organizations to contribute towards these efforts;
10. **Requests** participating Member States in the OIC collaborative Project on Maternal and Child Survival Programme to facilitate the work of National Focal Points in collecting and compiling the necessary data on the state of Maternal and Newborn Health Care in their respective jurisdictions;
11. **Further requests** all Member States to continue their efforts to increase coverage of immunization and ensuring all children are vaccinated against preventable diseases in particular polio, as well as to engage in multilateral and bilateral cooperation, including by exchanging epidemiological information, laboratory monitoring data, and carrying out simultaneous supplementary immunization activities as appropriate;
12. **Reiterates** its support for the religious injunctions (Fatwas) of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy regarding the safety and acceptability in Islam of polio vaccination and declaring it a duty of all parents and communities to protect children and to allow health workers to carry out their duties in safety;
13. **Encourages** the Member States to participate and contribute to the OIC-IDB-IAEA joint project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;
14. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen cooperation in the area of health training and education including offers of scholarships in the field of health education under the 'OIC Educational Exchange Programme: Promoting Solidarity through Academia';
15. **Urges** the Member States to undertake necessary steps to promote healthy life style and strengthen control of non-communicable diseases including obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases;
16. **Requests** potential donors, including the OIC Member States, to contribute generously to the GPEI and the Global Fund to support activities against polio, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria;

17. **Welcomes** the approval by IDB of an amount of Euro 15.00 million for “Support to Yellow Fever Vaccine Production Project in Senegal” out of the total estimated project cost of Euro 23.02 million. The project will address the regional and global demand for yellow Fever Vaccine through increasing its production from 4.5 million to 15-30 million doses per year.
18. **Emphasizes** that in support of national development efforts in the area of health, an enabling international environment, supportive of universal, non-discriminatory, timely and affordable access to medicines, vaccines, equipment, technologies, knowledge and information and other supplies is required to guarantee comprehensive provision of health care services for women, children, adolescents, elderly and other groups in vulnerable situation;
19. **Urges** the Member States to ensure that health is central to the post-2015 development agenda;
20. **Encourages** all Member States to actively participate in the 5th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers to be held in Turkey in November 2015;
21. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/42-S&T
ON
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Reaffirming the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 4/41 – S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Taking into account the resolutions of the 5th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 17-18 May 2012 and the Islamic Declaration for Sustainable Development (within the Framework of the Islamic World's Participation in the Rio+20 Summit) adopted by the Conference;

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Reiterating the importance of a transparent and inclusive inter-governmental negotiation process within the United Nations General Assembly on sustainable development goals and Post-2015 development agenda;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Conferences of the Environment Ministers, including the 4th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 17-18 May 2012;
2. **Reiterates** the need for robust global cooperation, especially for countries vulnerable to adverse consequences of climate change, including additional, adequate and predictable financing and technology development and transfer, capacity building from developed to developing countries, under the UN Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. The provision of finance should be in addition to the existing commitments for official development assistance.
3. **Calls upon** Member States to undertake consultations and coordinate their positions to effectively address challenges stemming from climate change and deteriorating

environmental conditions, develop environmental policies and allocate necessary human, technological and economic resources for this purpose so as to make a unified, substantial contribution in these processes;

4. **Urges** the Member States to actively participate and coordinate their positions, as appropriate, in all relevant processes of developing a new document, successor to the Kyoto Protocol at the international level, due to its impact on the development agenda of the developing countries;
5. **Invites** the Member states to continue their engagement and participation in a coordinated manner in the ongoing negotiation process under the auspices of the UN General Assembly for the finalization of the post-2015 development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals;
6. **Calls upon** COMSTECH to expedite the finalization of the OIC Green Technology Blue Print in collaboration with the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB);
7. **Requests** COMSTECH to accord special attention to the promotion of cooperation among the Member States and related OIC institutions in areas such as environment protection, renewable energies and green technology and effective utilization of existing expertise in the Member States in such fields;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.5/42-S&T
ON
OIC WATER VISION

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Reaffirming Resolution No 5/41–S&T on OIC Water Vision adopted by the 41st session of Council of Foreign Ministers 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqués adopted by the 4th Extraordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah on 14-15 August 2012, and the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Taking note of the resolution and recommendations of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water (Istanbul, Turkey, 5 – 6 March 2012) which adopted the OIC Water Vision;

Underscoring the significance of cooperation between the OIC Member States for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision including cooperation to ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/42-CFM/2015/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Welcomes** the appointment of national focal points to coordinate the implementation of the OIC Water Vision by a large number of Member States and **requests** the Member States, which have not yet done so, to designate and convey the contact details of their respective national focal points to the OIC General Secretariat at the earliest possible;
2. **Welcomes** the establishment by SESRIC of a web portal on water resources to collate information from Member States on their needs and offers for cooperation and the development of a specific water resources capacity building questionnaire for this purpose and encourages the Member States to share information with SESRIC as appropriate;
3. **Invites** Member States to utilize the opportunities for capacity building and human resource development available under the SESRIC Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) which aims at facilitating exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water among the member countries and thus contributing to the implementation of OIC Water Vision;

4. **Welcomes** the offer by Turkey to convene 1st Meeting of National Focal Points in June 2015 to consider concrete measures for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision, focusing on exchange and knowledge sharing; collaborative activities in research, policy and management support amongst OIC knowledge centers on water; capacity building and enhancement, outreach development; and organization of specialized forums and conferences;
5. **Further welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the Third Islamic Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water on 2 – 4 November 2015 in Istanbul;
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/42-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (COMSTECH)

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the successive sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers including Resolution No. 6/41-S&T on the Activities of Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) adopted by the 41st session held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014;

Mindful of the recommendation of the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee of COMSTECH held at Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 25-26 November 2011;

Appreciating the Government of Pakistan for its continued support to COMSTECH and the Coordinator General of COMSTECH and COMSTECH Secretariat for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMSTECH;

Commending COMSTECH for its activities and programmes in the field of science and technology, Higher Education, Health and the Environment in the Islamic World;

Appreciating the initiative of COMSTECH launching The Higher Education Network (THEN);

Having considered the activity report of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (OIC/42-CFM/2015/CG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** COMSTECH to take necessary measures for strengthening coordination and integration of the activities of S&T institutions in the OIC system and develop policy guidelines in this regard;
2. **Requests** Islamic Development Bank to support COMSTECH generously to enable it to expand its programs in various fields of science and technology;
3. **Urges** COMSTECH to revise its 21 Volume massive database of online “Directory of Active Scientists in OIC Member States and their recent scientific publications”;
4. **Invites** the Coordinator General to expand COMSTECH activities with respect to the promotion of S&T in the Member States;

5. **Calls upon** the Member States to provide appropriate financial support to COMSTECH for execution of the new initiatives it intends to pursue in the coming years in line with the priorities adopted by the OIC Summit on Science and Technology,
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 43rd session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.7/42-S&T
ON**

ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC UNIVERSITIES

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Recalling Resolution No. 7/41 – S&T on Activities of the OIC Universities adopted by the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 18-19 June 2014;

Referring to resolutions adopted by the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Rabat, Morocco, on 18-19 December 2014;

Expressing profound gratitude to the Governments of Bangladesh, Malaysia, Niger and Uganda for their continued support for the respective OIC universities;

Expressing gratitude to the OIC Member States for their support and provision of assistance to the OIC universities including contributions to the relevant Waqfs;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the OIC universities:

1. **Urges** the OIC universities to devote more attention to research in the fields relevant to the needs of Member States and disseminate research findings to the potential beneficiaries;
2. **Encourages** the Universities to implement the Key Performance Indicators document for achieving quality and high standards of education;
3. **Appeals** to Member States to donate generously to the OIC universities for further development of their academic programmes and infrastructure and addressing other specific needs;
4. **Commends** the financial support of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to the IUN and IUIU and encourages ISF to continue such support for these universities;

Islamic University of Technology (IUT), Dhaka, Bangladesh

5. **Appreciates** the role being played by the Islamic University of technology (IUT) for the development of human resources in the Member States in the fields of engineering, technology and technical education;
6. **Calls upon** the University to devote more attention to ensure quality education and undertake research relevant to the needs of the Member States and disseminate research findings to the potential beneficiaries;
7. **Urges** the IUT to carry out effective implementation of the ten year IUT Strategic Plan, which was adopted by the IUT Governing Board in 2012, with a view to transforming the University into a center of excellence for advanced learning in the fields of engineering and technology
8. **Further urges** it to expedite construction of a hostel for female students, and pending the construction of the facility to consider temporary arrangements for female accommodation with a view to enabling the commencement of female enrollment in the 2016 academic session;
9. **Calls upon** Member States to pay in full and in timely manner their annual contributions to the IUT;
10. **Welcomes** the approval of the Rules of IUT Endowment Fund, as authorized by the 41st CFM, by the 43rd session of the Permanent Finance Committee (PFC) held in Jeddah , Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 9-11 December 2014 (Res.No.5/43-AF(PFC)); and **Invites** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to lend their support to the Endowment Fund;
11. **Takes note** of the recommendation of IUT General Assembly to refer the issue of salary scale of IUT staff to the PFC for further review and requests IUT to provide a comparative study of pay scales in other local universities in this regard.
12. **Encourages** the IUT to continue its efforts for further internationalizing the composition of staff members and students from member States;
13. **Requests the** IUT Vice Chancellor to present a report, during the 43rd session of the CFM, on the decisions of the Governing Board with regard to the various studies mandated by the Board including options for straightening courses in niche areas, options for diversifying the financial resources of the IUT, increasing the number of students enrolled and optimal utilization of IUT facilities;

Islamic University in Niger (IUN)

14. **Commends** the generous donation of US \$ 65 million by a philanthropist for the construction of female educational facilities at the IUN and in this regard **welcomes** the signing of a tripartite agreement between the IUN, IDB and Government of Niger on 20 November 2014;
15. **Expresses appreciation** for the IDB for financing US\$15 million commercial center project through the Waqf Fund for IUN and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) for creating a specific budgetary provision for the establishment of the college of agriculture and college of nursing at the IUN.
16. **Calls upon** the IUN to provide regular updates to the CFM on progress in the implementation of its strategic plan (2006-2016) which aims at modernizing the university with a view to attaining the level of higher education institutions.
17. **Urge** ISESCO and SESRIC to present a report to the 43rd session of the CFM with regard to the actions taken by them pursuant to their respective action plans for assistance to the IUN submitted to the OIC General Secretariat as a follow-up to the Consultative Meeting of OIC institutions in respect of the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and the Islamic University in Niger (IUN) held in Jeddah on 11 May 2014
18. **Requests** the Member States to support the IUN through all possible means to establish new faculties, including the Faculties of Agriculture, Education and Health Sciences, and to launch Masters programmes in Share'a, Law and Arabic language;

Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)

19. **Urges** the IUIU to consolidate establishment of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) by strengthening the existing programmes and adding new ones, and expedite the establishment of the Faculty of Engineering and **requests** the Member States to extend assistance through secondment of qualified academic staff and provision of appropriate equipment and books;
20. **Welcome** the assistance being provided to the IUIU by the University of Lahore, Pakistan, Doctors World Wide (DWW) of Turkey and the Habib family of Jeddah in the establishment of the Faculty of Health Sciences and invites public and private sector universities to consider extending similar cooperation to the OIC universities in addressing their requirements;
21. **Appreciates** the Federal Government of Nigeria for seconding academic staff to IUIU under the Technical Aid Corps (TAC) Volunteers Scheme; and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Arab Republic of Egypt for similar support; and **urges** the other Member States to consider extending similar support;
22. **Requests** Member States, IDB and other institutions to donate funds for the construction of a Waqf at the IUIU estimated at a cost of US\$ 30 million;

23. **Requests** Member States to provide sustainable financial support annually to IUIU to improve staff welfare and also to enable the University to acquire the facilities they need to provide quality education to the youths of Africa;
24. **Requests** the Member States and institutions to give voluntary financial and material support to the Females' Campus of the IUIU to enable it to play an effective role in addressing the educational needs of Muslim women in English speaking African countries;
25. **Requests** the IUIU to continue enrolment of students from the eastern and southern Africa to meet the educational needs of the Muslim communities in those regions;

International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

26. **Expresses appreciation** for the IIUM for announcing scholarships under the OIC Educational Encourages and extending support to OIC universities in terms of strengthening of their academic programmes and capacity-building of faculty and **requests** the IIUM to continue its valuable support;
27. **Urges** the OIC Member States and all the relevant OIC institutions to lend their support to the IIUM Endowment Fund;
28. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 43rd session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/42-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC INSTITUTIONS
OPERATING IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Recalling Resolution No 8/41 – S&T on the Activities of the OIC Institutions Operating in the Fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment adopted by the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 20-21 Sha’ban 1434H (18-19 June 2014);

Bearing in mind the resolutions and decisions adopted by the successive sessions of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (ICMHESR), Islamic Conference of Health Ministers, (ICHM) and Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (ICEM);

Further Bearing in mind the Final Communiqué adopted by the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013;

Commending SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, STIO, ICCI and IAS for their activities and programmes in the fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment;

STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL-RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC)

Appreciating the role of the SESRIC in collating, processing and disseminating socioeconomic statistics and information on and for the utilization of OIC Member Countries, including major indicators in the field of science and technology, education, health and environment;

Further appreciating SESRIC for preparing highly instructive technical reports and studies on the most pertinent issues for Member States in several domains including Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment;

Welcoming the capacity building programmes and training activities conducted under the umbrella of the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) of SESRIC, tailored for the specific needs of Member Countries in different socio-economic domains, particularly in the fields of health and water resources management;

Noting with appreciation the active involvement of SESRIC and its contribution in the implementation of the OIC initiative on self-reliance in vaccines and medicines in OIC Member Countries

- **Appreciating** the efforts of SESRIC for initiating focused capacity building activities in the National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the Member Countries in the field of Health Statistics under the project titled “Integration of the ‘Tobacco Questions for Surveys (TQS)’ into the National Surveys in OIC Member States”;

Further welcoming the long standing efforts of SESRIC in organising various training programmes in the field of health under the framework of IbnSina Health Capacity Building Programme and calling upon Member Countries and relevant OIC institutions to actively contribute and participate in the Ibn Sina Programme.

Taking note of the role played by SESRIC as one of the programme managers in the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation project;

Acknowledging the contribution of SESRIC in the preparation and finalisation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014-2023 and its implementation activities;

Taking note of the report by SESRIC:

1. **Appreciates** the efforts of SESRIC towards the implementation of the OIC Water Vision through developing an online web portal on water issues and initiating the Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) with the aim of facilitating the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water resources;
2. **Calls upon** the relevant national institutions responsible for water resources management to cooperate with SESRIC in the assignment of the National Focal Points as well as implementation of capacity building and training programs in the area of water management through responding to the relevant questionnaire of SESRIC;
3. **Commends** SESRIC efforts for facilitating matching the needs and capacities of the national relevant institutions working in the domain of environment and health through the relevant capacity building programmes of the Centre; and **calls upon** the member countries to fully benefit from these programmes through responding to the relevant questionnaires of SESRIC.
4. **Appreciates** SESRIC initiative of OIC Scholarship Opportunities of Education (OIC-SCOPE) as an information tool for stockpiling scholarships information in different fields

of study announced by the relevant authorities of the OIC Member Countries to international arena, especially for the students from other OIC Member Countries;

ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

Appreciating the efforts exerted by ISESCO in the field of science and technology, higher education, health and environment;

Acknowledging the efforts of ISESCO in building scientific, technological and innovative capacities in various important and vital areas directly related with socio-economic development of the Member States;

Welcoming the establishment of the Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN) as a platform for collaboration between scientists, researchers and education networks and sharing of knowledge, best practices and stimulating joint research;

Welcoming the convening of the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, on 18-19 December 2014;

Taking note of the report submitted by ISESCO:

1. **Invites** ISESCO to ensure follow-up to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the 7th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Rabat, 18-19 December 2014) in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and concerned parties;
2. **Welcomes** the launching and dissemination of the report in the Arab Member States on “Transforming Arab Economies: Knowledge and Innovation Road” by ISESCO in collaboration with World Bank and the initiative launched for Arab Member States on the formulation and implementation of well articulated and coordinated cross-sectional knowledge economies strategies for their countries and **requests** ISESCO to take steps for similar initiatives in the Asian and African Member States;
3. **Urges** ISESCO to continue its support for Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU) and Islamic University Niger (IUN) in accordance with the plan submitted by ISESCO to the General Secretariat which includes actions for strengthening of their academic programmes, performance assessment, supporting STI programmes, capacity-building of faculty and promoting linkages with universities in Member States;

- 4. Commends** the efforts of the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) in terms of promoting and advancing university education and establishing linkages and partnerships among universities across the Islamic World and **calls upon** the FUIW to take steps for establishing partnerships and linkages between IUIU, IUN and IUT and universities of good standing in the Member States with a view to supporting the efforts of these universities in terms of strengthening of their academic programmes and overcoming faculty deficit;

ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)

Noting with appreciation the commitment of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) towards addressing developmental and financial needs of the OIC Member States in the area of science and technology, higher education, health and environment and its programmes and initiatives in these areas;

Appreciating IDB for focusing on health sector, particularly in the area of combating diseases and epidemics and strengthening human and institutional capacity in various Member States;

Commending IDB for its contribution towards promoting quality education in Member States;

Further commending IDB Scholarship Programmes aimed to build science-based human capital in Member States as well as Muslim communities in non-Member States;

Welcoming the support of IDB to the training program on STI Policy and Foresight organized by COMSTECH;

Appreciating IDB for its financial support extended to the Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation project, the preparation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action and OIC Water Vision;

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the IDB in the domains of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment:

- 1. Requests** IDB to promote STI collaboration among OIC Member States, inter alia, through promoting linkages and between the IDB S&T Prize Winning institutions and their counterparts in other OIC countries;
- 2. Commends** the IDB assistance for the development of Information Security Management System (ISMS) Implementation Framework - a project between CyberSecurity Malaysia and the Central Bank of Suriname for the enhancement of the security of information systems in the Central bank of Suriname;

3. **Calls upon** IDB to assist Member States to improve quality of education to allocate more grants for capacity building and development projects;
4. **Requests** IDB to continue supporting Member States in their efforts to combat diseases and epidemics;
5. **Further Requests** IDB to continue its support to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in the fight against polio and to cooperate with the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;
6. **Invites** IDB to consider programmes for assisting Member States to move towards high value added economies and embed technology development into the planning processes of member states;
7. **Encourages** IDB to apply more concessionary rates for R&D funding.

ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ICCI):

Noting the contribution of ICCI to develop a society that is appreciative and supportive of S&T, creating an environment that encourages and rewards ideas, supports science and innovation, promotes entrepreneurship in Member States;

Taking note of the report of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI):

1. **Calls upon** ICCI to support greater industry participation and investments in R & D/ technology development activities and promoting and expanding academia-industry linkage programme in OIC Member States including programme to enhance commercialization of R & D;
2. **Requests** ICCI, in collaboration with the IDB and Member States, to identify viable and marketable projects for commercialization of R&D results.

ISLAMIC WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (IAS)

Noting that the IAS is a focal point of the science community of the OIC that is actively raising the profile of science and promoting networking among the scientists of the OIC as well as with the international science community;

Mindful of the IAS 2013 IAS Dhaka Declaration issued at the conclusion of the 19th IAS Conference held in Dhaka (Bangladesh), 6-9 May 2013, under the title ‘Achieving Socioeconomic Development in the Islamic World through Science, Technology and Innovation;’ in co-operation with the Government of Bangladesh, the IDB and COMSTECH;

Commending the IAS for publishing the Medical Journal of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences as a unique open-source forum for the medical research community in the OIC and internationally;

Commending the IAS for its outreach activities with the InterAcademy Panel (IAP), the InterAcademy Medical Panel (IAMP), the International Union of Academies (IUA) and the InterAction Council (IAC);

Acknowledging the support provided by a number of OIC countries to the IAS including Jordan, Oman, Kuwait and Malaysia and requesting Member Countries to afford the IAS all possible support to help it achieve its objectives;

Taking note of the report of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS);

1. **Urges** the IAS to further strengthen its activities in all domains pertinent to its mandate and responsibilities;
2. **Requests** the IAS to convene the 20th IAS Conference during 2015;
3. **Requests** the IAS to publish the proceedings of its last three conferences in 2014, and to disseminate such proceedings to decision-makers throughout the OIC;
4. **Requests** the IAS to continue to build up its visual database of scientific lectures and symposia on the Internet for the benefit of scientists, scholars and researchers from the OIC and beyond;
5. **Requests** the IAS to provide all possible assistance to OIC countries in formulating their national STI policies and strategies and establish or strengthen their national academies of sciences.

RESOLUTION NO.9/42-S&T
ON
MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SAND AND DUST STORM
IN SOME MEMBER STATES

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Referring to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation where it demands the Member States to Endeavour to protect and preserve the environment;

Having considered the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action calling upon Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

Recalling Resolution on the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of action, underlining the need to ensure sustainable development of Member States through effective policy to protect the environment;

Recalling further article 3 of the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, ratified by Islamic Environment Ministers in Jeddah, on 10-12 June 2002, where it names the environment a gift from Allah and calls upon all individuals and communities to take care of it and promote it;

Taking into account the adverse effects of severe and long-standing drought and implications of climate change, in the shape of dust and sand storm in certain Member States;

Further taking into account the final report of the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment which, among other things, calls on Member States competent authorities to redouble efforts and better coordinate actions to meet the new challenges posed by climate change and deterioration of environmental situation including desertification;

Recalling Resolution No. 9/40-S&T on Mainstreaming Efforts to Combat the Sand and Dust Storm adopted by the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 18-19 June 2014;

Welcoming the UNEP initiative of Regional Programme to Combat Sand and Dust Storms including Ministerial Meeting held in Nairobi on 21 February 2013 and the Technical Meeting held in Abu Dhabi on 6-7 May 2013, attended by more than 50 countries, relevant UN agencies, regional organizations and other participants;

1. **Expresses** concern over the unprecedented wave of sand and dust tempests and for the considerable losses they have been causing in desert areas in the Member States in both Asia and Africa;
2. **Calls** on all the Member States affected in desert areas in Asia and Africa to engage in a conscientious and constructive interaction to resolve this problem in an appropriate manner;
3. **Appreciates** the participation of the OIC Member States in the UNEP regional project on Catalyzing Cooperative Actions to Combat Land Degradation and Dust Storms under the UNEP initiative of Regional Programme to Combat Sand and Dust Storms and encourages other OIC Member States to join the UNEP regional project;
4. **Expresses** appreciation for the efforts to limit sandstorms and drought in states of the region under the umbrella of a programme developed by the World Meteorological Organization in the context of limiting the impact of climate change;
5. **Appreciates further** the UAE for hosting the Technical Meeting held in Abu Dhabi on 6-7 May 2013;
6. **Expresses** its support for developing a collective regional mechanism for awareness raising early warning and risk management network enabling the affected countries to face the problem in a suitable manner;
7. **Calls upon** all international and regional environmental instruments and institutions, including ROPME, to seriously and rapidly address the issue and to mobilize their resources, both technically and financially to assist the affected countries;
8. **Invites** the Member States to contribute to the reforestation of desert zones in the OIC Member States, and to take firm measures against the abusive cutting of trees and bushfires;
9. **Invites** the OIC Specialized Agencies such as Islamic Development Bank to take all appropriate measures to develop concrete projects for assisting the affected countries enabling them to overcome the disastrous effects of this phenomenon;
10. **Decides** to remain seized with the matter.

RESOLUTION NO.10/42-S&T
ON
THE FORMER SEMIPALATINSK
NUCLEAR TEST SITE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR
TESTS AND REHABILITATION OF THE ARAL SEA REGION

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 (Corresponding to 27-28 May 2015),

Taking into consideration United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/35 “International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan”;

Taking into consideration also United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/279 “International Day against Nuclear Tests”, declaring 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests;

Recalling resolution No.4/33-S&T on environmental issues adopted by the 33rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, requesting the Islamic Development Bank and charity foundations of the Muslim countries to explore ways and means to evolve a programme providing support to the regions of the Aral Sea and Semipalatinsk in coordination with existing international, regional and national programmes;

Expressing serious concern over the consequences of ecological problems of the Aral Sea and former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;

Taking note of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan NursultanNazarbayev’s decree of 29 August 1991, the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site had been shut down, having functioned from 1949 to 1991 and produced 456 nuclear tests;

Acknowledging that the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site remains an issue of serious concern for Kazakhstan, in view of its long term hazardous effects on the lives and health of the region’s inhabitants and the environment;

1. **Reiterates** its call upon Member States to observe the International Day against Nuclear Tests on 29 August in order to increase awareness of the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions;
2. **Commends** Member States for their contribution to the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the closing of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site which was aimed at informing the public about the dangerous consequences of nuclear tests for the lives and health of people and the state of the environment;

3. **Emphasizes** importance of implementation of the Third Aral Sea Basin Program-3 (ASBP-3) at the Donor Coordination Conference held on December 9, 2010, in Almaty, Kazakhstan in terms of environment protection;
4. **Commends** the Government of Kazakhstan for implementation of the Field Program “ZhasylDamu” (Green Development) for 2010-2014 directed to comprehensively resolve the issues of region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
5. **Urges** the Islamic Development Bank, the OIC Member States and international donor organizations to continue providing necessary technical and financial support in implementation of Programs directed to address the issues of the Aral Sea and region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 41th session of Council of Foreign Ministers.
