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RESOLUTION No. 1/39-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC

The Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Solidarity for Sustainable Development), held in Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, from 01 to 03 Muharram 1434H, (15 - 17 November 2012),

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter,

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Al-Mukkaramah in December 2005 which calls for the strengthening of the role of the Organization in confronting disasters,

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqué of the 11th session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, in March 2008, which calls for sustained efforts to organize humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action,

Recalling resolution No. 11/35-C adopted by the 35th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

Recalling resolution No. 1/36-ICHAD adopted by the 36th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on humanitarian Affairs Doc. No.OIC/SOM-39/2012/ICHAD/SG-REP,

1. **Commends** the efforts accomplished by the Humanitarian Affairs Department (ICHAD) to alleviate the sufferings of the needy people in various OIC Member States affected by disasters and calamities, as well as in Muslim minorities and communities in non-OIC states.
2. **Expresses** its grave concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel area which negatively impacts on Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Mauritania and Algeria following the important influx of IDPs and refugees and calls on all OIC Member States to urgently assist the Malian IDPs and refugees which have been seriously hit by this crisis and reiterates its appeal to the international community at large and the OIC civil society and philanthropic organizations to assist the Sahel countries to develop more sustainable development oriented projects so as to break the cycle of drought and poverty in the region.

3. **Commends** the role played by the OIC in following up on the humanitarian crisis in Rakhine State in Myanmar and welcomes the signing of the MoU between the OIC and the Government of Myanmar to open a humanitarian office to coordinate and monitor the humanitarian action of the OIC Member States and Non-Governmental Organizations. **Urges** Member States to generously contribute towards financing the humanitarian programme of the OIC in the affected areas.
4. **Commends** the OIC timely humanitarian intervention in Somalia and coordination of Muslim NGOs under the umbrella of the OIC and cooperation with various stakeholders towards alleviating the plight of the people affected by the famine disaster, and **urges** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavours, and **requests** Member States and civil society to generously assist in alleviating the suffering of the people in the recovery phase, and **commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Saudi Campaign, the Turkish Government, the Government of Sudan, etc. for **their** timely intervention. **Encourages** Member States to continue extending assistance to Somalia, and to support efforts exerted in shifting from relief towards sustainable recovery, and achieving tangible accomplishment in health, education, agriculture, and empowering the OIC Humanitarian Coordination Office in Somalia to continue its efforts in providing information on humanitarian gaps and priorities for enhancement of coordination among the implementing partners.
5. **Supports** the initiatives taken by the OIC General Secretariat in the Republic of Niger in its activities to attain food self-sufficiency, and requests Member States to enhance their support to Niger to address the effects of the recurring droughts and attaining food security. **Urges** the OIC to continue its efforts and activities in liaison with the Government of the Republic of Niger in achieving its work in the field of rural development, environment preservation and water management for the benefit of the needy and most vulnerable people pursuant to the recommendations of the Doha Conference held in Qatar in June 2007.
6. **Welcomes** the OIC participation with the UN in the joint humanitarian needs assessment mission dispatched to the Syrian Arab Republic in March 2012 to assess the number and the real needs of the people affected by the humanitarian crisis in Syria and **expresses** its appreciation for the factual work undertaken by the joint OIC-UN humanitarian mission to Syria; **urges** the Syrian Government to facilitate the swift delivery of the much needed humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable and affected people and **invites** all OIC Member States, their civil society and philanthropic organizations to provide vital humanitarian assistance to the people of Syria.

7. **Expresses** its concern on the humanitarian situation in Yemen as a result of the recent political and security turmoil affecting over 50% of the population and **appeals** to all Member States and its civil society to extend generous humanitarian assistance to the Government of Yemen in its efforts to ease the plight of those affected people, and **welcomes** the OIC initiative to dispatch an international joint delegation to Sana'a, composed of the UN, GCC, LAS, EU, **and USAID** from 1-3 June 2012 for the purpose of raising the profile of Yemen media-wise and highlight the complex humanitarian situation to the international donor community.
8. **Commends** the efforts undertaken by the Council of Trustees to enhance the role of the OIC Humanitarian Funds in favour of the affected Member Countries and **thanks** the Government of Qatar for its relentless efforts in favour of OIC Funds, and accepting to host the Secretariat of the Funds in Doha, upon recommendation of the Council of the Funds during its meeting in Doha in April 2011 and approve its constitutional document; and **calls upon** all Member States, humanitarian organizations and donors to actively contribute to the budget of the OIC Funds in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Sierra Leone.
9. **Expresses** deep concern over the major disasters in the Muslim world resulting in human and material losses; **urges** all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the efforts being made by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in cases of large-scale disasters; **commend** the comprehensive study on the establishment of a Humanitarian Emergency Response Fund, and **requests** the Expert Group to continue discussions of these documents and submit their recommendations to the 40th CFM.
10. **Welcomes** the initiatives and actions undertaken by the OIC to broaden its cooperation with major stakeholders in the humanitarian sector and **expresses** its appreciation to the efforts made to foster cooperation with OCHA, USAID, AusAid and Al Waleed Foundation, which resulted in the signing of important MoUs which will further develop the scope of activities of the OIC when dealing with global humanitarian issues.
11. **Expresses** its serious concern on the humanitarian situation in the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and **urges** all Member States to positively respond to the appeal of the Secretary General of the OIC to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the country.
12. **Renews** its support for the programme implemented by the OIC in Banda Aceh for the Tsunami orphans under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and **invites** all Member States, their financial institutions and philanthropists to generously contribute to this noble project.
13. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2/39-ICHAD
ON THE SITUATION OF REFUGEES
IN THE MUSLIM WORLD**

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

Recalling the resolutions on the Problem of Refugees in the Muslim World, namely resolutions 15/10-P (IS) adopted by the 10th Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and 8/31-P adopted by the Thirty-first Islamic conference of Foreign Ministers held in Istanbul in June 2004, which called for convening a ministerial conference on the problem of refugees in the Muslim World.

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the OIC Secretariat in the preparatory process for convening the International Ministerial Conference on Refugees in the Muslim World, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan during 11-12 May 2012.

Reaffirming the OIC humanitarian endeavors in respect of refugees hosted by Member States and the search for durable and lasting solutions for these refugee situations,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General on the International Ministerial Conference on Refugees in the Muslim World (document No.OIC/CFM-39(SOM)2012/ICHAD/SG-REP).

1. **Expresses** its thanks to the Government of Turkmenistan for hosting and facilitating the holding of the International Ministerial Conference on refugees in the Muslim World ;
2. **Reiterates** its commitment towards finding durable solutions for refugee situations hosted by Member States in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) being the Organization mandated by the international community to assist and protect refugees;
3. **Appreciates** the efforts exerted by the OIC Secretariat in taking necessary actions that led to the successful convening of the International Ministerial Conference on Refugees in the Muslim World;
4. **Also appreciates** the efforts made by UNHCR on behalf of refugees hosted by OIC Member States and its efforts within its partnership with the OIC in the process of holding the International Ministerial Conference;

5. **Welcomes** the Ashgabat Declaration adopted by the International Ministerial Conference of the OIC on Refugees in the Muslim World in its session of 11-12 May 2012;
6. **Renews** its support to the partnership and cooperation between the OIC Secretariat and UNHCR Secretariat;
7. **Commends** the generosity of the countries hosting large numbers of refugees and acknowledge the security, socio-economic and environmental impact of the presence of large-scale refugee populations on these countries, note with deep concern the declining levels of international assistance, and calls upon the international community and OIC Member States to provide more resources to support and assist States which host refugees in line with the principle of international solidarity, cooperation, burden sharing and reiterate that States, which are faced with a large-scale influx, should receive assistance from the international community in accordance with the principles of equitable burden sharing,
8. **Calls upon** the international community to increase its support to UNHCR to enable it in effectively fulfilling its humanitarian mandate;
9. **Invites** all member states to undertake all possible policy measures that would prevent influxes of refugees;
10. **Supports** the initiatives and tasks of the OIC Secretariat in this process and **requests** that the discussions of the question of a Plan of Action on refugees in the Muslim World be continued through the convening of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Problem of Refugees in the Muslim World;
11. **Requests** the General Secretariat to pay more attention to the question of refugees, including establishing a special unit within ICHAD to deal with this important humanitarian issue;
12. **We also reaffirm** the OIC resolutions concerning the Palestinian cause and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and stress the need to resolve the issue of Palestinian refugees in accordance with international law and relevant international legitimacy resolutions, particularly United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194. We also **reiterate** that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) embodies the international responsibility towards Palestinian refugees as mandated by the United Nations General Assembly. In this regard we highly appreciate the important role assumed by UNRWA in alleviating the suffering of Palestinian refugees. We **call on** the international community and the OIC Member States to respond to the appeals of UNRWA and keep up their support until the achievement of the Palestinian refugees' right to return to their homes.

13. **Also thanks** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman and the Islamic Development Bank for their financial support that enabled the General Secretariat to hold the Conference;
14. **Expresses** its appreciation for the cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and Naif Arab University for Security Sciences and urges that this cooperation continues;
15. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
