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RESOLUTION NO.1/40-S&T
ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

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

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

Mindful of the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 1/39 – S&T on Science and Technology Matters adopted by the 39th session held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

Welcoming the launching of the Country Reports under the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation project on Egypt and Malaysia during the 12th session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Cairo and on Kazakhstan during 8th Innovation Congress of the Astana Economic Forum 2013 on 24 May 2013; and progress made towards the finalization of other country reports under preparation;

Taking note with appreciation of the national plans and steps taken by Member States for the promotion and strengthening of science, technology, innovation and research and the encouraging progress registered in terms of improvements of key STI indicators in the OIC Member States since 2005;

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/40-CFM/2013/ST/SG-REP):

1. Calls upon the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities for the promotion of science, technology and innovation, including efforts for sound STI policy frameworks, promotion of R&D, university-industry linkages, collaboration of joint-R&D projects, public-private partnerships, and measures for enhancing R&D funding;

2. **Welcomes** the reconstitution of the Task Force for Vision 1441H and the Ten Year Programme of Action and **Calls upon** COMSTECH to convene the meeting of the Task Force at the earliest possible with a view to strengthening the implementation of the Ten Year Programme of Action and the Vision 1441H;
3. **Calls upon** COMSTECH Secretariat to study and take necessary measures, in line with the decision of the 12th Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013, to hold an Islamic Summit on Science and Technology under the aegis of COMSTECH.
4. **Looks forward to** the early completion of the various reports at different stages of preparation under the Atlas of Islamic World Science and Innovation project;
5. **Calls upon** the Islamic Development Bank to continue supporting the selected S & T Centers of Excellence in the Islamic world to achieve world-class standards;
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/40-S&T
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

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

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Mindful of the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 2/39 – S&T on Higher Education Matters adopted by the 39th session held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

Recalling the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Higher Education and Scientific Research, including those adopted by the 6th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Khartoum, 20-21 November 2012);

Taking note with appreciation of the national plans and steps taken by Member States for promoting higher education and quality assurance, increased investments in higher education sector, significant increases in the number of research publications in the OIC Member States and inclusion of 18 universities from the OIC Member States in the top 400 World University Rankings Supplement of the QS for 2012;

Commending the role of the COMSTECH and the activities undertaken by SESRIC, ISESCO, and IDB towards the promotion of higher education and scientific research in the Member States;

Bearing in mind the important role of the IUT, IUIU, IUN and IIUM in promoting higher education, research and development;

Welcoming the successful conduct of the OIC Educational Exchange Programme and noting with appreciation that against a total number of 225 scholarships offered at the graduate, post-graduate and Ph.D level under the Programme, a total number of 163 candidates have so far been selected for studies in various universities in the OIC member States;

Expressing deep appreciation for the various public and private sector universities from the OIC Member States participating in the Educational Exchange Programme;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/40-CFM/2013/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to continue and further strengthen their programmes and activities in the domain of higher education, including efforts for improvements in curricula, faculties, networking among higher education institutions, promotion of joint research projects, distance learning arrangements, scholarship programmes, role of OIC universities, role of centers of excellence, vocational training programmes;
2. **Urges** all Member States to continue efforts for the implementation of the Key Performance Indicators document to ensure quality in higher education and **takes note** of the decision of the 6th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Khartoum, 20-21 November 2012) to establish a High Level Quality and Accreditation Committee of the OIC Member States and to propose the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Chair the Committee.
3. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat in collaboration with the related OIC institutions to keep the performance of the OIC-affiliated universities under review and submit annual reports on such reviews;
4. **Invites** the OIC Member States to actively encourage their public and private sector higher education and research institutions to actively collaborate with the OIC for the further strengthening and promoting the OIC Educational Exchange Programme, including offers of scholarships through the OIC General Secretariat;
5. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to contribute to the establishment of an International Islamic University in Kabul, Afghanistan, as well as efforts of the Bank to mobilize financial resources for this purpose;
6. **Invites** all Member States to actively participate in the Seventh session of Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (ICHE&SRM) to be held in 2014 at ISESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.3/40-S&T
ON
HEALTH MATTERS

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

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Recalling the Resolution No. 3/39 – S&T on Health Matters adopted by the 39th session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti on 15 – 17 November 2012;

Recalling the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers and the Steering Committee on Health and the, including those adopted by the 4th Islamic Conference of health Ministers (Jakarta, 22-24 October 2013) and the 6th and 7th sessions of the Steering Committee on Health (Jakarta, 23-24 April 2013 and 21 October 2013 respectively);

Welcoming the decision for the holding of the 5th Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in 2015 in Turkey;

Further welcoming the finalization of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action (OIC-SHPA) 2014 – 2023 and its Implementation Plan;

Appreciating Malaysia for hosting the 1st Meeting of the OIC Technical Committee on Development and Harmonization of Standards of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines held in Kuala Lumpur on 1-2 October 2012;

Taking note with appreciation of the Two-Year Action plan of the Technical Committee on Development and Harmonization of Standards of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines approved by Sixth meeting of the Steering Committee on Health;

Further taking note of the development of short, medium and long term plan of action toward self reliance in vaccines productions by the vaccines manufacturers from OIC Member States;

Appreciating the Republic of Indonesia, co-chair of the UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on the post-2015 development agenda, for preparation of a document on contribution of OIC to the post-2015 development agenda;

Further appreciating the partnership between OIC-IDB-US and the Governments of Bangladesh and Mali as well as involvement of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in advocacy activities to reduce mortality rate of mothers and infants;

Taking note with appreciation of the progress of the OIC-IDB-IAEA Cooperation project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;

Welcoming efforts of Afghanistan, Nigeria, Pakistan, IDB and international partners to eradicate polio supported by other Member States as well as regional and sub-regional initiatives;

Appreciating IIFA for issue of the Second Declaration of the Obligatory Nature of Polio Vaccination;

Taking note with appreciation of the national plans and steps taken by Member States to strengthen their national public health systems including measures for preventing and combating diseases, improving mother and child health and promoting self-reliance in the production and supply of medicines and vaccines;

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/40-CFM/2013/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the Resolutions and Declarations adopted by the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers;
2. **Requests** the Steering Committee on Health to monitor, with the assistance of the Working Group set up for this purpose, coordination efforts of the Members States, OIC institutions and international organizations to implement the OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2014-2023;
3. **Invites** all Member States, relevant OIC institutions and international organizations, which are members of the OIC Steering Committee on Health, to participate actively in the 2nd meeting of the OIC Technical Committee on Development and Harmonization of Standards of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines to be held in Kuala Lumpur on 25-26 November 2013;
4. **Calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat to continue coordination with vaccine manufactures from the OIC region and the IDB toward promotion of self reliance in production of vaccines to increase immunization coverage;
5. **Encourages** Member States to extend cooperation to other requesting Member States in ensuring that the quality of procured vaccines conform to international standards;
6. **Emphasizes** that in support of national development efforts in the area of health, an enabling international environment, supportive of universal, non-discriminatory, timely and affordable access to medicines, vaccines, equipment, technologies, knowledge and

information and other supplies is required to guarantee comprehensive provision of healthcare services for women, children, adolescents, elderly and other groups in vulnerable situations;

7. **Encourages** the Member States to participate and contribute to the OIC-IDB-IAEA joint project on Support to African Countries' Efforts to tackle Cancer;
8. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen cooperation in the area of health training and education including offers of scholarships in the field of health education under the 'OIC Educational Exchange Programme: Promoting Solidarity through Academia';
9. **Calls on** all Member States to continue their efforts to increase coverage of immunization and ensuring all children are vaccinated against preventable diseases including polio;
10. **Urges** the Member States to undertake necessary steps to promote healthy life style and strengthen control of non-communicable diseases including obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases;
11. **Welcomes** the adoption of the WHO Protocol on Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products and invites the OIC Member States to sign and ratify the Protocol to better coordinate their efforts in fighting illicit trade in tobacco products;
12. **Requests** the potential donors, including the OIC Member States, to contribute generously to the GPEI and the Global Fund to support activities against polio, HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria;
13. **Stresses** the significance of the mother and child nutrition as one of the core health issues in the OIC Region in the area of health;
14. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and IDB to continue their coordination with USAID for the implementation of activities under the joint projects on Mother and Child Health Care in Bangladesh and Mali;
15. **Requests** the Republic of Indonesia to continue its efforts towards the development of the document on contribution of OIC to the post-2015 development agenda;
16. **Urges** the Member States to convene to coordinate their positions on items of common interest at the sidelines of WHO governing bodies, World Health Assembly (WHA), Executive Board (EB) as well as governing body of UNAIDS i.e. Programme Coordination Board (PCB);
17. **Invites** all Member States to actively participate in the activities of the OIC and its institutions in the field of health including the Islamic Conferences of Health Ministers (ICHM);

18. Requests the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.4/40-S&T
ON
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS

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

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Reaffirming the relevant Resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, including Resolution No 4/39 – S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 39th session held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

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

Taking note with appreciation of the national plans and steps taken by Member States for the protection of environment and address the challenges of climate change;

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

Reiterating that Sustainable Development, in keeping with the outcome of Rio+20, should be one of the core priorities in the post-2015 development framework with a strong means of implementation back by the requisite resources;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/40-CFM/2013/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Conferences of the Environment Ministers, including the 5th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 17-18 May 2012;

2. **Underscores** the need for robust global cooperation, especially for countries vulnerable to adverse consequences of climate change, including additional, adequate and predictable financing and technology development and transfer, capacity building from developed to developing countries, under the UN Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. The provision of finance should be in addition to the existing commitments for official development assistance.

3. **Calls upon** Member States to undertake consultations and coordinate their positions to effectively address challenges stemming from climate change and deteriorating environmental conditions, develop environmental policies and allocate necessary human, technological and economic resources for this purpose so as to make a unified, substantial contribution in these processes;

4. **Invites** the Member states to continue their engagement and participation in a coordinated manner in the process of finalization of set of Sustainable Development Goals and its integration into the post-2015 development agenda;

5. **Requests** COMSTECH to accord special attention to the promotion of cooperation among the Member States and related OIC institutions in areas such as environment protection, renewable energies and green technology and effective utilization of existing expertise in the Member States in such fields;

6. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.5/40-S&T
ON
OIC WATER VISION

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

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Reaffirming Resolution No 5/39–S&T on OIC Water Vision adopted by the 39th session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

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

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

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/40-CFM/2013/ST/SG-REP):

1. Welcomes the appointment of national focal points to coordinate the implementation of the OIC Water Vision by a large number of Member States and **requests** the Member States, which have not yet done so, to convey the contact details of their respective focal points to the OIC General Secretariat at the earliest possible;

2. Looks forward to the early convening of the meeting of national focal points to consider concrete measures for the implementation of the OIC Water Vision, including exchange and knowledge sharing; collaborative activities in research, policy and management support amongst OIC knowledge centers on water; capacity building and outreach development; and organization of specialized forums and conferences;

3. Welcomes the establishment by SESRIC of a web portal on water resources to collate information from Member States on their needs and offers for cooperation and the development of a specific water resources capacity building questionnaire for this purpose and **encourages** the Member States to share information with SESRIC as appropriate;

4. Invites Member States to utilize the opportunities for capacity building and human resource development available under the SESRIC Water Resources Management Capacity Building

Programme (Water-CaB) which aims at facilitating exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water among the member countries and thus contributing to the implementation of OIC Water Vision;

5. Welcomes the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the Second Islamic conference of Ministers Responsible for Water in 2014 at Istanbul;

6. Welcomes the initiative of Tajikistan, adopted by the UN General Assembly, on designating 2013 as the UN International Year of Water Cooperation and **calls upon** the Member States to effectively participate in the activities being organized in connection with the International Year of Water Cooperation;

7. Requests the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/40-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION (COMSTECH)

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Bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the successive sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers including Resolution No. 6/39-S&T on the Activities related to the Implementation of the Decisions of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) adopted by the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation held in Djibouti, on 15-17 November 2012;

Also mindful of the recommendation of the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee of COMSTECH held at Baku on 25-26 November 2011;

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

Commending COMSTECH for its activities and programmes in the fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment in the Islamic World;

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

Having considered the report of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (OIC/40-CFM/2013/COMSTECH/CG-REP):

1. Calls upon COMSTECH to take necessary measures for strengthening coordination and integration of the activities of S&T institutions in the OIC system and develop policy guidelines in this regard;

2. Requests COMSTECH Secretariat to organize meeting of the reconstituted Task Force on Vision 1441H for S&T and the Ten Year Programme of Action to develop a coordinated strategy for implementation of the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology and the Ten-Year Program of Action;

3. Invites the Coordinator General to take measures for the wider circulation of the details of The Higher Education Network (THEN) for other OIC Member States to benefit from this important initiative, the network shall focus on spreading education without granting educational degrees;

4. Calls upon COMSTECH Secretariat to study and take necessary measures, in line with the decision of the 12th Islamic Summit Conference held in Cairo on 6-7 February 2013, to hold an Islamic Summit on Science and Technology under the aegis of COMSTECH during 2013.

5. Requests the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 40th session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/40-S&T
ON
ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC UNIVERSITIES

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

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Recalling the Resolution No. 7/39 – S&T on Activities of the OIC Universities adopted by the 39th session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti on 15 – 17 November 2012;

Referring also to resolutions adopted by the Sixth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held on 20-21 November 2012 in Khartoum;

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

Expressing gratitude to the OIC Member States for their support and provision of assistance to the OIC universities including contribution to the Waqf;

Having considered reports on the activities of IUT, IUIU, IUN and IIUM submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of IUT, Rectors of IUN, IUIU and IIUM:

1. **Urges** the OIC universities to devote more attention to research in the fields relevant to the needs of Member States and disseminate research findings to the potential beneficiaries;
2. **Requests** the OIC Universities to implement the Key Performance Indicators document to achieving quality and high standards of higher education;
3. **Calls upon** the OIC universities to pursue meaningful cooperation under Memorandums of Understanding signed with other reputed Institutions;
4. **Appeals** to Member States to donate generously to the OIC universities for further development of their infrastructure and other specific needs;
5. **Commends** the financial support of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to the IUN and IUIU and encourages ISF to continue such support for these universities;

Islamic University Technology (IUT)

6. **Calls upon** Member States to pay in full and in timely manner their annual contributions to the IUT;

7. **Urges** the IUT to comply with the adopted recommendations of FCO aimed at improving its performance;
8. **Encourages** the IUT to continue conducting short courses, especially in the fields of cutting edge and emerging technologies, for the professional working personnel suiting the requirements of Member States and in this regard to strengthen its linkages with Centers of Excellence in the OIC Member States;
9. **Urges** the IUT to expedite construction of a hostel for female students to enable enrollment for female students for academic year 2014-2015 and **requests** the Member States and financial institutions to extend necessary support to this end;
10. **Encourages** the IUT to broaden a policy for appointment of visiting faculty and invites highly qualified and experienced teachers from the Members States to serve the university for short stints for teaching and research facilitation;

Islamic University in Niger (IUN)

11. **Invites** the Member States to extend assistance for the annual budget of the IUN to meet the requirements of development of scientific research for development in Western Africa;
12. **Requests** the Member States to support the IUN to establish new faculties including a Faculty of Agriculture and faculties of Education and Health Sciences through all possible means;
13. **Appeals** to the Member States and philanthropists to provide the needed assistance for IUN to construct a commercial center being financed by the IDB through the Waqf Fund for IUN;
14. **Urges** the Member States to provide generous assistance to equip the two (2) new faculties (faculties of Economy and Management Science and Science and Technology) with computers, relevant ICT equipment, science laboratories etc;

Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)

15. **Urges** the IUIU to expedite establishment of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and **requests** the Member States to extend assistance through secondment of the qualified academic staff and provision of appropriate equipment;
16. **Welcome** the assistance being provided to the IUIU by the University of Lahore, Pakistan, for the establishment of the faculty of Health Sciences and invites public and private sector universities to consider extending similar cooperation to the OIC universities in addressing their requirements;

17. **Requests** Member States, IDB and other institutions to donate funds for the construction of a Waqf at the IUIU estimated at cost of US\$ 30 million;
18. **Requests** Member States to provide sustainable financial support annually to IUIU to improve staff welfare;
19. **Requests** the Member States and institutions to give voluntary financial and material support to the Females' Campus of the IUIU to enable it to play an effective role in addressing the educational needs of Muslim women in English speaking African countries;
20. **Requests** the IUIU to continue enrolment of students from the eastern and southern Africa to meet the educational needs;

International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

21. **Encourages** the IIUM to continue its support to the IUT, IUIU and IUN;
22. **Urges** the OIC Member States and all the relevant OIC institutions to lend their support to the IIUM Endowment Fund;
23. **Welcomes** the inclusion of IIUM at number 401 – 450 in the Best 500 Universities in the World by QS Ranking for 2012;
24. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 41th session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 8/40-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC INSTITUTIONS
OPERATING IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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

Recalling Resolution No. 8/39 – S&T on the Activities of the OIC Institutions Operating in the Fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment adopted by the 39th session held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

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

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

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

Mindful of the role of the SESRIC, which includes inter alia, collating, processing, monitoring and disseminating socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilization of the member countries as well as organize training programmes in selected fields geared to the needs of the OIC Member States;

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

Welcoming the capacity-building programmes and activities of SESRIC to cater to the needs of Member States in different domains;

Commending SESRIC for being one of the project managers of the Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation” along with the Royal Society of UK;

Appreciating the contribution of SESRIC in the preparation of the draft OIC Strategic Health Program of Action 2013-2022, and its efforts for facilitating the preparation of Implementation Plan for the OIC-SHPA 2013-2022;

Appreciating further the efforts of the SESRIC towards the implementation of OIC Water Vision through developing an online web-portal on water issues and the Water Resources Management Capacity Building Programme (Water-CaB) with the aim of facilitating the exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices in the domain of water resources;

Noting the active involvement SESRIC and its contribution in the implementation of the OIC initiative on self-reliance in vaccines and medicines in OIC member countries;

Taking note of the report by SESRIC:

- 1. Calls upon** the relevant national institutions responsible for water resources management to cooperate with SESRIC in the assignment of the National Focal Points as well as implementation of capacity building and training programs in the area of water management through responding to the relevant questionnaire of SESRIC;
- 2. Commends** the SESRIC efforts for facilitating matching the needs and capacities of the national relevant institutions working in the domain of environment and health through the relevant capacity building programmes of the Centre; and **calls upon** the member countries to fully benefit from these programmes through responding to the relevant questionnaire of SESRIC.

b. ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

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

Acknowledging the efforts of ISESCO in building scientific, technological and innovative capacities in various important and vital areas directly related with socio-economic development of the Member States covering operations and actions in Scientific research capabilities, technological innovation, higher education, renewable energy, environment, sustainable development as well as ethics of science and technology and requests ISESCO to continue its efforts to further expand its action in order to meet the needs of the Member States in accordance with its mandates;

Commending ISESCO for provision of scholarships for students in Africa for studies in communication sciences in the framework of the Federation of Universities in Islamic World (FUIW) and Islamic Center for Promotion of Scientific Research;

Taking note of the report submitted by ISESCO:

- 1. Welcomes** the establishment of the Islamic World Ethical Network portal by the ISESCO to enhance awareness and consensus on ethical issues in the Islamic world and provide ethical information as per Islamic ethical principle and Sharia point of view;

2. **Welcomes** the launching of the “African Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation” jointly by the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Culture Organization (ISESCO) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to provide a platform for parliamentarians, policy-makers, the scientific community, the civil society and the media to dialogue on legislative, incentives measures and priorities in the context of promoting science technology and innovation for socio-economic development in the African Region;
3. **Calls upon** ISESCO to facilitate implementation of the document on Key Performance Indicators for Universities in the Islamic World in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, knowing that performance indicators and their implementation mechanisms were set by the ISESCO and the OIC;
4. **Requests** the ISESCO to uphold provision of scholarships for students in Africa;
5. **Takes into consideration** the Declaration on Sustainable Development within the Framework of the Islamic World’s Participation in the Rio +20 Summit adopted by the Members States of the OIC at the Fifth Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 17th to 18th May 2012;
6. **Appreciates** the efforts of the Islamic Executive Bureau of Environment to follow-up the implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Conferences of Environment Ministers addressing the challenges of sustainable development and environment protection in coordination and consultation with Member States as well as national, regional and international specialized bodies.

c. ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)

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

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

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

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

Further commending IDB for its support to the training program on STI Policy and Foresight organized by the COMSTECH;

Further appreciating IDB for its financial support extended to the Atlas of Islamic-World Science and Innovation project, the preparation of the OIC Strategic Health Programme of Action and the holding by TRNC of a Conference on Water and Food Security in the OIC Member States from 21-23 November 2013;

Taking note of the IDB report:

1. **Requests** IDB to strengthen five Centers of Excellence selected by COMSTECH Executive Committee so that they can be raised to the highest world standards;
2. **Calls upon** IDB to continue supporting Member States in their efforts to combat diseases and epidemics;
3. **Further calls upon** IDB to assist Member States to improve quality of education to allocate more grants for capacity building and development projects;
4. **Requests** IDB to continue its support to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in the fight against polio and to cooperate with the Global Fund to fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;
5. **Requests** IDB to consider programmes for assisting Member States to move towards high value added economies and embed technology development into the planning processes of member states;
6. **Further requests** IDB to apply more concessionary rates for R&D funding.

d. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION ORGANIZATION (STIO)

Mindful of the role of the STIO for effective implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation related resolutions of the OIC forums;

Referring to the Ministerial meeting of the founding members of the STIO held in February, 2010 and the meeting of the Budget and Programs Committee of STIO held in June 2010 hosted by King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology (KACST), Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

Welcomes the organization by STIO of the meeting of selected vaccine manufacturers from the OIC Member States in Dubai, UAE, on 27-28 February 2013, which brought together manufacturers and producers of vaccines from OIC member states to share their feedback on the status of medicines and vaccine production and discuss possible avenues for collaboration;

Noting with appreciation the decision by the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to actively collaborate with the STIO;

1. **Calls upon** the STIO to continue and further strengthen its activities for effective implementation of the decisions of the relevant OIC fora in line with its mandate;
2. **Looks forward** to the organization of a workshop on “Women in Science” by STIO, in coordination with National Research Foundation of the UAE and the U.S. State Department to bring together women scientists from the OIC countries and the US to exchange experiences in their work and explore possibilities for joint research and collaborative work in mutually beneficial areas;
3. **Requests** STIO to expedite the development of the training programme entitled ‘Science in Diplomacy’ to familiarize diplomats from the OIC Member States with the scientific

aspects of international negotiations concerning issues such as climate change and environment, health related issues etc.;

4. **Invites** Member States to fully utilize the services of STIO for the conceptualization and implementation of projects designed to uplift the status of science, technology and innovation and contribute to the process of socio-economic development;

e. ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ICCI):

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

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

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

f. ISLAMIC WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (IAS)

Noting that the Academy acts as a focal point for scientific community of the OIC and promotes networking between scientists of OIC countries;

Appreciating the efforts of the IAS for facilitating interaction among scientists, and promoting the exchange of views and ideas on science and technology issues with a view to strengthening overall process of socio-economic development in Islamic countries;

Mindful of decisions and recommendations of the 19th Conference of the IAS held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 6-9 May 2013 under the title “Achieving Socio-Economic Development in the Islamic World through Science, Technology and Innovation”;

Commending IAS for its assistance to OIC Member States to help them establish national science academies;

Appreciating IAS for arranging S&T awareness programmes for OIC parliamentarians in association with the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States;

Further appreciating IAS for conferring a biennial Award for outstanding medical scientists and eminent researchers;

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

1. **Urges** IAS to further strengthen its activities in the domains pertinent to its mandate and responsibilities;

2. **Requests** the IAS, in collaboration with the other relevant OIC institutions and national academies of sciences, to assist Member States in the mainstreaming of science, technology and innovation in the national planning processes and formulation of long-term STI strategies;
3. **Further requests** the IAS, COMSTECH and other relevant OIC institutions to strengthen their programmes and activities in STI policy planning and promotion of cooperation in science and technology between the OIC Member States, scientific institutions, Muslim researchers and scientists and partners at the global level.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 40th session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/40-S&T
ON
MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SAND AND DUST STORM
IN SOME MEMBER STATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recalling Resolution No. 9/39-S&T on Mainstreaming Efforts to Combat the Sand and Dust Storm adopted by the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Djibouti on 15-17 November 2012;

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

1. **Express** concern over the unprecedented wave of sand and dust tempests and for the considerable losses they have been causing in desert areas in the Member States in both Asia and Africa;

2. **Calls** on all the Member States affected in desert areas in Asia and Africa to engage in a conscientious and constructive interaction to resolve this problem in an appropriate manner;
3. **Express** its support for developing a collective regional mechanism for awareness raising early warning and risk management network enabling the affected countries to face the problem in a suitable manner;
4. **Calls upon** all international and regional environmental instruments and institutions, including ROPME, to seriously and rapidly address the issue and to mobilize their resources, both technically and financially to assist the affected countries;
5. **Invites** the Member States to contribute to the reforestation of desert zones in the OIC Member States, and to take firm measures against the abusive cutting of trees and bushfires;
6. **Invites** the OIC Specialized Agencies such as Islamic Development Bank to take all appropriate measures to develop concrete projects for assisting the affected countries enabling them to overcome the disastrous effects of this phenomenon;
7. **Decides** to keep the matter under review.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/40-S&T
ON
THE FORMER SEMIPALATINSK
NUCLEAR TEST SITE AND THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST NUCLEAR
TESTS AND REHABILITATION OF THE ARAL SEA REGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Reiterates** its call upon Member States to observe the International Day against Nuclear Tests on 29 August in order to increase awareness of the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions;
2. **Commends** Member States for their contribution to the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the closing of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site which was aimed at informing the public about the dangerous consequences of nuclear tests for the lives and health of people and the state of the environment;
3. **Emphasizes** importance of implementation of the Third Aral Sea Basin Program-3 (ASBP-3) at the Donor Coordination Conference held on December 9, 2010, in Almaty, Kazakhstan in terms of environment protection;

4. **Commends** the Government of Kazakhstan for implementation of the Field Program “Zhasyl Damu” (Green Development) for 2010-2014 directed to comprehensively resolve the issues of region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
5. **Urges** the Islamic Development Bank, the OIC Member States and international donor organizations to continue providing necessary technical and financial support in implementation of Programs directed to address the issues of the Aral Sea and region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
6. **Reiterates** its requests to the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
