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**RESOLUTION No. 1/41-E**  
**ON**  
**COOPERATION IN THE DOMAIN OF**  
**TRADE, TOURISM, TRANSPORT, AGRICULTURE AND LABOUR**

*The Forty First Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014 (20-21 Shaban 1435H);*

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

**Recalling** 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,

**Also 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,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Also reaffirming** all relevant resolutions adopted by previous CFM Sessions, especially those relating to programmes, projects and activities in the domain of trade, tourism, transport, agriculture, and labour respectively,

**Also reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**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,

**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,

**Appreciating** highly the OIC Secretary General for his vision and efforts on enhancing coordination and synergy among the various OIC institutions working in the economic domain as well as for emphasizing the need for a monitoring and evaluation modalities to focus on outcomes rather than the number of activities undertaken,

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

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

**A. INTRA-OIC TRADE**

**Noting** the increasing intra-OIC activities for the purpose of promotion, facilitation and financing of trade, since the adoption of Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Acknowledging** the impressive outcome of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of OIC Consultative Meeting Group on Enhancing intra-OIC trade held in Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco on 3-4 February 2014,

**Taking into consideration** the successful convening of the First Meeting of Global Network of the Trade Promotion Organs of OIC Member States in Sharjah, UAE on 17-18 March 2014, as well as its far-reaching recommendations,

**Commending** the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards increasing intra-OIC trade,

**Also commending** the role of ICDT in promoting intra-OIC trade in line with its mandate and in organizing the various activities in collaboration with other OIC institutions,

**Expressing satisfaction** at the steady increase in the level of intra-OIC trade, which has reached to 18.45 % in 2012,

**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\$ 4.93 billion in 2013 as against US\$ 4.47 billion in 2012; and the new commitments by ICIEC amounting to US\$ 1.8 billion in 2013 against US\$ 1.65 billion in 2012,

**Commending** the participation of OIC Member States and their Trade Promotion Organs as well as their Private Sector establishments in the trade and commercial

activities of OIC, including the implementation of as well as the operationalisation of the Trade Preferential System of the OIC (TPS-OIC),

1. **Welcomes** the outcomes of the First Meeting of Global Network of the Trade Promotion Organs of OIC Member States, including its recommendations as contained in the report of the Secretary General to the 41<sup>st</sup> CFM;
2. **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 and the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments;
3. **Invites** Member States to work on a unified classification of trading companies and institutions and development of relevant database and conducting e-trade to facilitate trade exchanges among the Member States;
4. **Urges** Member States to expedite ratification of Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System of the OIC, PRETAS and Rules of Origin and to submit their specific annual installments of reduction along with the list of products (schedules of concessions);
5. **Welcomes** the outcome of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of OIC Consultative Group for Enhancing intra-OIC trade as contained in the report of the Secretary General to the 41<sup>st</sup> CFM and **reiterates** the need for a comprehensive evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of the Executive Programme for Enhancing intra-OIC trade;
6. **Invites** the African OIC Member States to participate in Training Programme on Halal Standards and Conformance for African Countries, under Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), which will be held in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia on 20-26 August 2014;
7. **Also invites** the OIC Member States to participate in Training Programme on Halal Standards and Conformance Infrastructure for OIC countries, under Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), which will be held in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia on 8-9 September 2014;

## **B. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

**Recalling** the Resolution No.3/40-E (B) on Tourism Development adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM, held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

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

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Considering** the outcome of the 8<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM), held in Banjul, the Republic of The Gambia, on 4-6 December 2013, especially the adopted mechanisms in support of tourism development among OIC Member States,

**Taking into consideration** the recommendations of the 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 7-8 February 2012,

**Taking note** of the recent communication from the Republic of Tunisia, signifying its inability to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> OIC Tourism Fair;

**Welcoming** the outcome of the Second OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 16-17 December 2013,

**Also welcoming** the outcome of the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries, held in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 26-27 November 2013,

**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 tourism,

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

**Expressing appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for hosting the Eighth ICTM in Banjul,

**Welcoming** the offer of the Republic of Niger to host the Ninth ICTM in 2015,

**Expressing appreciation** to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC International Forum on Islamic Tourism in Jakarta, Indonesia on 2-3 June 2014, and **welcoming** the initiative of the Republic of Gambia to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Coordination Committee on Tourism on the sidelines of this Forum,

1. **Takes note of** the Resolution on Tourism Development Among the OIC Member States adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the ICTM, held in Banjul, The Gambia, on 4-6 December 2013 (as annexed) and **calls** on Member States to implement its provisions;
2. **Encourages** OIC Member States to facilitate movement of tourists by easing visa procedures for the citizens of Member States;
3. **Calls upon** all Member States to actively participate in, and contribute to, the Fifth Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries, to be held in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran, in November 2014;
4. **Urges** all Member States to actively participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC International Forum on Islamic Tourism, to be held in Republic of Indonesia in 2014;
5. **Welcomes** the decision of the Eighth Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers on the proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the establishment of the Heritage Center for Islamic Countries, and **invites** IRCICA and ISESCO to implement the salient aspects of the proposal;
6. **Calls upon** all Member States to actively participate in the 9<sup>th</sup> ICTM to be held in Niamey, Republic of Niger in 2015.

**C. TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT**

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, with regard to the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Reiterating** the importance of the on-going collaboration between the OIC and AU/NEPAD with regard to the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project,

**Aware** of the completion of the Pre-Feasibility Studies on the Missing Links on the AU/NEPAD Dakar - Djibouti Corridor, and the need for the concerned OIC Member States to complete conceptual design studies of missing links on the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor,

**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 transport and communications,

**Commending** the offer by the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development to finance projects covering the respective national segments along the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor,

**Also commending** the offer by the Government of Turkey to extend necessary support to project-owners among OIC Member States in the form of expert assistance and training relating to Due Diligence,

1. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and institutions to place greater attention to development of goods and products transportation networks among Member States, including air, road and sea transport and port networks;
2. **Renews its call** on the concerned OIC Member States to include the respective national segments along the 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 through convening of the Second Stakeholders Meeting on the Project as recommended by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of CFM;
3. **Invites** OIC Member States and their partners to consider possibility of extending technical and funding support to the concerned OIC Member States in the elaboration of feasibility studies of their national segments.

#### **D. ESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY IN KAZAKHSTAN**

**Reaffirming** the previous resolutions on agriculture, rural development and food security, especially 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,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

**Recalling** the outcomes of the various symposia, workshops and expert group meetings on agriculture, rural development and food security organized by various OIC Member States and institutions,

**Also noting** that low agricultural productivity coupled with food insecurity still poses serious socio-economic challenge both for households and policy makers in many OIC Member States,

**Concerned** by the fact that 30 OIC Member States are among the low-income food-deficit countries,



**Reiterating** the earlier call on OIC Member States to synchronize their national agricultural development plans with OIC priorities on agriculture, rural development and food security,

**Renewing** the call on OIC Member States to allocate a minimum of 6% of the national budgets to food security programmes,

**Reiterating** the need for synergy, coordination and implementation of all OIC food security programmes, including country-driven and regional programmes,

**Recalling** its earlier resolutions commending the offer of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host an OIC Food Security institution in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan,

**Also recalling** the adoption of the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Noting** that 19 OIC Member States signed the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 10 December 2013,

**Emphasizing** the role of the newly created Islamic Organisation for Food Security, as an OIC specialized institution,

**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 and food security,

**Expressing appreciation** to the Islamic Development Bank for its initiative to provide technical assistance for the consolidation of the structures of Islamic Organisation for Food Security in Astana, Kazakhstan,

1. **Commends** OIC Member States, which have already signed the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security, and **urges** other OIC Member States to conclude all necessary arrangements to accede to the said Statute at their earliest convenience;
2. **Renews its call on** OIC Member States and their Private Sector Organisations to accord priority to agricultural investment, capacity building and technology transfer in needy OIC Member States;
3. **Invites** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this Resolution.

## **E. OIC COTTON ACTION PLAN**

**Recalling** the Resolution No.OIC/40-CFM/ECO/Res. on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Also recalling various** resolutions of the COMCEC especially the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey,

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

**Commending** the activities of the Steering and Project Committees on the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

**Also 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 sending its project identification missions to Mozambique and Uganda in March 2014 in order to follow-up the cotton projects, adopted under the OIC Cotton Action Plan,

1. **Urges** the 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.

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

**Recalling** the Resolution No.3/40-E (C) on Labour, Employment and Social Protection Issues adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM, held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

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

**Welcoming** the action taken by the Government of Azerbaijan on the proposed creation of OIC Labour Center in Baku, as suggested by His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan,

**Also welcoming** the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting in Baku on 17-18 June 2014,

**Further welcoming** the offer of the Republic of Indonesia to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> ICLM in Indonesia in 2015,

1. **Calls upon** all Members of the Steering Committee on Labour, Employment and Social Protection to actively participate in the 1st Steering Committee Meeting, to be held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 17-18 June 2014;
2. **Urges** the Member States to implement the various short, medium and long term programmes, particularly those related to Occupational Health and Safety, Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Social Protection.

**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 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2/41-E**  
**ON**  
**PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*The Forty First Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014 (20-21 Shaban 1435H);*

**Pursuant** to the relevant provisions of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action on the need for an increased role for the Private Sector in OIC Member States,

**Recalling** various resolutions of the COMCEC, especially the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey towards enhancing the cooperation for the private sector development,

**Welcoming** the outcomes of the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session with the theme of Enhancing the Competitiveness of the SMEs in the OIC Member States held during the 28<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC,

**Considering** the findings of the OIC Task Force on SME, which held its 6<sup>th</sup> 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 outcome of the 16<sup>th</sup> Private Sector Meeting held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, on 19-20 March 2014,

**Recognizing** the various activities of ICD in the area of promoting investment, women empowerment and youth entrepreneurship, including its cumulative business interventions amounting to US\$2.59 billion in 2013,

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

**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,

**Welcoming** the decision of the 16<sup>th</sup> Private Sector Forum to take advantage of existing trade-enhancing agreements already in force within the OIC, as well as the numerous trade financing windows of relevant OIC institutions, to further increase trade exchanges and access to micro-credits,

**Expressing** appreciation to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> Private Sector Forum in Sharjah, in collaboration with ICCIA, and for its far-reaching recommendations,

1. **Welcomes** the commitment of Private Sector to intensify its advocacy role and partnership with the Public Sector of OIC Member States in the development of national plans, programmes and legislations as well as their implementation so as to benefit from the time-honoured expertise of the Private Sector and its ability to generate the much-needed employment;
2. **Commends** the Private Sector for implementing the adopted strategy for development of SMEs, especially the creation of mechanisms for networking and exchange of expertise among various economic actors in such sector as agro-food industry, business and technology incubation, social finance;
3. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions, in particular ICCIA to intensify their efforts in supporting and empowering businesswomen and women entrepreneurs in Islamic countries;
4. **Commends the** on-going efforts to streamline and harmonies the activities of the various OIC institutions, which operate dedicated funds for SMEs;
5. **Urges** OIC Member States and their Private Sector establishments to participate in national trade fairs and specialized exhibitions organized in OIC Member States, in line with General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation; Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among Member States of the OIC (1977);
6. **Invites** all OIC Member States to participate actively in all OIC activities involving the Private Sector;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 3/41-E**  
**ON**  
**SPECIAL FUNDS AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROGRAMMES**

*The Forty First Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014 (20-21 Shaban 1435H);*

**Pursuant** to 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,

**Also 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 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,

**Reaffirming** the Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Recalling** the resolutions of the COMCEC, especially the relevant resolutions of the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held on 18-21 November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States for alleviating poverty,

**Reiterating** the objectives of OIC special funds and regional economic programmes aimed at supporting and supplementing the national efforts of OIC Member States in addressing the important challenges of their socio-economic development, as well as consolidating intra-OIC solidarity,

**Convinced** that interventions under the various special funds and programmes of the OIC, namely: Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and Special Programme for the Development of Africa, have made positive impacts on socio-economic development of the 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 OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, with regard to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD),

**Expressing** satisfaction with the fact that the total interventions for poverty alleviation projects, under the ISFD, have attained US\$ 1.86 billion,

**Recalling** its earlier request to OIC Member States to increase, and redeem, their commitments to ISFD,

**Welcoming** the initiative of the ISFD to set-up three new programmes, namely Basic Education for the Poor (BEP), Renewable Energy for the Poor (REP), and Social Business Initiative (SBI),

1. **Calls on** Member States to give priority to ISFD projects in their national development programmes;
2. **Urges** Member States to pay up their subscribed contributions to the Fund to expand its activities towards alleviating poverty and improving social services and infrastructures as well as to develop its second Strategy (2014-2016) in line with the current overarching themes in the Member States of poverty alleviation and special programmes such as youth employment;
3. **Calls upon** Member States to encourage their Private Sector establishments to engage with ISFD under its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives for the purpose of mobilizing resources to the Fund.

**B. OIC PLAN OF ACTION FOR COOPERATION WITH CENTRAL ASIA**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**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 OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia,

**Taking into consideration** the endorsement of the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia by 38<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 28-30 June 2011,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the first Meeting of Executive Committee of the Plan which was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 18 October 2011,

**Also 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,

**Taking cognizance** of the outcome of the Workshop for IDB Governors from Central Asia on the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 20 May 2013,

**Noting** of various programmes and projects announced by OIC institutions namely, SESRIC, ICDT, IDB Group, ISESCO, and ICCIA within the OIC Plan of Action for Cooperation with Central Asia,

1. **Requests** the Secretary General to continue liaise with all competent authorities and stockholders in order to facilitate the convening of an Investment Forum for Central Asia;
2. **Renews its calls** on Member States in Central Asia to react to the demarche by the General Secretariat and submit their relevant project documents under the Plan;
3. **Urges** Member States in Central Asia to adopt necessary arrangements for take-off of the stipulated programmes in liaison with General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions;
4. **Calls upon** the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the OIC Member States to continue consultative and other forms of assistance for the development of Islamic banking in Central Asia, and commends the cooperation between the IDB and the Republic of Kazakhstan within the framework of the IDB Country Partnership Strategy, particularly in the field of Islamic banking.

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

**Pursuant** to 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,

**Recalling** the provisions of the Resolution OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, with regard to the Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA),



**Noting** with satisfaction the completion of approval phase of the 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** that the successful implementation of the approved projects will have positive impact on socio-economic development of African OIC Member States, thereby consolidating intra-OIC cooperation and solidarity,

**Welcoming** the on-going efforts of the IDB Group, in consultation with OIC Member States, to assess the implementation of SPDA with a view sustaining achievements realized so far as well as elaborating a more robust and diversified successor programme,

**Taking into account** the support by OIC Member States for the proposed elaboration of a successor programme to the SPDA,

1. **Calls on** the Secretary General to intensify consultations with concerned OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions, including the IDB Group, for the evaluation of the achievements made under SPDA and the elaboration of a successor programme to the SPDA, within the framework of utilizing regional programmes to fast-track OIC economic integration;
2. **Renews its calls on** OIC Member States and their development institutions as well as international partners to support, and contribute to elaboration, and eventual implementation of a successor programme of SPDA.

**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 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 4/41-E**  
**ON**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC**

*The Forty First Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014 (20-21 Shaban 1435H);*

**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,

**Also 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 OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Recalling** the relevant Resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular the COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009 and the 29<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, programmes and projects in the fields of trade, agriculture, transport and communications, tourism, finance, poverty alleviation and private sector development for enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States,

**Welcoming** the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy through the convening of the COMCEC Working Groups successfully and financing and operationalization of the cooperation projects under the first project call within the framework of the COMCEC 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 SMIIIC,

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

1. **Renew** its request to Member States to further their efforts for the implementation of COMCEC's Resolutions including resolutions of the 29th Session of the COMCEC No.OIC/COMCEC/29-13/RES, as annexed to the 40<sup>th</sup> CFM Resolutions on Economic Issues;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION No. 5/41-E**  
**ON**  
**ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE OIC MEMBER STATES AND MUSLIM**  
**COMMUNITIES IN NON-OIC COUNTRIES**

*The Forty First Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Exploring Areas of Islamic Cooperation), held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 18-19 June 2014 (20-21 Shaban 1435H);*

**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 OIC/CFM-40/2013/ECO/RES on Economic Issues adopted by 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013, with regard to Economic Assistance to the OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries,

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

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

**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,

### **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,

**Deploring** 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.

### **A.2. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Benin:**

**Acknowledging** request by the President of the Republic of Benin to the OIC Member States to donate improved seedlings and farm inputs to Benin with a view to encouraging youth employment in the area of cereal production and addressing current dire food security constraints in the country,

**Noting** the launch by the Government of the Republic of Benin of a project aimed at equipping, rehabilitating and building the technical and vocational education and training institutions, which are necessary prerequisite for an income generating employment among youth in Benin;

1. **Calls on** the OIC Member States, relevant national and multilateral funding organizations, as well as OIC institutions to support the implementation of the project “Equipping Technical and Vocational Education and Training Institutions in 120 days”;
2. **Also calls on** the OIC Member States and its partners to donate to the Government of Benin improved seedlings and farm inputs with a view to encouraging youth employment in the area of cereal production and enhancing food security in the country.

### **A.3. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire:**

**Recalling** all previous OIC resolutions on economic assistance to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire;

**Welcoming** the steady progress and achievements Côte d'Ivoire has made in the recent years in advancing economic recovery and strengthening international and regional cooperation, notably increasing cooperation with the OIC;

**Noting** the outcome of the meeting of the Consultative Group on Financing National Development Plan of Côte d'Ivoire held in Paris, France on 4-5 December 2012;

**Welcoming** the pledge by the Islamic Development Bank Group of US\$1 billion in support of the implementation of the various projects under the National Development Plan of Côte d'Ivoire over period of 4 years (2013-2016);

1. **Requests** the OIC Member States, relevant national and multilateral funding organizations, as well as OIC institutions to support the implementation of the projects within the framework of National Development Plan of Côte d'Ivoire.

### **A.4. Economic Assistance to the Comoros:**

**Recalling** its previous resolutions on assistance to the Comoros, calling for provision of material, economic, human and financial assistance to the Government of the Comoros to effectively implement its economic and social development programmes;

**Noting** that the Government of the Comoros has given priority to the strengthening the capacity of women entrepreneurs as well as the development of a national program for promoting women entrepreneurship in the Comoros;

1. **Appeals** to OIC Member States, relevant national and multilateral funding organizations, as well as OIC institutions to support the implementation of the Master Plan “On Development of Women Entrepreneurship in the Comoros”;
2. **Renews** its call to OIC Member States and its institutions, other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as

international financial institutions, to continue to provide the Comoros with assistance to enable it pursue its development goals.

#### **A.5. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Guinea:**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No.11/36-P on the Situation in Guinea adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 18 to 20 May 2010,

**Considering** the difficult socio-economic situation prevailing in the Republic of Guinea in many years,

**Appreciating** the political role of the Republic of Guinea in maintaining peace and security in the sub-region, particularly in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea Bissau,

**Underscoring** the necessity of establishing durable security and development in the Republic of Guinea,

1. **Invites** the OIC Member States, to extend their support to the Government of Guinea towards promotion of national reconciliation and unity, as well as socio-economic revival;
2. **Appeals** to OIC Member States, financial institutions, development partners to give financial, technical and material assistance towards economic reconstruction and rehabilitation of Guinea;
3. **Expresses appreciation** to those Member States, which have already extended political and material support to the Government of Guinea.

#### **A.6. Economic Assistance to Somalia:**

**Recalling** its previous resolutions on the economic assistance to Somalia, in particular the Resolution No.6/40-E on Economic Assistance to Somalia adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

**Underlining** the importance of supporting the Federal Government of Somalia's efforts towards strengthening its social and economic infrastructures that are necessary for effective implementation of its socio-economic programmes and development strategy,

**Recognizing** the steady progress in Somalia over the past years and need to continue to support the efforts of the Federal Government of Somalia towards consolidating security and peace, promoting socio-economic development and establishing the rule of law in the country,

**Welcoming** the joint efforts of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in developing a joint project of assistance aimed at

the improvement of livelihoods and economic regeneration in Somalia through South-South Cooperation,

**Also welcoming** the submission by the Government of Somalia of a project on construction and equipment of a vocational training facility for Somali youth,

**Taking note of** the joint appeal made by the Secretary-General of the OIC and the Deputy Prime Minister/ Foreign Minister of Somalia with a view to mobilizing support for the joint OIC-UNDP-UNOSSC Project for Somalia,

**Noting with appreciation** the outcome of the Special Session on the joint OIC-UNDP- UNOSSC Project for Somalia held on the sidelines of the First Arab States Regional South-South Development Expo in Doha, State of Qatar on 20 February 2014,

**Noting** with satisfaction the assistance rendered to Somalia to date by various OIC Member States and institutions,

**Expressing** its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to mobilize international support for Somalia,

1. **Invites** OIC Member States and its partners, relevant national and multilateral funding organizations, as well as OIC institutions and voluntary agencies to consider possibility of making resource or in-kind contributions to the joint OIC-UNDP-UNOSSC Project, thereby enabling the accomplishment of its stated goals within the period foreseen;
2. **Also invites** OIC Member States and relevant institutions, as well as its partners to support the implementation of a project on construction and equipment of a vocational training facility for Somali youth.

## **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,

**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,



**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 42<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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RESOLUTION  
ON  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AMONG  
THE OIC MEMBER STATES  
  
ADOPTED BY  
  
THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE  
OF TOURISM MINISTERS (ICTM)

BANJUL, REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

01-03 SAFAR, 1435H

04-06 DECEMBER, 2013

**RESOLUTION**  
**ON**  
**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AMONG**  
**THE OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Eighth Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM), held from 01 to 03 Safar, 1435H (04 – 06 December, 2013), in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia.*

Recalling 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,

Pursuant to the OIC Ten-Year Programme Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Summit, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in December 2005,

Re-affirming the Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism between OIC Member States adopted by the Sixth Session of Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, on 25-28 JUMADUL THANI 1429H (29 JUNE – 2 JULY 2008),

Also Re-affirming the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), particularly, resolution No. No 5/39-E of the Thirty Ninth Session of CFM, held in Djibouti on 01-03 Muharram 1434H (15-17 November 2012),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the previous Sessions of the ICTM,

Acknowledging that tourism is central in promoting economic, social and cultural interactions among nations, contributing to international peace and security as well as international understanding,

Re-iterating the relevance of sustainable tourism to the actualisation of OIC poverty eradication strategies and policies and as a potential contributor to sustainable development,

Expressing appreciation to the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Islamic Republic of Iran for their significant roles as focal points and, for their efforts in promoting tourism facilitation, tourism marketing and research and training in tourism, respectively,

Commending the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Third Coordination Committee Meeting for the preparation of the Progress Report on the implementation of the Framework Document on Tourism, held in Tehran, on 12-13 June 2012,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of Turkey for organising the First Meeting of OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Forum, held in Izmir, Turkey on 7-8 December 2012 and for the hosting of a training programme for hotel and travel agency managers of the OIC member states, held in Antalya, Turkey on 16-20 April, 2013.

Noting with appreciation the work of OIC relevant institutions, in particular the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT), Statistical, Economic, Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA),

Commending IRCICA for the successful organization of the International Symposium on the "History of the Islamic Civilization in Eastern Africa", in collaboration with the National Records & Archives Authority of the Sultanate of Oman, and Zanzibar University, held in Zanzibar, Tanzania, on 3-6 September 2013 as well as the production of a number of reference books and organization of congresses in the field of culture, history, arts, crafts and architectural heritage of the Muslim world resulting from the Centre's various programs and research projects,

Also noting, with appreciation, the publication by IRCICA of the Album of the Winning Entries of the Muscat International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Crafts and the Documentary Volume entitled: Tourism and Handicrafts in the Muslim World, which provides a survey assessment of the prospects of economic, social and cultural development of the relationship between Tourism and Handicrafts in nearly 50 OIC Countries,

Welcoming the launching of the Report entitled "International Tourism in OIC Countries: Prospects and Challenges" by SESRIC, and taking note with, appreciation, the initiative of SESRIC for developing capacity building programmes in the domain of tourism within the framework of the OIC-VET Programme,

Noting with appreciation of the efforts of ICDT in the promotion of tourism activities and programmes, particularly its cooperation with UNWTO in coordinating the implementation of the Regional Project on "Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa",

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the ICCIA for successful organization of Third and Fourth Conference on Health Tourism in Islamic Countries in Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 18-19 December 2012 and 26-27 November 2013, respectively,

Also expressing appreciation for the efforts made by ISESCO to promote culture in the OIC member states particularly its organization and sponsorship of the annual Islamic City of Culture Award,

Taking note of the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Framework Document, adopted by the Third Coordination Committee Meeting on Tourism, the working papers of the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), and Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) presented to the Conference as well as contributions made by the member states during the deliberations of the Conference,

Commending the OIC General Secretariat for its continued support and invaluable assistance to the Conference,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General thereon:

1. **Adopts** the Mechanism and Criteria for the Selection of OIC City of Tourism and **entrusts** the Coordination Committee and the General Secretariat with the selection process of the Award.
2. **Invites** IRCICA to implement the Mechanism and Criteria for the Award of OIC Seal of Excellence for Handcrafts.
3. **Welcomes** the proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran on the Establishment of “the Heritage Centre for Islamic Countries” and **invites** IRCICA and ISESCO to implement the salient aspects of the proposal.
4. **Elects** the following member states to constitute the nine-member Coordination Committee for the period from 2013 - 2017:
  - i. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
  - ii. Republic of Iraq
  - iii. Malaysia
  - iv. Republic of Turkey
  - v. Republic of Senegal
  - vi. Republic of Uganda
  - vii. State of Palestine
  - viii. Republic of The Gambia
  - ix. Republic of Niger
5. **Welcomes** the offer by Republic of the Gambia to host the Fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee in 2014 so as to enable the Committee to continue its work to prepare plans and programmes in order to ensure implementation of the Framework Document on Tourism, and **submit** a report thereon to the next

- Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, through the Secretary General.
6. **Calls upon** the OIC member states and their private sector entities to promote intra-OIC tourism by actively participating in the Second Meeting of the OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 16-17 December 2013.
  7. **Takes note** of IRCICA's activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, its contribution in this regard to knowledge and information for cultural tourism and its collaboration with international bodies concerned; *commends* the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, President of Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and **invites** the member states which have not done so yet to provide IRCICA with the required data and information on their Islamic sites and monuments and designate their respective focal points to collaborate continually with the Database unit at IRCICA.
  8. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Tunisia to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tourism Fair of the OIC member states to be jointly organized by the Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Tunisia and ICDT, scheduled to be held on 23-26 April, 2014 and **urges** member states to actively participate in this event.
  9. **Takes note** of the hosting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tourism Fairs of the OIC member states by Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran, respectively in 2016 and 2018
  10. **Welcomes** the ongoing arrangement by the ICDT to jointly organize the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC Hajj & Umra Expo with the Al-Madinah International Company for Exhibitions, scheduled to be held on 16-20 November 2014 in Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and **urges** member states to actively take part in this event.
  11. **Also welcomes** the offer by the Republic of Indonesia to organise a conference on Sharia Tourism in Indonesia in 2014 and **urges** member states to actively participate in this event.
  12. **Requests** the participating member states in the Regional Project on "sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in west Africa" to include the project in their respective development programmes submitted to bilateral and multilateral donors and to submit the respective national segments of the project to the next meeting of the Steering Committee of the project.
  13. **Calls** the concerned member states, OIC institutions and all the stakeholders to implement the said Project with a view to facilitating the mobilization of the needed funds for the financing of the Project.
  14. **Also calls on** the member states, funding institutions, bilateral and multilateral

- development assistance bodies, enterprises and institutions of the private sector and concerned OIC institutions to actively participate in the Second Donors' Conference to mobilize resources for the implementation of the Regional Project on "Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa".
15. **Requests** the OIC member states to extend their support and cooperation to the Islamic Health Tourism Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran in its endeavours to promote health tourism among member states.
  16. **Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude the Government and the people of Republic of The Gambia for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the successful conclusion of the Eighth Session of the ICTM.
  17. **Welcomes** the offer by the Republic of Niger to host the Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Tourism (ICTM) in 2015.
  18. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and **submit** a report to the Ninth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers.

**Banjul, 06 December 2013**