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RESOLUTION No. 1/41-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC

Forty-First Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers Session of (Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 20 – 21 Shaban 1435h (18 – 19 June 2014).

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

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

Recalling resolution No. 11/35-C adopted by the 35th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

Recalling resolution No. 1/36-ICHAD adopted by the 36th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

Recalling resolution No. 1/40-ICHAD adopted by the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

Recalling the provisions of the Final Communiqué of the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 6-7 February 2013 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on humanitarian Affairs Doc. No.OIC/SOM-41/2014/ICHAD/SG-REP;

1. Commends work undertaken by the General Secretariat in the humanitarian domain, the growing cooperation with the international humanitarian community, and UN Agencies, and the coordination efforts accomplished by the Humanitarian Affairs Department (ICHAD) to alleviate the sufferings of the needy people in various OIC Member States affected by

disasters and calamities, particularly, Palestine, Yemen, Somalia, Niger, Sudan and Sahel at large.

2. Pays tribute to work done by the government of Niger in the humanitarian domain, and **highly commends** the accomplishments of the General Secretariat upon completion of 48 projects which were agreed on with the Government of Niger in May 2012 in the fields of water, agriculture and livelihood. **Further calls upon** Member States and civil society organizations to donate towards implementation of the next phase of projects.

3. Supports the initiative of the Secretary General to initiate micro-finance schemes for the Sahel and other needy countries so as to enhance the community's resilience to address humanitarian challenges which negatively impact their livelihoods, and **requests** Member States, donors and philanthropists to strongly support the Secretary General's initiative.

4. Expresses concern on the depleted financial situation faced by the OIC Funds in Sierra Leone, Afghanistan and Bosnia & Herzegovina, and **appeals** to all Member States to make voluntary donations to the Funds to enable them attain the objectives for which they were established.

5. Expresses grief at the loss of precious lives in the recent flash floods in Afghanistan and requests the Humanitarian Department to send a mission to Afghanistan in order to review the situation and provide humanitarian relief for long-term rehabilitation.

6. Commends remarkable work undertaken by the OIC Humanitarian Coordination Office in Somalia in the first phase of Somalia recovery under the government's plan for stabilizing and rebuilding of Somalia, and **expresses** its appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous donations under the Saudi National Campaign, as well as all donors who generously contributed to these projects. **Calls** for the strengthening of the capacity of the OIC Humanitarian Assistance Coordination Office in Mogadishu, Somalia, to enable it implement recovery and reconstruction projects in the coming phase.

7. Expresses grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region and **reiterates** its appeal to the international community and the OIC civil society and philanthropic organizations to assist the Sahel countries to develop more sustainable development-oriented projects, so as to break the cycle of drought and poverty in the region. **Welcomes** the joint OIC-UNOCHA-LAS-AU Needs Assessment mission to Mauritania on 2-6 February, 2014, and **calls** for more inter-agency cooperation in this regard.

8. Expresses deep concern on the deteriorating situation in Syria, the increasing number of refugees and IDPs, and the inhuman, dreadful situation in the Yarmuk Camp in Syria resulting from denial of access to the humanitarian agencies. **Reiterates** its appreciation to the Government of the State of Kuwait for organizing the second international donors' conference on 15th January 2014 under the auspices of the Emir of the State of Kuwait and for its pledge of 500 Million US Dollars out of 2.4 Billion US Dollars for Syria. **Expresses** again its appreciation to all Member States that contributed generously to this conference, and calls on other states to contribute generously.

9. Expresses serious concern on the humanitarian situation in Myanmar, particularly the plight of Muslim Rohingyas population, and **reiterates** its appeal to the government of Myanmar to honour the MoU signed between the OIC and the government, and allow the OIC to open a humanitarian coordination office to facilitate coordination of humanitarian relief.

10. Expresses its concern on the humanitarian situation in Yemen and **appeals** to all Member States and its civil society to extend generous humanitarian assistance to the Government of Yemen in its efforts to ease the plight of affected people as the country continues to experience a large-scale humanitarian crisis, with more than half the population in need of some form of assistance.

11. Welcomes the proposed United Nations Global Humanitarian Summit due to take place in Turkey in 2016. **Urges** Member States to give this matter their utmost attention as it provides a unique opportunity to define and forge a forward-looking humanitarian agenda, which will take into consideration the views of the Muslim World, and **requests** the General Secretariat to start extensive consultations with Member States and civil society organizations to develop a unified vision for Member States on the new themes for the Summit.

12. Renews its support to the Tsunami Orphans Programme in Banda Aceh implemented by the OIC, in coordination with the IDB, under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, and **requests** the Council of Trustees to extend the project to cover other countries, mainly Syria, Somalia and Palestine. **Invites** all Member States, their financial institutions and philanthropists to generously contribute to this noble project.

13. Welcomes the convening of the first meeting of the NGOs enjoying consultative status in the OIC, and the creation of the Council of NGOs. **Urges** all the NGOs to strengthen their cooperation with the General Secretariat to address the effects of crises and disasters, and accelerate the implementation of the

objectives of the 10-Year Programme of Action in the humanitarian and social field.

14. Requests the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO:2/41-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SYRIA

Forty-first Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 20-21 Shaban 1435 (18-19 June 2014),

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

Referring to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 4th Extraordinary OIC Summit Meeting held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 14-15 August 2013, 12th OIC Summit held in Cairo on 2-7 February 2013 and 39th CFM held in Djibouti 14-16 November 2012;

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

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

Noting that nearly half of the Syrian population (9.3 million) is in desperate need of assistance including 4.2 million IDPs deprived from sustained humanitarian assistance;

Further highlighting the serious ramifications of the flow of refugees for the neighboring countries and taking into consideration the ever increasing burden shouldered by them who are currently hosting more than 2 million refugees;

Reiterating the urgency to allow immediate and unimpeded humanitarian access to all Syrian cities, through all border crossing points, in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 2139, the need for an increased humanitarian assistance inside Syria and to meet the needs of the internally displaced persons concentrated in certain areas who seek refuge and protection and providing full support for the neighboring countries to alleviate the humanitarian situation of the displaced Syrians and to facilitate their return;

1. **Commends** the exemplary generosity and hospitality of the neighboring countries, Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Lebanon and Egypt for hosting Syrians and calls on the international community and the UN to support these countries in alleviating the burdens they face.
2. **Welcomes** the decision of the Government of the State of Kuwait to host the second donor's conference (Kuwait 2) at the ministerial level for Syrian people to be held in January 2014, upon the invitation by the Secretary-General of the UN.
3. **Calls on** OIC Member States to continue to assist the neighboring countries in accordance with the principle of burden sharing and Islamic solidarity,

4. **Recognizes** the grave humanitarian situation facing Jordan due to the presence of 1.3 million Syrians of which 600,000 fled to Jordan as of March 2011, compounded by the continued flow into Jordan on a daily basis, and the profound impact of Syrians fleeing into Jordan is having on its hosting communities, economy, society, services, infrastructure, environment, demographic make-up and security and that this humanitarian situation constitutes a threat to the security and stability of Jordan; underlining that international aid has been insufficient in comparison with the needs, and in this regards calls upon international community / UN and OIC member states for massive support to enable Jordan to continue hosting so many refugees.

5. **Calls upon** the UN Security Council to take further steps in the face of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Syria and to ensure the immediate and full implementation of the provisions of UN Security Council Resolution 2139, in particular those pertaining to rapid, safe and unhindered humanitarian access across conflict lines and across borders through the most direct routes.