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1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Guinea, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations: Factor for Peace and sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, from 6-8 Safar 1435H (9-11 December 2013);
2. The Meeting was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an.
3. The Meeting was addressed by H. E. Professor Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea. In view of the importance of the statement, the text of the President's speech is enclosed to the report and will be issued as an official document of the meeting.
4. His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ali Yussuf, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Djibouti and Chairman of the 39<sup>th</sup> CFM delivered a speech in which he highlighted the important activities, developments and achievements during the chairmanship of his country.
5. Addressing the opening session, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the OIC, reviewed the situation in the Muslim world and highlighted the major activities and challenges facing it. The text of the Secretary General's statement is also attached to the report.
6. The Meeting then unanimously elected H.E. Mr. François Lonseny Fall, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Guinea, as Chairman of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers. It also approved the composition of the Bureau as follows: People's Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Sudan, and the State of Palestine as Vice-Chairs, and Republic of Djibouti as Rapporteur.
7. The Meeting listened to a welcome address by His Excellency Mr. François Lonseny Fall, Foreign Minister of Guinea who expressed his gratitude for the election of his country as the Chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> CFM and reaffirmed the determination of his country to use its leadership to promote peace and

development of the Islamic Ummah and strengthen solidarity and cooperation among OIC Member States.

8. The representatives of the three geographic groups, Kingdom of Morocco for the Arab Group, the Republic of Mali for the African Group and Brunei Darussalam for the Asian Group thanked the Republic of Guinea for hosting the Meeting and for its generous hospitality. They also pledged the full cooperation of their respective regional groups for the success of its chairmanship.
9. The Council adopted the report of the preparatory Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) for the current session, held in Jeddah from 5-7 November 2013. It also adopted the Draft Agenda and Work Program submitted to it by the SOM as well as the reports of the Islamic Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs.
10. A wide range of issues of interest to the Member States were discussed by the Council leading to the adoption of resolutions on various issues, including the implementation of the Ten Year Program of Action, the Cause of Palestine and the Middle East; Political Affairs; Statutory, Organic and General Matters; Legal Affairs; Conditions of Muslim Minorities and Communities in non-OIC Member States; Information Affairs; Administrative and Financial Affairs; Humanitarian Affairs; Economic, Science and Technology, Cultural, Social, and Family Affairs.
11. The Statute of the Islamic Organization for Food Security, the newest specialized institution of the OIC, was signed on the sidelines of the Meeting by Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Iran, Kazakhstan, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Palestine, Sierra Leon, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Turkey, Uganda, and Union of Comoros.
12. On the sidelines of the CFM, a meeting of the Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir was also convened to reiterate the OIC's continued support to the legitimate rights of the Kashmiri people.
13. A Special Ministerial Meeting on Palestine was convened on 10<sup>th</sup> December in order to reiterate its support to the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and Al-Aqsa Mosque. A separate resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted by the Ministers.
14. The Council unanimously adopted the "Guinea Declaration" which addressed major issues affecting the Muslim world.

15. The Council supported the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its offer to host the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the CFM in 2014.
16. The Council also supported the State of Kuwait for its offer to host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the CFM in 2015.
17. The Council also took note of the offer made by the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the CFM in 2016.
18. The Delegation of Malaysia expressed reservation on the operative paragraph 4 of the Resolution No.4/40-MM on the Situation of the Muslim Community in Myanmar.
19. The delegation of Iran registered its reservation on any reference in the resolutions concerning Palestine which might be explicitly or implicitly construed as the recognition of Israel.
20. The delegation of Iraq registered its position on resolution 9/40-POL on the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan by stating that Iraq does not want to contribute to the voting on the resolution. It also expressed its reservation on resolution 18/40-POL on the Situation in Syria. On resolution 3/40-MM on the Turkish Muslim Minority in the Western Thrace in Greece, the Iraqi delegation also expressed its reservation on the resolution, with the exception of the two operative paragraphs 10 and 11.
21. The delegation of Lebanon distanced itself from resolution 18/40-POL on the Situation in Syria and recorded its reservation on resolution 9/40-POL on Aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan. It also put on record its reservation on resolution 3/40-MM on the Turkish Muslim Minority in the Western Thrace in Greece and the Muslim Population of the Dodecanese.
22. At the opening session of the CFM, the OIC Secretary General was honored by the President of Guinea with the Guinea's National Order of Merit for his service to the Muslim Ummah. During the course of General Debate, all delegations also paid special tribute to Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu for his strong dedication, commitment and efforts throughout his nine years in office as the OIC Secretary General. The delegations also wished him full success in his future endeavors.
23. At the same Session, the Chairman of the IDB Group, Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali, was also honored with the country's National Order of Merit in appreciation of

the constructive role the Group has played in supporting socio-economic growth in the Member States.

24. The incoming Secretary General, H. E. Iyad Amin Madani took his oath of office promising to dedicate himself to the service of the Ummah and thanked the Member States' confidence reposed in him and his country. The participants welcomed the new Secretary General and pledged their full support and cooperation throughout his mandate.
25. The Meeting unanimously elected candidature of Egypt from the Arab Group for the post of Assistant Secretary General for Cultural Affairs. The current ASGs for Political Affairs, Economic Affairs and Al-Quds Affairs were re-elected for another five-year term. As for the ASG for Science and Technology (from the Asian Group), the Meeting decided to authorize the OIC Permanent Representatives to conduct consultations in the coming three months and to elect the candidate for the post through a meeting to be convened in Jeddah.
26. On behalf of all the participants, H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the OIC, addressed a cable of thanks to H.E. Professor Alpha Condé, President of the Republic of Guinea, for hosting of the 40<sup>th</sup> CFM by his country and for the facilities and the generous hospitality extended to the delegates, which has immensely contributed to the success of its 40<sup>th</sup> Session.

**Conakry 11 December 2013**