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RESOLUTION No. 1/11-MM (IS)
ON
**SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS
OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES AND MINORITIES
IN NON-OIC MEMBER STATES**

The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal from 6 - 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March, 2008),

Recalling that Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States constitute more than one-third of the Islamic Ummah;

Recalling also the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter and the resolutions adopted by the sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference and the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers as well as international charters, declarations and treaties, in particular those which call for the observance of political, social, cultural, economic and religious human rights;

Recalling also the UN General Assembly Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

Reiterating its commitment to the Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States, and **expressing** its concern over forms of bigotry against some of those communities and minorities;

Condemning the oppression and infractions against Muslim Communities and Minorities in many non-OIC Member States;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the Situation of Muslim Communities and Minorities (*Document No. IS/11-2008/MM/SG.REP*);

1. **Renews** its support of the efforts, initiatives and good offices of the Secretary General aimed at finding just solutions to the political, cultural and economic issues of the Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States, in pursuance of OIC resolutions and of the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005, and appreciates his efforts, particularly those aimed at addressing the issues of Muslims in Southern Philippines, Southern Thailand, Republic of Myanmar, Western Thrace in Greece, and the issues of Muslims in the Balkans, the Caucasus, India, China and others, within the framework of respect for the sovereignty of the countries they belong.

2. **Reiterates** the need to find equitable and just solutions to the problems of Muslim Communities and Minorities in many non-OIC Member States, prominently that of being deprived the exercise of their political, civil and cultural rights, and **condemns** the gross violations of human rights as well as racial and religious discrimination suffered by some of those Muslim Minorities.
3. **Reiterates** that safeguarding the rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States is essentially the responsibility of the Governments of those States, in adherence to the principles of international law and respect for territorial sovereignty and integrity.
4. **Urges** Member States and Islamic institutions to devote greater support and attention to improving the conditions of Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States and to cater to their affairs within the framework of respect for the sovereignty of the country they belong and **emphasizes** that the challenges facing them require the adoption of the principles of dialogue and cooperation as well as respect for the cultures and traditions of peoples rather than violence, force and exclusion.
5. **Commends** the Secretary General's sustained efforts in monitoring the conditions of Muslims in the southern provinces of Thailand and **expresses** total satisfaction with the positive outcomes of his official visit to the Kingdom of Thailand in May 2007 and his meetings with senior officials. **Welcomes** in particular the understanding reached providing for the expansion of cooperation between the Kingdom of Thailand and the OIC in all fields. The Conference welcomed the fruitful cooperation between Thailand and its neighboring countries with a view to achieving rapid socioeconomic development in Southern Thailand.
6. **Expresses** its deep concern over the conditions of the Muslim communities in India and urges the Government of India to take effective and immediate measures to end all violence and policies of political, economic and cultural discrimination against Muslims. **Requests** the next ministerial conference to pay special attention to this issue, and to mandate the Secretary General to present to it a report on the situation of the Muslim community in India.
7. **Reiterates** the commitment of Member States to respect the rights of non-Muslim communities in their territories, in accordance with the tolerant teachings of the Islamic religion.
8. **Takes note** of the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Muslim Communities and Minorities in non-OIC Member States in its previous meetings, calls on the Member States and the General Secretariat to implement these recommendations, and urges the said Expert Group to continue its work in a regular manner.

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9. **Lauds** the efforts of the Secretary General to restructure and improve the Department of Muslim Communities and Minorities and strengthen its work to make it capable of monitoring Muslim minorities issues in the world; emphasizes the need to continue the improvement process and prepare reports of violations of human rights of Muslim minorities, and to increase cooperation between the OIC, the countries concerned as well as international and regional organizations to protect their rights and interests and to preserve their Islamic culture and identity.

10. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

RESOLUTION No. 2/11-MM (IS)
ON
QUESTION OF MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal from 6 - 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March, 2008);

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the OIC and the recommendations of the OIC Peace Committee for Southern Philippines (OIC-PCSP);

Recalling the Tripoli Agreement signed on 23 December 1976, between the Government of the Republic of Philippines (GRP) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), which the signatory parties agreed to consider as the basis for a permanent, just and comprehensive political solution to the question of Muslims in Southern Philippines within the framework of national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines;

Paying tribute to the role of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, under the wise leadership of H.E. Colonel Moamar Gaddafi, in achieving the Tripoli Agreement of 1976 and in hosting the first preliminary talks in Tripoli from 3 to 4 October 1992 and the Unity and Solidarity Meeting of the MNLF leaders on 6 April 2003;

Also paying tribute to the role of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in facilitating the peace process culminating in the signing of the Final Peace Agreement on 2 September 1996, and **expressing satisfaction** for the efforts of the OIC Peace Committee for Southern Philippines (OIC-PCSP);

Recalling that, in accordance with the two Memoranda of Understanding by which the GRP and the MNLF concluded two rounds of preliminary talks, held successively in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 3-4 October 1992 and in Cipanas, Western Java, Republic of Indonesia on 14-16 April, 1993, the two parties agreed to conduct official peace negotiations for the full implementation of the letter and spirit of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement;

Taking note that the gains of the Peace Agreement concluded between the GRP and the MNLF and the existing cooperation between them must be mainstreamed and maximized to achieve comprehensive peace and development for the Bangsamoro people;

Reiterating Resolution No. 2/10-MM (I.S.) of the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit on the Question of Muslim Minorities in Southern Philippines and Resolution No.2/34-MM on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines adopted by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Islamabad in May 2007;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines (Document No. IS/11-2008/MM/SG.REP);

1. **Renews** its support for the Peace Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front signed on 2 September 1996 in Manila, and emphasizes the implementation of its provisions in order to achieve security, stability and development in Southern Philippines.
2. **Calls** on both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front to preserve the gains achieved since the signing of the Peace Agreement, **Calls** on both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front to preserve the gains achieved since the signing of the Peace Agreement. Encourages both sides to continue their efforts in finding further solution for their differences to ensure the full implementation of the Peace Agreement of 1996.
3. **Appreciates** highly the ongoing efforts and good offices of the Secretary General to enthrone peace in Southern Philippines, and to provide a favorable environment for the full and unhindered implementation of the Peace Agreement; also commends the efforts of the Secretary General's Peace Envoy in Southern Philippines and those of the members of the OIC Peace Committee for Southern Philippines.
4. **Notes** what has been agreed upon regarding the implementation of the agreements of the First Session of Tripartite Meeting between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, the Moro National Liberation Front and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in November 2007 and of the Second Session of the Tripartite Meeting held in Istanbul in February 2008, and calls on the Secretary General to continue his efforts and good offices so that the two parties can develop a joint formula to enable the full implementation of the Peace Agreement and present a report thereon to the next Ministerial meeting.
5. **Appeals** to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines to address the environmental problems of Lake Lanao and its surroundings which have had fatal environmental repercussions on the health, economic and the social conditions of the inhabitants.

6. **Renews** its call to both the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to combine their efforts to work for the peace and development of the Bangsamoro people. **Requests** the Secretary General to use more of his good offices to achieve harmony and coordination among them; **encourages** the ongoing negotiations between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the MILF and hopes that they would arrive at positive outcomes which shall not contradict the 1996 Final Peace Agreement.

7. **Calls on** Member States, subsidiary organs, affiliated and specialized institutions as well as charitable Islamic organizations in the Member States to increase their development assistance for Southern Philippines and to rehabilitate it through the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in order to accelerate the completion of the social and economic development.

8. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

RESOLUTION No. 3/11-MM (IS)
ON

**THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH MUSLIM MINORITY
OF WESTERN THRACE, GREECE**

The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal from 6 - 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March, 2008);

Reaffirming its commitment to Muslim communities and minorities living in non-OIC Member States;

Realizing that the Muslims in Greece, in general, and the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace in particular are an integral part of the Muslim World;

Recalling the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter, the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences, Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers and international conventions, declarations and agreements calling for observance of human rights, namely political, social, cultural and economic rights and freedom of worship, and most particularly the Lausanne Treaty which guarantees the rights of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace such as to use of their Turkish language, to practice their religious rites and to elect freely their representatives in all fields;

Further recalling the UN General Assembly Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

Realizing that the basic rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace are defined and protected by multilateral and bilateral treaties and agreements to which Greece is a party;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the issue of the Turkish Muslim Minority of Western Thrace in Greece (Document No. IS/11-2008/MM/SG.REP);

1. **Invites once again** Greece to take all measures to respect the rights and identity of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace emanating from the bilateral and international agreements.
2. **Demands** that Greece recognize the elected Muftis of Xanthi and Komotini as the official Muftis.

3. **Calls on** Greece to take necessary steps for the election of the administration boards of the Waqfs by the Turkish Muslim Minority with a view to ensure their self-governance, enable the elected Muftis to supervise the properties of the Waqfs and to put an end to the expropriation of the Waqfs' properties, the imposition of heavy taxes on them, and to make the necessary amendment to the law in consultation with the representative of the Muslim community there.
4. **Urges** Greece to reinstate the citizenship rights of tens of thousands of Turkish Minority members who were stripped of their citizenship under the now-repealed Article 19 of the Greek Citizenship Law No.3370/1955.
5. **Regrets** the ban imposed by the Greek Supreme Court on the activities of the Turkish Muslim Minority's oldest non-governmental organization, the "Turkish Union of Xanthi" on the grounds that its title bears the word "Turkish", and considers this as discrimination on the basis of ethnic origin.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

RESOLUTION No. 4/34-MM (IS)
ON
THE MUSLIM MINORITY IN MYANMAR

The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal from 6 - 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March, 2008);

Reaffirming Resolution No. 4/10-MM (I.S.) adopted by the Tenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, in October 2003 and Resolution No. 4/34-MM adopted by the Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the Muslim Minority in Myanmar (Document No. IS/11-2008/MM/SG.REP);

1. **Calls** on Member States to continue their efforts in conjunction with those of the international community and the United Nations in order to restore democracy in Myanmar, and to commit the Government of Myanmar to the return of all refugees displaced from their homes, particularly the Muslims of the Arakan region of Myanmar.
2. **Demands** the Government of Myanmar to put an end to its practice of dispersing, displacing, and exiling of the Muslims of Arakan and its continued attempts to eradicate their Islamic culture and identity, and **calls** on the Government authorities to observe the international and private judicial texts on human rights.
3. **Invites** the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of dispatching a delegation to visit Myanmar on a fact finding mission to study the conditions of Muslims there and to report thereon to the next ICFM and also to consider in this connection sending an OIC delegation to Myanmar's neighbouring countries and to ASEAN Member States to undertake a field study of the conditions of Muslims in Myanmar and to evolve adequate modalities to improve these conditions.
4. Emphasizes the need to unite the efforts of Muslim leaders and civil society institutions and to cooperate with opposition parties in order to realize the hopes of the Myanmar people for freedom, justice, equality and democracy.
5. **Calls on** the Member States to continue their support and assistance in all forms to Muslims in Myanmar and to those among them living as refugees outside their homeland.
6. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the situation of the Muslim Minority in Myanmar and report thereon to the Twelfth Session of the Islamic Summit and Conference.
