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RESOLUTION No. 1/40-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC

The Fortieth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor of Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, the Republic of Guinea, from 06 to 08 Safar 1435H (09 to 11 December 2013),

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. 1/39-ICHAD adopted by the 39th 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-40/2013/ICHAD/SG-REP;

1. **Commends** 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. **Commends** the work done by the OIC Funds in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Sierra Leone and **calls** upon all Member States to extend the required support to the Funds to facilitate them achieve their objectives;
3. **Supports** the initiatives taken by the OIC General Secretariat in the Republic of Niger in its activities to attain food self-sufficiency, and requests Member States to enhance their support to Niger to address the effects of the recurring

droughts on its food security programmes. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its efforts and activities in liaison with the Government of the Republic of Niger in achieving its work in the field of rural development, environment preservation and water management for the benefit of the needy and most vulnerable people pursuant to the recommendations of the Doha Conference held in Qatar in June 2007.

4. **Welcomes** the OIC timely humanitarian intervention in Somalia and coordination of Muslim NGOs under the umbrella of the OIC and cooperation with various stakeholders towards alleviating the plight of the people affected by the famine disaster, and urges the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavours, and **requests** Member States and civil society to generously assist in alleviating the suffering of the people in the recovery phase, and **commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Saudi Campaign for their timely intervention.
5. **Expresses** its grave concern on the humanitarian situation in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and **urges** all Member States to positively respond to the appeal of the Secretary General of the OIC to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the country.
6. **Expresses** its grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel area which negatively impacts on Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mauritania and Algeria following the important influx of IDPs and refugees and **calls** on all OIC Member States to urgently assist the Malian IDPs and refugees which have been seriously hit by this crisis and **reiterates** its appeal to the international community at large and the OIC civil society and philanthropic organizations to assist Sahel countries to develop more sustainable development oriented projects so as to break the cycle of drought and poverty in the region.
7. **Reiterates its gratitude** to the UAE, Egypt, Turkey, Kuwait, Malaysia, Russia, Tunisia, Algeria, Sierra Leone, Qatar, Chad, Saudi Arabia, Côte d'Ivoire, Morocco, Senegal, Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Niger, Togo and the IDB for their generous contributions in cash or in-kind in favour of Mali in its rehabilitation and development efforts following pledges made in Brussels on 15th May 2013 at the International Donors Conference for the Development of Mali.
8. **Expresses** its thanks to the Government of the State of Kuwait for organizing an international donors conference on 30th January 2013 under the auspices of the Emir of the State of Kuwait and **renews** its appreciation and gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Kuwait and the UAE for their important respective financial contributions of US dollars 300 million each, in favour of the most needy and vulnerable Syrian people, and **calls** on other Member States to generously donate to this end so as to alleviate the Syrian humanitarian crisis.

9. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of Egypt for providing a diversified humanitarian assistance to Mali and its neighboring countries where thousands of Malian refugees have been offered shelter.
10. **Expresses** its satisfaction at the implementation of 41 development projects in the Republic of Niger following the signing of an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Niger, as a result of the Doha Conference held in 2007.
11. **Renews** its support to the programme implemented by the OIC in Banda Aceh for the Tsunami orphans under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and **invites** all Member States, their financial institutions and philanthropists to generously contribute to this noble project.
12. **Welcomes** the Statement of the President of the United Nations Security Council issued on 2nd October, 2013 regarding the humanitarian situation in Syria, which is a testimony of the international community's commitment to step up pressure on all sides of the conflict to provide access to the 7 million Syrians in dire need of humanitarian assistance.
13. **Welcomes** the OIC-UNOCHA joint missions to the Sahel in November 2012 and to the Philippines in June 2013 to have a first-hand experience of the humanitarian situation prevailing in those areas.
14. **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 those affected people.
15. **Expresses** thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Ibn Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the donation of US\$ 72.5 million through the Saudi Campaign towards the recovery phase in Somalia.
16. **Commends** the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Ibn Abdulaziz to provide humanitarian support and assistance to the Syrian refugees in Syria's neighbouring countries, the most recent being the donation of \$15 million through the Saudi Development Fund, and his support for the Syrian people since the beginning of the Syrian crises.
17. **Expresses** thanks to the Republic of Kazakhstan for a donation of US\$200,000 towards the Syrian refugees in Jordan and US\$200,000 for the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, respectively.
18. **Expresses** thanks to the Government of the Republic of Cameroun for its donation of US\$50,000 for floods affected people in Pakistan, and US\$100,000 displaced persons in Mali, respectively.

- 19. Expresses** thanks to the Republic of Guyana for donation of US\$10,000 for floods affected people in Pakistan, and US\$10,000 for displaced persons in Mali, respectively.
- 20. Welcomes** the great efforts undertaken by the Darfur Donors Conference Follow-up Committee to establish the Darfur Development Bank, **expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the State of Qatar for its contribution of US Dollars 200,000,000 for the capital of the Bank and **reiterates** its appreciation to all Member States, Financial institutions for fulfilling their pledges, and **urges** those who have not yet fulfilled their pledges towards the earmarked capital of US\$ 1 billion to do so.
- 21. Endorses** the proposal of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Kafala Programme to designate the 15th of Ramadan annually, as a Day of Orphans in the Muslim World to raise awareness of the orphans, to inspire Member States and institutions to develop social policies and projects for the orphans, and mobilize funding towards the welfare of orphans.
- 22. Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 2/40-ICHAD
ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OIC
HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (HERF)

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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;

Referring to the proceedings of the two Expert Group Meetings on Humanitarian Affairs held respectively on 17-18 February 2013 and 24th June 2013 at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on humanitarian Affairs Doc. No.OIC/SOM-40/2013/ICHAD/SG-REP;

1. **Expresses** its grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Muslim world mainly due to calamities related to climate change and **reiterates** its appeal to the international community at large and the OIC civil society and philanthropic organizations to assist OIC Member States situated in natural disaster prone areas to develop resilience so as to absorb shocks.
2. **Reiterates** its deep concern over the major disasters in the Muslim world resulting in human and material losses; **urges** all Member States to contribute

voluntarily to the efforts being made by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in cases of large-scale disasters; **takes good note** of the comprehensive study on the establishment of a Humanitarian Emergency Response Fund submitted by the Secretary General (Doc.OIC/CFM-40/2013/ICHAD/SG-REP) and **requests** the General Secretariat to further discuss, at expert group level, the document and refine the idea of establishing the HERF so as to submit its recommendations and conclusions to the 41st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO 3/40-ICHAD
ON
SYRIAN REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN LEBANON

The Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor of Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea from 06 to 08 Safar 1435H (09 – 11 December 2013),

Recalling resolution number 6/39 on the establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and resolution 1/36 – ICHAD on the duties and competencies of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General OIC/CFM/-40/2013/ICHAD/SG-REP on the humanitarian activities of the OIC, particularly the paragraphs relating to the humanitarian situations in the OIC states and to mitigating the plight of Syrian civilians in Syria and neighbouring countries, especially, Lebanon,

Expresses deep concern over the growing number of displaced Syrians in Lebanon, constituting a burden on the social, economic and demographic conditions of the country;

Expresses appreciation for the earnest efforts exerted by Lebanon despite its meager capabilities for receiving and caring for the displaced Syrians; and appreciates the Lebanese government's policies to keep to border open for civilians fleeing the ongoing fighting and not to return expel them;

Calls on Member States, international organizations and civil society bodies to provide necessary support to Lebanon to enable it confront the burden resulting from the displacement;

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution, and to submit a report thereon to the forty-first session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/40-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SYRIA**

The Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor of Peace and Sustainable Development), held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea from 06 to 08 Safar 1435H (09 – 11 December 2013),

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organisation 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, 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 regard 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.
