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**RESOLUTION No. 1/39-MM  
ON  
SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS  
OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES AND MINORITIES  
IN NON-OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, from 1 to 3 Muharram 1434H, (15 - 17 November 2012),*

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/37-MM adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers, and all the resolutions adopted by the Ministerial and Summit Conferences in this regard,

**Recalling** that, number wise, Muslim communities and minorities living in non-OIC Member States constitute over one-third of the Muslim Ummah,

**Recalling also** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the OIC Summit and CFM Conferences as well as relevant international covenants, declarations, and conventions, in particular those which call for the respect of civil, economic, political, social, cultural, 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,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Muslim Communities and Minorities (Document No. OIC/CFM-39/2012/MM/SG.REP),

**1. Reiterates** its commitment to all ministerial resolutions on Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States and calls on Member States to provide assistance to them and to contribute to the settlement of their problems in full respect of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the countries to which they belong, and through cooperation with the governments of these States;

**2. Emphasizes** the need to respect the rights of Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States; **denounces** the problems they face, resulting from discrimination, repression or persecution; and **stresses** the importance of continued coordination between the Member States in order to find ways to assist them to solve their problems, protect their religious, cultural, civil, political and economic rights and preserve their Islamic identity;

3. **Emphasizes** that the protection of the rights and identity of Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States is primarily the responsibility of the Governments of those States, consistent with the principles of international law;
4. **Commends** the efforts exerted by the Secretary General in supporting the causes of the Muslim communities in Non-Member States, and **urges** him to continue those efforts within the framework of the extant principle of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the States to which they belong, in accordance with international law and agreements, and in implementation of the relevant OIC Summit and Ministerial conferences resolutions;
5. **Requests** again the General Secretariat to continue its contacts with the Governments of States in which Muslim communities and minorities exist to apprise them of the resolutions issued by the OIC in this regard, and to identify the problems faced by those communities and their needs, with priority being given to contacts with the Governments of non-OIC Member States where Muslim communities and minorities are faced with grave difficulties; and **requests** the Member States enjoying solid relations with those States to put those relations to beneficial use in advancing the Secretary General's efforts; **also requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with Member States in order to draw the attention of the United Nations and its subsidiary and affiliated bodies as well as the Human Right Council, among others, to this issue;
6. **Urges** the Member States and Muslim institutions in general and, more particularly, the OIC subsidiary, specialized and affiliated institutions, including the IDB and ISESCO, as well as Islamic NGOs to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat for the extension of further support and assistance to these Muslim communities and minorities;
7. **Reiterates** that education is a legitimate right of every member of society, without any discrimination, in accordance with all relevant international covenants; and **calls on** the Member States to provide every assistance to support education, including the provision of instructors for the children of Muslim communities, the allocation of scholarships for them to study in schools and universities and inviting Islamic NGOs and civil society organizations to contribute to this endeavor in coordination with the States concerned;
8. **Reiterates its calls on** the General Secretariat to maintain contacts with Muslim communities in Africa, in implementation of previous Ministerial resolutions, in order to identify their difficulties and gain information on their conditions; and **invites** the General Secretariat to continue holding symposia and conferences in countries with Muslim minorities in order to learn of their problems and issues and foster and promote relations between States with Muslim communities and OIC Member States;

- 9** **Invites** Member States and Specialized Islamic institutions to provide further assistance and care to Muslim communities in Africa, especially in the least-developed countries, with a view to addressing the pressing difficulties which impede their progress and development;
- 10.** **Expresses deep concern** at the growing activity against Muslims in India by Hindu extremist groups trying to build a Hindu temple on the ruins of the historic Babri Mosque; **expresses its concern** also over the unnecessary delay in determining responsibility for the demolition of the Babri Mosque; and **urges** the Indian Government to see to it that the Babri Mosque is rebuilt on its original site;
- 11.** **Expresses its deep concern** at the condition of Muslim communities and minorities in India and **urges** the Government of India to take effective and immediate measures to end all violence against Muslims; **notes with regret** the plight of the victims of the Gujarat riots; **condemns** the environment of fear that the victims are constantly obliged to live in; **demand**s that the perpetrators be immediately brought to justice; and **urges** the Secretary General in this regard, to report on the situation of Muslims in India to the next CFM meeting;
- 12.** **Invites** the General Secretariat to monitor the situation of Muslims in India and to collect further information on the challenges and difficulties they are facing, politically, socially and economically with a view to offering them the required assistance, and to report on the matter to the next ministerial conference;
- 13.** **Urges** the Indian Government to take steps to improve the economic conditions of Muslims in India in line with the recommendations of the Sachar Committee Report;
- 14.** **Expresses** satisfaction with the growing relations between the People's Republic of China and the OIC and with the continued encounters and contacts at all levels, for the exchange of views on issues of common interest and the deepening of these relations between the Islamic world and the People's Republic of China and welcomed the holding of a symposium in Beijing on the theme: "China and the Islamic World" and its outcomes which support relations between China and the Islamic world;
- 15.** **Lauds** the efforts of the Secretary General and his continued intensified engagement with the Government of Thailand and the representatives of Muslim inhabitants in the South in a bid to reach acceptable solutions to the problems facing them, consistent with the text and spirit of the joint statement signed by the Government of Thailand and H.E. the Secretary General upon completion of his official visit to Thailand in May 2007 in which Thailand reaffirmed its commitment to address the root cause of the problem from its origins through a comprehensive approach to enable the inhabitants of southern border provinces to manage their internal affairs, practice their cultural, linguistic and religions specificities and manage their natural resources, in total respect of the country's constitution and territorial integrity;

**16- Takes note** of the official visit of the high level delegation led by Ambassador Sayed Kasim El-Masry, Advisor to the Secretary General, on 8-15 May 2012; and **welcomes** the content of the Joint Press Communiqué thereon which reaffirmed the two parties' commitment to the Joint Statement issued on 1/5/2007, following the visit of the Secretary General;

**17- Expresses concern** at the meager progress achieved so far, five years after the issuance of the Press Communiqué in 2007; **regrets** continued application of the emergency law in most southern areas and the limited progress in introducing the language of local populations (Malayu language) as a language of instruction in the schools of the South; **notes** the continued extensive military presence of armed forces throughout the southern border provinces and its negative impacts on the population's normal life; **expresses concern** at the mounting reliance on undisciplined paramilitary militias accused of committing illegal acts, and warns of its consequences on increasing ethnic and religious polarization;

**18- Calls on** the Government of Thailand to work vigorously in order to reach a just and permanent solution to the problem, in accordance with the 2007 Joint Press Communiqué, and to hold a dialogue with the leaders of Muslims to reach a solution allowing the realization of the legitimate rights of Muslims in Southern Thailand;

**19- Decides** to defer consideration of the resolution on the situation of Muslims in Southern Thailand to the next session of the CFM in order to allow for further contacts among the Secretary General, the Government of Thailand and all other concerned parties;

**20- Reiterates** the need to respect the human rights of the Turkish Muslim community in Bulgaria and to return Muslim waqf properties confiscated in previous times; and **calls on** Muslims in Bulgaria to unite their efforts and work together to enhance the position of their Grand Mufti's office in furtherance of the interests of Muslims there;

**21. Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2/39-MM**  
**ON**  
**QUESTION OF MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES**

*The Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, from 1 to 3 Muharram 1434H, (15 - 17 November 2012),*

**Bearing in mind** the OIC resolutions and the recommendations of the OIC Peace Committee in Southern Philippines (PCSP) and the question of Muslims there;

**Commending** the role played by Libya in reaching the Tripoli Agreement in 1976 and instrumental the role of the Republic of Indonesia as Chair of the PCSP and all its members, as well as to the Secretary General's efforts aimed at facilitating the peace process and assisting both the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to reach a formula of joint proposals to ensure the full implementation of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement;

**Praising** the efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in supporting the peace efforts and development of Muslims in Southern Philippines,

**Reaffirming** all previous Summit and Ministerial Conferences resolutions adopted in this regard;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines (Doc. No. OIC/CFM-39/2012/MM/SG.REP);

- 1- **Renews** its support for the Peace Agreement between the GPH and MNLF initialled on 30 August 1996 in Jakarta and officially signed in Manila on 2 September 1996;
- 2- **Calls for** quick and full implementation of the provisions of 1996 Final Peace Agreement on implementation of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement concluded between the GPH and the MNLF with good intention and genuine interest so that just and lasting peace and comprehensive development can be achieved for the Bangsamoro people;
- 3- **Renews** the mandate of the PCSP and the Secretary General to continue the necessary contacts with the GPH and the MNLF in favour of the full implementation of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement;
- 4- **Appreciates** the efforts of the Secretary General and the OIC-PCSP for their continued attempts to overcome the obstacles impeding full implementation of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement through the tripartite discussions' mechanism, and expresses regret over the passage of five years since the discussions began without achieving tangible results commensurate to the cost and efforts expended;

- 5- **Calls on** the GPH to show flexibility that would allow progress on the pending major difficulties, namely the size of the autonomous region, transitional mechanism or transitional period arrangements and an agreed definition of strategic minerals, also calls upon it to sponsor the request by the MNLF on conducting a new plebiscite under neutral supervision to consult the population on whether they are willing to join the autonomous rule region;
- 6- **Commends** the efforts of the Secretary General in holding the second coordination meeting in December 2011 between the leaderships of the MNLF and MILF to continue their joint coordination and work to achieve peace and development for the people of Bangsamoro and **calls for** the continuation of dialogue to form the proposed Bangsamoro Coordination Forum (BCF) and requests Secretary General to present a progress report to the next Session. **Commends** MILF's acceptance of the proposal and urges MNLF to accept the proposal as soon as possible to enable institutional and orderly coordination between them.
- 7- **Welcomes** the conclusion of the Framework Agreement between GPH and MILF signed October 15, 2012 and express the hope that it shall be implemented in good faith and that its fate would be different from that of its predecessors which were either retracted, such as the Memorandum of Agreement concluded with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) which was not implemented due to a Philippine Constitutional Court order, **or** the Peace Agreements of 1976 and 1996 concluded with MNLF which have not been fully implemented so far.
- 8- **Commends** the role of the Government of Malaysia as the third party facilitator in the talks between the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) which culminated with the signing of the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in Manila in the presence of the Philippine President Benigno Aquino III, Malaysian Prime Minister Dato Seri Najib Tun Razak as well as the OIC Secretary General, Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu.
- 9- **Invites** all parties to improve on the Framework Agreement by linking it to the Peace Agreement of 1976 and abiding by the area of the autonomous region stipulated in this Agreement and reconfirmed in the Final Peace Agreement of 1996.
- 10- **Calls upon** the Secretary General to hold another session of the tripartite meeting at the earliest to contain any impacts that may result from the Framework Agreement between GPH and MILF, save the 1996 Agreement and link it to the Framework Agreement, and develop a mechanism between MNLF, MILF and GPH to oversee the implementation of these two agreements **i.e.** the agreement with the MILF and the agreements with the MNLF.



- 11- **Requests** the Secretary General to invite the representatives of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) to participate in ministerial conferences as guest, in coordination with the hosting state, in order to facilitate coordination between the two fronts;
- 12- **Appeals** to the GPH to see to the early resolution of the reported environmental problems resulting from the failure on the part of power and electricity plant in Lake Lanao and its surroundings to observe environmental standards, which resulted in serious and adverse environmental effects with damaging fallouts on local population's health and economic and social conditions.
- 13- **Urges** OIC Member States, subsidiary organs, and specialized and affiliated institutions as well as Islamic charitable organizations in Member States to increase their medical, humanitarian, economic, financial, and technical assistance for the development of Southern Philippines with a view to accelerating the pace of social and economic development;
- 14- **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION No.3 /39-MM**  
**ON**  
**THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH MUSLIM**  
**MINORITY OF WESTERN THRACE AND**  
**THE MUSLIM POPULATION OF THE DODECANESE**

*The Thirty-Ninth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, from 01 to 03 Muharram, 1434H (15-17 November 2012),*

**Recalling** Resolution No. 3/38-MM on the Situation of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace, Greece and Resolution No.18-PE/7-CONF adopted by the Seventh PUIC Conference in Palembang on the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace and the Muslim Population of the Dodecanese.

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

**Fully aware** that the Muslims in Greece, in general, and the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace and the Muslim population in the Dodecanese, in particular, are an integral part of the Muslim World,

**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter, the Resolutions adopted by OIC Islamic Summit Conferences, Conferences of Foreign Ministers, the Council and the Conference of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC (Cooperation) Member States and international agreements, declarations, and conventions **calling for** the respect of human rights, including 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 by virtue of which they have the right to use their Turkish language, practice their religious rites, and freely elect their representatives in all fields,

**Further recalling** the UN General Assembly Declaration on the 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 conventions to which Greece is a party,

**Recalling** that the Muslim population of Turkish descent living in the Dodecanese should be treated as a minority and the fact that those islands were not part of Greece when the Lausanne Peace Treaty was signed should not be a reason to deprive the Muslim population on the islands of their minority rights within the same legal space.

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Muslim Communities and Minorities in Non-OIC Member States.

1. **Invites** Greece once again to take all measures to respect the basic rights and freedoms as well as identity of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace emanating from the bilateral and international agreements;

2. **Demands again** that Greece recognize the elected Muftis of Xanthi and Komotini as the official Muftis;
3. **Continues to call on** Greece to take the necessary steps for the election of the Awqaf administration boards by the Turkish Muslim Minority with a view to ensuring their self governance, enabling the elected Muftis to supervise the Awqaf properties, and putting an end to the expropriation of the Awqaf properties and to the heavy taxes levied on them. **Calls on** Greece therefore to introduce the necessary amendments in its laws on each of these aspects in consultation with the Muslim Minority representatives there;
4. **Regrets** Greece's practice regarding the appointment of 240 imams/religious instructors by a commission of Orthodox public employees, despite reactions from the Turkish Muslim Minority and urges Greece to abolish the related legislation;
5. **Regrets** the ban imposed by the Greek Supreme Court on the activities of the Turkish Muslim Minority's oldest Non-Governmental Organization in Western Thrace, namely the "Turkish Union of Xanthi", and **urges** Greece to implement the three verdicts issued by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) concerning the Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs) of the Turkish Muslim Minority, which lifted the discriminatory ban that had been imposed by the Greek Supreme Court on NGO activities under the pretext of containing in their names the words "Turkish/Minority".
6. **Regrets** the heavy fines incurred on minority newspapers and radio stations, which is perceived by the Minority as a means of intimidation;
7. **Regrets** the verdict of a Greek court penalizing some members of the Turkish Muslim Minority for taking part in the construction of the Avra (Hasanlar) Mosque minaret;
8. **Urges once again** Greece to reinstate the citizenship rights of tens of thousands of Turkish Minority members who were stripped of their citizenship under the now-repealed Chapter of Article 19 of the Greek Citizenship Law No. 3370/1955;
9. **Reiterates its invitation** to Greece to take necessary and urgent steps, in consultation with the Turkish Muslim Minority, to address their educational problems which are also directly linked to the socio-economic development of the region they live in and also to ensure that same treatment is made for the Muslims living in Dodecanese;
10. **Requests** the Secretary-General to initiate a fact-finding inquiry to ascertain the veracity of repeated reports of acts of vandalism and desecration targeting mosques and Muslim cemeteries in Western Thrace, and to present a report thereon to the **Fortieth** Session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers;
11. **Takes note** of the visit to the OIC on 19 June 2012 by a high-level official Greek delegation led by the Director General of International Organizations and International Peace and Cooperation at the Greek Foreign Ministry, who held discussions with the Secretary General on issues of common interest concerning the conditions of Muslims in Greece and particularly in Western Thrace; **notes** the two parties' affirmation that the Greek authorities will enhance the conditions of

Muslims in the country; and **invites** the Secretary General to resume dialogue and cooperation with the Government in this regard.

12. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Fortieth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 4/39-MM**  
**ON**  
**THE SITUATION OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN MYANMAR**

*The Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, from 1 - 3 Muharram 1434H, (15 - 17 November 2012),*

**Guided by** the principles and objectives of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), and pursuant to relevant resolutions on Muslim communities and minorities calling for assistance to Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States to preserve their dignity and cultural and religious identity,

**Recalling** Resolution No. 3/4-EX (IS) adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on the Rohingya Muslim Community in Myanmar and previous ministerial resolutions in this regard;

**Alarmed** by the numerous reports from reliable sources, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, who, in 27 July 2012, took note of a stream of reports from independent sources alleging discriminatory and arbitrary responses by Security forces, and even their instigation of and involvement in clashes;

**Noting also** the statement by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights “that the crisis highlighted the long-standing and systematic discriminations against the Rohingya Muslim Community, who are not recognized by the State and remain stateless;

**Expressing** dismay at the derogating language used against the Rohingya by the State Media in Myanmar;

**Appreciating** the Secretary General’s initiative to dispatch a humanitarian high-level delegation to Myanmar and subsequent contacts with the Myanmar authorities, including the Head of State as well as the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Turkish Red Crescent and the Myanmar Red Cross on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Indonesian Red Cross and its Myanmar counterpart **and the close engagement of ASEAN Member States on this issue.**

**Commending** the visit of H.E. Mr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey to Myanmar, including the Rakhine State on 8-10 August 2012, which was the first high-level visit to the region and **welcoming** the humanitarian aid provided by Turkey, which was also the first bilateral aid to reach the region.

**Commending** the donation by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia of US\$50 million in humanitarian assistance to the affected Rohingya Muslims.

**Taking** into consideration that the plight of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar cannot be tackled from a purely humanitarian perspective, and should be dealt with within the framework of inalienable rights as citizens.

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General on the Muslim Community in Myanmar (Document No. OIC/CFM-39/2012/MM/SG.REPS);

- 1- **Condemns** the continued atrocious acts perpetrated systematically against the Muslim Rohingya community in Myanmar which constitute a grave and blatant violation of international law and international human rights covenants; and in particular the participation of security forces and Buddhist militias in the killings and forced expulsion of inhabitants and the burning of their homes and places of worship;
- 2- **Affirms** its commitment to the implementation of resolution 3/4-EX(I.S) on the Rohingya Muslim Community in Myanmar adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 14-15 August 2012;
- 3- **Calls on** the Government of Myanmar to abide by its obligations under the international law and human rights covenants and to take all necessary measures to stop immediately the displacement of and discriminating practices against Rohingya Muslims and continued attempts to wipe out their culture and Islamic identity; and **reiterates its call** for the Myanmar Government to restore the citizenship of the Rohingya Muslim community, which was revoked in the Citizenship Act of 1982.
- 4- **Commends** the effective and decisive measures the Secretary General has taken expeditiously, particularly his invitation to an extraordinary session of the Executive Committee and his call on the Security Council and the Human Rights Council to open an urgent investigation on the serious violations of human rights; as well as the contacts he initiated with the UN Secretary General, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Union, ASEAN and the opposition National League for Democracy in Myanmar; and **lauds** his prompt dispatch of a humanitarian relief mission to help Rohingya refugees.
- 5- **Regrets** the retraction of the Government of Myanmar of its agreement to open an OIC Office for humanitarian affairs in Yangon after signing a Memorandum of Cooperation with the OIC to that effect and calls upon the Government of Myanmar to reconsider its decision considering that the purpose is to provide pure humanitarian assistance without distinction between the victims of violence.
- 6- **Condemns** the new wave of violence, killings, expulsion, and arsons against Muslims during Adha Eid that took the form of ethnic cleansing;

and **calls upon** the government of Myanmar to take serious effective protection measures that ensure non-recurrence of these acts pursuant to its obligation under the applicable international laws.

- 7- **Supports** the initiative of the OIC Secretary General in his letter to the UN Secretary General on the responsibility of the international community to protect minorities that are subject to extermination, and in particular the responsibility of the UN Security Council (UNSC) in confronting any situation that would evolve into a threat to regional and international peace and security and **urges** OIC Member States to support this initiative and calls upon OIC Member States to raise this issue at the United Nations Human Rights Council and the United Nations General Assembly to expedite the measures required to protect the Rohingya Muslims and to dispatch a Commission of Inquiry to Myanmar, in implementation of the resolution of the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.
- 8- **Calls on** OIC Member States to continue their efforts in conjunction with those of the international community and the United Nations to ensure the return of all Myanmar refugees displaced from their homes in Rakhine (Arakan) province.
- 9- **Commends** the continued efforts of the Secretary General to contact the Government of Myanmar, which led to the latter's invitation of the OIC Secretary General who sent an advanced team which arrived in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 5 September 2012 to take stock of the situation of Muslims there and prepare for the visit of the Secretary General to this country prior to the Ministerial Conference.
- 10- **Encourages** the continuation of the on-going process of democratization and reform in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and **calls upon** the Myanmar authorities to adopt an inclusive transparent policy towards ethnic and religious components of Myanmar people, including the Rohingya Muslims, as an integral part of this process and consider them as an ethnic minority in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 238/64 of 26 March 2010, and encourages the Myanmar Government to accentuate peaceful solutions through dialogue in order to achieve national unity.
- 11- **Urges** the Myanmar authorities to take all necessary measures to restore stability; to launch a comprehensive reconciliation process concerning all segments of the Rohingya community including those who lost their citizenship, all internally displaced persons and those who took refuge outside Myanmar.
- 12- **Calls upon** the authorities in Myanmar to cooperate with all related parties and allow the humanitarian assistance to unconditionally reach all people and groups affected and requests the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with the authorities in Myanmar for the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Contact Group on Rohingya to visit Myanmar to assess the needs of humanitarian assistance for those affected and coordinate with the

authorities in Myanmar to develop a plan for the urgent provision of this assistance.

- 13- Requests** the Secretary General to work with the OIC Ambassadorial Group in New York and Geneva in order to submit a resolution on Rohingya Muslims at the next meeting of the UN General Assembly during the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the GA, and at the ordinary session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva; and calls him to appoint a special envoy on this issue as early as possible, in implementation of the resolution of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference in Makkah Al-Mukarramah.
- 14- Calls on** Member States to intensify their efforts in international fora with a view to realizing the objectives of this resolution, particularly the restoration of Muslims' nationality and citizenship rights, and the return of refugees as early as possible; and invites the Member States to continue to extend all possible forms of support and assistance to Muslims in Myanmar, and particularly to IDPs and the refugees living outside their homeland.
- 15- Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the Fortieth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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