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RESOLUTION NO. 1/38-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

Recalling the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in mind** Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at the enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of The OIC Ten-Year Program of Action called on the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard.

1. Commends the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colours, races and cultures.

2. Also commends the continued efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in this regard, which led to the organization of a high-level meeting by the General Assembly of the UN in November 2008, to which many world leaders participated in support of the results of the Madrid Conference on the Initiative of the Custodian of the Two holy Mosques about dialogue. This was emphasized in the statement of the Secretary General who commended the initiative and its role in the dissemination of the culture of dialogue, tolerance and mutual understanding among all the peoples of the world.

3. Commends the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Center for inter-religious, inter –cultural and inter-civilizational dialogue, whose

headquarters shall be established in Vienna, and **calls on** the Member States to provide their thoughts and suggestions for the activation of the center's programs and activities.

4. Commends the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, *The World Interfaith Harmony Week*, which was observed in the first week of the month of February 2011.

5. Acknowledges progress achieved during Kazakhstan's Chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in 2010, inter alia, through successfully hosting the High-Level OSCE Conference on Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, on 29-30 June 2010, and **welcomes with appreciation** the participation in that event of the OIC delegation.

6. Highly appreciates the declaration by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 62/90, of 2010 as the international Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures, on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, and commends OIC Member States and the international community for the organization of and active participation in the events aimed at deepening interreligious and intercultural dialogue throughout the year.

7. Reiterates the support by the OIC of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, and encourages religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community as a whole to continue their active participation in that meaningful forum.

8. Commends the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.

9. Calls on the OIC General Secretariat, UNESCO, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.

10. Commends the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, in this **emphasizes** the importance of the *First Convention of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilizations* (GYMAoC) co-organized with the UN Alliance of Civilizations and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for the Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) on 9-10 April 2011, in Baku.

11. Applauds the initiatives, programs and activities taken by the General Secretariat and those by the relevant OIC Specialized and subsidiary bodies in particular the ISESCO and

IRCICA for celebration of 2010 as the International Year for Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for peace.

12. Appreciates the UN General Assembly Resolution regarding announcement of the year 2010 as the Year of the International Rapprochement of Cultures that calls for promotion of the religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, advocating the respect of the specificities of each culture or religion and stressing the need to respect and protect religious sites in accordance with the relevant international treaties.

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Cognizant of the need to promote greater harmony and understanding between and among different cultures,

Referring to the OIC's Ten-Year Program of Action and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilizational dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the Alliance of Civilizations, launched jointly by Turkey and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC's Ten-Year Action Plan,

Remembering its resolutions 1/36-C and 1/37-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 36th and 37th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various AoC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

Emphasizing the importance of membership in the Group of Friends of Alliance of Civilizations to effectively contributed to Alliance's noble goals,

Noting the Alliance's adoption of a Regional Strategy for the Mediterranean, as well as an Action Plan implementing the same and its decision to hold the Alliance's next Annual Forum in Doha, State of Qatar, on December 11-13, 2011,

1. Appreciates the continuing determination and efforts of the Republic of Turkey in contributing to the overall work of the Alliance and the dissemination of its noble goals.

2. Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations.

3. Welcomes the Alliance's decision to hold its next annual forum in Doha, Qatar, which it expects to be crowned with success,

4. Calls on Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations.

5. Calls upon Member States of the OIC to actively participate in the work of the Alliance, particularly the development and adoption of the Alliance's regional strategies and related guiding documents, and the implementation thereof.

6. Commends the Secretary General for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.

7. Commends the OIC Secretary General for the successful holding of the Roundtable on *Addressing Islamophobia. Building on Unused Opportunities for Mutual Respect and Inclusion* that was held on the sidelines of the 3rd AoC Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May 2010, which that produced constructive recommendations to address the Islamophobia phenomenon.

8. Appreciates the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the 1st Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States in Jeddah on April 24-25, 2010 and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the third AoC Annual Forum held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on May 28-29, 2010.

9. Welcomes ISESCO's offer to host the 2nd *Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States* in Rabat in October 2011, and **encourages** all Member States who are part of the AoC Group of Friends to attend the event and contribute for its success.

10. Lauds the Secretary General for taking the lead in organizing a sub event on Islamophobia at the 4th Annual Forum of the AoC in Doha, State of Qatar, on December 11-13, 2011.

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

Taking note of the reports of the Consultative Council on Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Muslim World (CCICS) adopted at its earlier meetings and the importance of the protection of Intellectual and cultural heritage against external threats:

1. Welcomes the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects to submit their projects to ISESCO.

2. Commends the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities in 2010 and 2011 to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and calls on Member States to actively participate in these events.

3. Supports Iraq (Najaf Province), Capital of Islamic Culture for the year 2012, and **invites** Member States to attend the event.

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

Taking into account the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri Calendar which will reflect the unity of Muslims during the feasts and celebrations:

Taking note of the conclusions of the scientific symposium on unifying the Hijri Calendar held in Tunis on 11 June 2009 in presence of the OIC General Secretariat, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Member States, which include the following:

- Need to rely on vision while making use of astronomical calculations and observatories and to take into account scientific facts and fixed and accurate astronomical calculations.
- Make use of Al-Shahid System of the Tunisian Scientist Mohamed Al Awsat Al-Iyari.

1. Calls upon all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/38-C
ON
PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Taking into consideration the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continued Israeli policy of racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

Condemning the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel to expand the municipal boundaries of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif by constructing more settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Wall around the city in order to annex it;

Recalling the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 1/11/2009 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque;

Expressing deep concern at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territories;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

A) THE TWINNING OF PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITH UNIVERSITIES IN OIC MEMBER STATES

1. Calls on the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses** its appreciation to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.

2. Recommends also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the

Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.

3. Calls upon the Member States to participate effectively in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

1. Condemns strongly the decision by Israel, the occupation force, to attempt to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds instead of Arab Palestinian curricula, in the framework of a racist Israeli plan to judaize the city of Al-Quds, obliterate its Arab identity and distort the awareness of emerging Palestinian generations in this holy city, in a blatant violation of international laws and conventions, and calls for issuing an international appeal to counter those measures and for the Islamic Group at the United Nations relevant fora to move promptly to compel Israel, the occupation force, to stop its heinous policies.

2. Calls upon Member States to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to provide the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, including imposing their own educational curricula and closing down schools outside their control.

3. Reiterates its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national, and Arab identity, and **appeals to** the United Nations and to specialized international bodies and institutions, particularly UNESCO, to counter these Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions.

4. Calls for support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and **proclaims** its support for the preservation of the Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of their educational and cultural materials.

5. Calls upon the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

6. Condemns the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of

measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

C) THE ISRAEL AGGRESSIONS AGAINST ISLAMIC SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CHARACTER, HUMAN HERITAGE, AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF

1. Reiterates the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

2. Calls for continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to compelling Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; reaffirming the City's Arab-Islamic character; and rejecting its annexation or Judaization, in line with the relevant Resolutions of international legality, particularly UN Security Council Resolutions No. 465 and 478; while exerting all efforts in order to implement these two resolutions in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations and international legality.

3. Condemns Israel's illegal decision to add the Mosque of Elibrahimi in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list. **Considers** the Israeli act as looting of Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. Also **Calls** upon the international community and UNESCO to show their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions.

4. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at obliterating the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

5. Urges the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

6. Strongly condemns Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.

7. Requests Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to force Israel to give up the partitioning of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve its integrity as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

8. Calls on Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in order to counter Jewish settlements in the city.

9. Strongly denounces and condemns Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.

10. Requests the General Secretariat to constitute a committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds and other parts of Palestine.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/38-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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Recalling the objectives of the OIC which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights;

Affirming those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage;

Also recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No. 3/6-C (IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;

Recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of the Sacred Muslim Places:

A) DESTRUCTION OF THE BABRI MASJID IN INDIA AND PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

Noting that the Babri Masjid with its history spanning five centuries was the object of veneration and respect of Muslims all over the world;

Also noting with regret that the 18th Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Recalling also that the Organization of the Islamic Conference made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.

2. Expresses deep regret over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.

3. Condemns the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.

4. Expresses deep concern over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.

5. Recommends that the issue be submitted to (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Parties.

6. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 2/36-C adopted by 36th CFM and Resolution 2/37-C adopted by the 37th CFM which call upon the Government of India to:

a) **Ensure** the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

b) **Take** immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.

c) **Take** effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.

d) **Take** immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

B) THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARAR-E-SHARIF ISLAMIC COMPLEX IN KASHMIR AND OTHER ISLAMIC SITES THEREIN

Deeply concerned that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Quran on 14 December 2002:

1. Strongly deplores the destruction of the 540 year old Islamic complex at Charare- Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.

2. Expresses its concern over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.

3. Strongly condemns the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.

4. Also condemns the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir.

5. Urges the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

C) THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF ISLAMIC HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RELICS AND SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED AZERBAIJAN TERRITORIES RESULTING FROM THE AGGRESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography remaining in the territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884, which call on the Armenian forces to effect a full withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, at the hands of Armenia, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity;

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors on the Islamic heritage in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

Fully sharing the anguish of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this regard:

1. Strongly condemns the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressors in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.

2. Vigorously demands the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884.

3. Reaffirms its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.

4. Asserts that Azerbaijan is entitled to adequate compensation for the damages it has sustained and **affirms** the Republic of Armenia's responsibility to pay up full compensation for such damages.

5. Requests the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.

6. Thanks the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also **thanks** those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

D) THE DESTRUCTION OF MOSQUES, HOLY TOMBS, HUSSAINIAT AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN IRAQ

Continuous to be deeply concerned about the terrorist destructions in Iraq that affected the Mosques, Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in addition to the killing of many Iraqis:

1. Deplores strongly the destruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al Hadi and Imam Al Askari, and religious sites, mosques and places of worship as acts aimed at causing sedition and sectarian strife among Iraqi citizens.

2. Expresses its deep concern about the numerous and substantial losses of life and public and private property.

3. Appreciates the efforts of the Government of Iraq and its continued endeavours in reconstruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship that were destroyed.

4. Urges the international community, in particular the Member States to exert utmost efforts by providing possible assistance in order to protect religious places, especially because they are citadels of Islamic civilization.

5. Affirms the necessity and importance of strengthening the unity of the Iraqi people and of rejecting differences, particularly those with sectarian and religious foundations.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/38-C
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Conscious of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Reaffirming of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

A) PROMOTING WOMEN'S STATUS IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

Recalling the international conventions and instruments, related to women;

Acknowledging the outcomes of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on December 19-21, 2010, with particular reference to the adoption of a Mechanism for the implementation of the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and Tehran Declaration;

Reiterating the OIC's commitment in addressing a range of difficulties envisaged by women and reducing inequalities between women and men, and between particular groups of women in the OIC Member States, which earmarks the visionary and comprehensive strategy of the OIC to advance the status of women;

Recalling the importance of the international humanitarian law specially the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women, children, and elders;

Stressing the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process:

Recalling resolution No. 2/37-Org on the Establishment of a specialized Organization for Women Development in OIC Member States and adoption of its Statute by the 37th Session of CFM held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2010;

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General on the matter:

- 1. Urges** the OIC Member States to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with greater role in the development of Muslim society in various fields.
- 2. Considers** that poverty among women has to be alleviated to elevate them in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify those misperceptions concerning women.
- 3. Calls** the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat smuggling, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them, and protect the victims of such cases, recalling women's high moral and spiritual status and dignity and their right to decent life.
- 4. Requests** the OIC Member States to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit and empowerment of women.
- 5. Urges** the governments of the OIC Member States to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the level of education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process.
- 6. Recommends** to the OIC Member States to hold regional expert meetings to prepare guidelines aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts, with special reference to the serious consequences of the new conflicts taking place in the OIC Member States such as the Palestinian territories, the Sudan, Afghanistan, as well as the recent Israeli invasion of Lebanon; and **recommends** that the results of these meetings be submitted to specialized international organizations, and that the aggressions and the bloodsheds perpetrated against women and children by the occupation regime against Palestine be denounced.
- 7. Welcomes** the adoption of the Mechanism for the implementation of the OPAAW by the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States as a comprehensive plan of action and **endorses** it for the implementation by Member States in coordination with the General Secretariat within the prescribed timeframes.
- 8. Welcomes** also the Tehran Declaration of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on the Womens' Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women. In this context, endorses the implementation of the recommendations therein;
- 9. Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Indonesia to host the 4th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in 2012

10. Welcomes the outcome of the First International Conference of Women Scientists held in the Islamic Republic of Iran on 27 to 28 January 2010 through the support of ISESCO.

11. Calls on the Member States to join the specialized Organization for Women Development, and to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat for the implementation of the Islamic Summit Conferences and CFM resolutions on women's advancement.

B) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Recalling in particular, the provisions of the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of the rights of the child,

Welcoming the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF:

1. Requests the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, and to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and to reiterate the Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.

2. Commends the role of UNICEF in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.

3. Urges Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.

4. Requests Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programs and to support programs which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.

5. Urges the Member States to act for the implementation of Rabat declaration adopted by the 1st Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children.

6. Welcomes the outcomes of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood held in Tripoli, Libya on February 10-11, 2011.

C) PROMOTING THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Emphasizing the role of the youth in the Islamic world in promoting dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, in highlighting the true image of Islam and in the dissemination of its eternal values which call for moderation, dialogue, tolerance and the respect of the other,

Reaffirming the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation and coordination among the Islamic States with a view to achieving the best levels of an all-embracing and just progress for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah:

1. Calls on Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education and rehabilitation of Muslim Youths so as to enhance their role society with a view to meet the future challenges.

2. Welcomes the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein and calls for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth.

3. Requests the Member States to increase efforts to fight drugs abuse by improving the role of family and NGO's advice centers.

4. Welcomes the readiness of the Republic of Turkey to exchange its experience and information in the area of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/38-C
ON
ISLAMIC, CULTURAL, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, 37th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

A) REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE), ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

1. Emphasizes once again the importance of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.

2. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.

3. Appreciates the plans of RICE project to design new programs in the spirit of information technology including television, the internet, emails etc for promoting the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic countries.

4. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to ensure operation of the Institute and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also expresses appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

B) ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM

Reiterating the importance of the mission of the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and the pioneering and vital role it plays in promoting translation, consolidating the bonds between the Islamic States themselves on the one hand and between them and the other States on the other, and enhancing intra-civilizational dialogue and reflecting the image of the Islamic world and the culture of the other such as to contribute to the intra cultural and scientific exchange in the service of the Islamic world and humanity at large. **Commending** the success and achievements of the institute during the previous years.

1. Urges and requests the Member States and the Islamic financial institutions foremost of which the IDB and the ISF, to extend their financial and technical assistance to the

Translation Institute so that it may continue fulfilling its duties optimally. It also **pays tribute** in this connection to the ISF for its financial support to the Institute and urges it to keep up this assistance and **requests** the funds to set up special Waqfs to fund the institute and increase its financial resources.

2. Pays tribute, once again, to the Government of Sudan for its financial assistance to the Institute's budget such as to enable it to assume its role optimally, as well as for its contribution towards the resolution of the financial difficulties faced by the Institute and **expresses** thanks to the Government of the Sudan for this scholarships it offers to the students from the Member States and **urges** these states to benefit from them in the future.

3. Requests the Member States to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and **requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the institute in the field of training and to offer specialized training opportunities for the students of institute for them to benefit from the General Secretariat's expertise.

4. Requests the General Secretariat to make use of the various facilities offered by the Institute in the area of translation and training, for the General Secretariat and Member States' work and **requests** the administration of the institute to submit annual activity reports to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

5. Requests the General Secretariat to offer the Institute's doors to the students from OIC Member States so that it may benefit all desirous citizens of the Islamic Ummah.

C) ASSISTANCE TO AHMED BABA INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC HIGHER STUDIES AND RESEARH IN TIMBUKTU (MALI):

Recalling the importance of the role played by the Institute in terms of research and preservation of manuscripts,

Mindful of Institute's need for support and assistance as proposed by the OIC mission to Timbuktu dispatched by His Excellency the Secretary General on March 04-09, 2006,

Recalling the appeal for support and assistance which the Secretary General had addressed to all OIC Member States and its specialized and affiliated organs,

1. Commends the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mali in taking charge of Institute's operating budget.

2. Pays tribute to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, and the ISESCO for their qualitative contributions to Institute's functioning.

3. Urges other Member States, specialized institutions, and OIC affiliated cultural organs to extend the required material, financial and academic support to the Institute.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/38-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions of Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, specially the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference, the 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the Sixth Session of the Islamic Culture Ministers and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General and reports submitted by IRCICA and IIFA on following the matters:

A) THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA), ISTANBUL

1. Notes with appreciation the production of a number of reference books and organization of congresses on subjects relating to history, history of science and learning, architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world in the context of the Centre's various programs and research projects.

2. Praises the launching of the program titled "1400 Year of the Revelation of the Holy Quran" commemorating the passage of fourteen centuries since the beginning of the revelation with an International Inaugural Conference held in Istanbul on Laylat ul-Qadr corresponding to 26 Ramadan 1431/5 September 2010; **expresses** its appreciation to H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, for giving his patronage and inaugurating the conference and to H.E. Maitre Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, Chairman of the Eleventh Islamic Summit and Chairman of COMIAC for his Message addressed to the conference, and to all Member States having participated in the event at ministerial and/or scholarly levels, and invites all Member States to devote activities to this commemoration.

3. Commends the continuing studies on copies and translations of the Holy Quran in printed and manuscript forms and **takes note** in this regard of the bibliography of translations in Urdu language published in the series on manuscript translations of the Quran, and also, the facsimile edition of the Quran copy attributed to the time of Caliph Othman which belongs to the collection of Mashhad Imam Hussain in Cairo which is published in the series of editions of the oldest copies.

4. Praises the activities aiming to highlight and preserve the Islamic heritage of Al- Quds and Palestine, especially the "Al-Quds/Jerusalem 2015" program which produced scholarly and architectural reports and which is carried out through multidimensional Annual Programs with participation of professors and students from world universities; **lauds** the publication of an annotated documentary album of historical photographs of AlQuds in three language editions.

5. Commends the Centre's diverse activities, including coordination of intergovernmental academic projects, aimed at promoting correct knowledge and awareness of Islam and its civilization, positive understanding and dialogue among civilizations, correcting references to these subjects in publications and textbooks which also help combating Islamophobia, and **notes with appreciation** in this regard the launching and on-going coordination, jointly with the Council of Europe and its North-South Centre, of a project on "Interactions between cultures within and around the Mediterranean and between the Mediterranean and Other Cultures and Regions of the World" and its active participation in the Third Forum of the UN Alliance of Civilizations held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 27- 30 May 2010 by organizing a Thematic Session on "History as a Tool for Cultural Cooperation" during the Forum.

6. Notes the series of regional congresses on Islamic civilization and history organized jointly with governments and universities within and outside the Member States with participation from around the world, including the congresses focusing on the Balkans (fourth congress, Skopje, 2010), Volga-Ural (fourth congress, Ufa, 2010), the Mediterranean (Nicosia, 2010) as well as the publication of congress proceedings and of research works on history of Muslim peoples such as the book on Tatar History and Civilization, which is the first book in English on this subject, and **expresses** its appreciation that these congresses and the resulting publications help strengthen scholarly bonds between the Member States on one hand and the Muslim communities and the Islamic cultural heritage located outside the Member States on the other.

7. Takes note with appreciation of the holding of the Second International Congress on Islamic Archaeology in Islamabad, Pakistan, in cooperation with the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, in January 2011.

8. Takes note of the progress made in the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; the activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, in particular IRCICA's participation in the organization of the International Congress for Urban Heritage in Islamic Countries (Riyadh, May 2010) placed under the patronage of the Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques H.M. King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz and organized at the initiative of the Supreme Commission for Tourism and Antiquities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and also, IRCICA's collaboration with international bodies concerned, such as the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, and **requests** the Member States which have not done so yet, to provide IRCICA with the required data and information on their Islamic sites and monuments and designate their respective focal points to collaborate permanently with the Database unit at IRCICA in this respect.

9. Notes with appreciation the successful organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, namely the Doha International Festival on Arts, Heritage and Creativity organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of Qatar which included the international seminar on Innovation and Creativity in Arts and Crafts, the International Doha Award for Innovation in Crafts and the International Exhibition of Artisans-at-Work held in Doha on 5-9 December 2010; the Muscat International Festival for Arts and Crafts in Muscat on 27 January-24 February 2011 in cooperation with the Muscat Municipality, Oman, and included the organization of the Muscat International Award for Creativity in Crafts, the International Symposium on Innovation in Arts and Crafts, and the International Exhibition for Artisans which gathered 150 artisans from 30 countries.

10. Takes note of the implementation of the Eighth International Calligraphy Competition which was dedicated to the Syrian calligrapher the late M. Badawi Dirani (1312-1387 H/1894-1967) and sponsored by the Abu Dhabi Culture and Heritage Authority with ceremonies held in Abu Dhabi and Istanbul on 15 April 2010.

11. Also takes note of the activation of the project to set up a “Book Hospital” at Suleymaniye Library, Istanbul for the conservation of manuscripts, old books and documents and for serving the needs of the Member States in this area.

12. Thanks the Member States for the moral and material support extended to IRCICA, in particular the host country of IRCICA, the Republic of Turkey, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host country of the OIC General Secretariat; **expresses** its gratitude for the support and patronage extended by the Sovereigns, Heads of State and Government of the Member States to IRCICA, most recently H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, for having visited the Centre and extending a generous donation to IRCICA in support of its various long-term programs.

13. Thanks the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA’s budget and **takes note** of difficulties posed by non-payment of arrears.

B) THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

1. Expresses its deep gratitude and high consideration to the custodian of the two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, and other leaders of the Muslim world for his constant support to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy to enable to play an active role in the fight against extremism and fanaticism and the spreading the ideals of moderation, while stressing the importance of restructuring the Academy to make it a reference source for the Islamic world in the field of Islamic jurisprudence.

2. Expresses its appreciation to His Excellency Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, for the interest he has always brought to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and for his constant monitoring of the progress of this institution during this period of vacancy of the post of Secretary of the Academy.

3. Notes with satisfaction the scientific activities of the Academy during this transition phase of its history and **calls** for the appointment, as soon as possible, of the Secretary of the Academy so that it can pursue its important mission, as it has been doing for twenty-six (26) years in the service of Islam and Muslims, including exploring and proposing appropriate solutions to emerging issues affecting Muslims, individually and as an Ummah, and thereby projects the true face of Islam as a religion founded on the principles and ideals of moderation.

4. Notes the change of name of the proposed Glossary of Fiqh rules, which becomes “**Zayed Glossary of rules governing Fiqh and its foundations**” in tribute to Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan All Nahyan, may God bestow His Mercy on him-who sponsored this project in all its stages.

5. Thanks the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation for its support towards the Academy by funding the project of Zayed Glossary Rules of Fiqh and Jurisprudence.

6. Thanks the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and its Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) for their constant support to the proposed Encyclopedia of Economic Fiqh.

7. Takes note of the efforts by the Academy, in cooperation with the University of Jordan and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Institute of Islamic Research and Training (IRTI) from IDB for organizing a conference on cooperative insurance, held in University of Jordan, from 11 to 13 April 2010.

8. Notes and welcomes the efforts of the Academy for the organization, from 24 to 26 May 2010, of a symposium on “*Islamic Bonds (Sukuk)*”, in collaboration with King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) of the IDB and the General Council of Banks.

9. Takes note of the organization by the Academy, of a seminar on “*the fight against drugs*”, in collaboration with Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University in Riyadh.

10. Welcomes the efforts of the Secretariat staff of the Academy since the holding of the 33rd Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

11. Thanks the following Member States that have supported the Academy by hosting the annual sessions of the Council of the Academy:

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 sessions)
- The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions)
- The United Arab Emirates (3 sessions): Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah.
- The State of Kuwait (2 sessions)
- Brunei Darussalam
- The Kingdom of Bahrain
- The State of Qatar
- The Sultanate of Oman and
- Malaysia

12. Calls upon Member States of the OIC to host the next sessions of the Academy and thus contribute to achieving the goals and objectives for which this noble institution was created.

13. Takes note of the excellent level of scientific publications of the Academy, including the various themes and subjects studied, which provide answers to enable the Islamic Ummah to face multiple civilizational, cultural and scientific challenges. At the forefront of these publications is the Annual Review which, with its 17th edition, has reached 58 volumes in print and is also published in digital format (CD).

14. Thanks the Member States which have settled their contributions to the budget of the Academy: **reiterates** its appeal to those who have not yet paid their compulsory contributions to do so promptly and urges Member States to continue supporting the Academy to allow it to fulfill its mission of service to Islam, Muslims and the vital causes of the Islamic Ummah.

C. THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF

1. Expresses its resolve to preserve this important Islamic body which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of the Islamic solidarity.

2. Approves the renewal of the Permanent Council of the Fund with its current composition including the Chairman of the Council with effect 30th June 2010 to 30th June 2014, pursuant to the resolution No. 15/55 issued by the Permanent Council, at its 55th Session held in Jeddah, on 2-3 April 2011.

3. Exhorts Member States to commit themselves to make donations annually –within their available means–to the budget of the ISF and contributions to the capital of its Waqf.

4. Exhorts Member States which had announced their contributions to expedite action in paying these contributions to enable the Fund to maintain the solidarity bond of the Muslim Ummah.

5. Expresses its profound thanks and gratitude to the Member States which made contributions to the Fund during the financial 2011, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and the Libyan Great Arab Socialist Jamahiriya.

6. Approves the Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF.

7. Adopts the Permanent Council's approval of the closing accounts of the ISF for the financial year 2010

8. Approves the Permanent Council's adoption of the estimated projects budget of US\$ 20 million for the Fund for the financial year 2011 and 2012.

9. Calls upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the operational budget of the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the financial 2011 which was approved by the Permanent Finance Committee at its thirty-ninth session, held in December 2010 which amounts to US\$ 1,200,000.

10. Invites the Permanent Council to continue providing assistances to cultural, Islamic and educational projects and centres in the Muslim world, focusing particularly on projects whose creation has been decided during the Islamic summits and Conferences of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

11. Expresses its profound gratitude and appreciation to the Emergency Committee for its rapid response, with its available financial resources, in dealing with catastrophes

and natural disasters affecting the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to endeavor to make contributions for the purpose of making resources available to the Fund to enable it strengthen this aspect.

12. Expresses thanks and gratitude to H.E. the General Secretary of the OIC for his outstanding efforts, attention, and continuous interest towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.

13. Also expresses thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the efforts they are making in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

14. Requests H.E the Secretary General to follow up this matter and submit a report to the 39th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/38-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 37th Session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered with appreciation the report submitted by ISESCO:

A) THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

1. Commends the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its various fields of competence: namely, education, science, culture and communication; **praises** the Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for his tremendous efforts to expand the Organization's scope of action; **commends** the content of ISESCO's Action Plan for the years 2010-2012, which reflects a holistic, innovative and multidisciplinary strategic vision; **lauds** the remarkable part taken by ISESCO in implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation of the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.

2. Welcomes the signing by ISESCO of new cooperation agreements with the World Family Organization (WFO); the Arab Women Organization (AWO), the Parliamentary Union of OIC Member States (PU IC), the Arab Information and Resource Centre (AIRC), and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). It equally **commends** the activities implemented in this connection which have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations at the international and regional levels that have been crowned with numerous Islamic and international specialized conferences which were organized by ISESCO in association with parallel international organizations, thus contributing to highlighting the positive image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. Expresses its support and appreciation for the ongoing efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by the Director General of ISESCO to urge the international community to pressurize Israel into abiding by the international resolutions concerning the protection of the religions landmarks, cultural and civilizational heritage, and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the occupied Syrian Golan; **supports** ISESCO's efforts to document the war crimes and crimes against humanity which were and are still being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Gaza and all Palestinian territories, with the view to prepare legal files to bring Israeli militaries and civilians responsible for such war crimes before international justice; **welcomes** the convening by ISESCO of the third meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee which is tasked with the drafting of legal reports on attempts to Judaize AL-Quds

Al-Sharif(16- 17 March 2011, Amman, Jordan); **commends** the final report issued by the meeting; and **calls** on ISESCO to publish this report and circulate it among relevant international and regional organizations.

4. Notes with appreciation the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanisms devised by ISESCO, particularly in the areas of education, science and culture; and **invites** the Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies adopted by the Islamic Summit conferences and relevant Islamic conferences.

5. Commends the efforts made by ISESCO to implement the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World, promote Islamic cultural action for the benefit of Muslim communities outside the Muslim world, enhance dialogue and cultural diversity, safeguard sanctities and preserve the Islamic cultural and civilizational landmarks in the Member States.

6. Notes with satisfaction and endorses the adoption by the sixth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers of the Strategy for the Development of Cultural Tourism in the Islamic World, and the Action Plan to Revive and Activate the Routes of Cultural Communication among the Peoples of the Islamic World; and **invites** ISESCO to ensure their implementation in coordination with the OIC's General Secretariat and subsidiary and specialized organs, and in cooperation with the Member States and relevant international and regional organizations.

7. Commends the efforts and actions made by ISESCO to develop science and technology, preserve the environment, foster dialogue of cultures, civilizations and religious, redress the image of Islam and Muslims outside the Muslim world and counter Islamophobia; and **invites** it to carry on such efforts inside and outside the Muslim world, in association with partner regional and international organizations, and to pursue coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the Member States to undertake innovative initiatives and put in place mechanisms to counter the fierce campaign targeting Islamic sanctities and cultural symbols in coordination with national, regional and international media and communication outlets.

8. Thanks ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated as Islamic and Arab culture capitals, and invites it to pursue such support. It equally **commends** the efforts the Member States hosting Islamic culture capitals for 2010 have put in preparing and implementing the celebration programmes and properly coordinating with the General Directorate of ISESCO in this connection; and **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's tenth General Conference regarding the expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals' Programme to include Islamic historical capitals and cities from outside the OIC Member States.

9. Invites ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further contact with Islamic cultural centres and associations in Europe, Asia and Latin America, through the Supreme Council for Education, Culture and Science for Muslims outside the Islamic World, with a view to executing the Implementation Plan of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World; and the Strategy for Benefiting from Muslim Competencies outside the Islamic World; **welcomes** the convening of the First Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres outside the Islamic World, and **calls on** ISESCO to pursue its efforts in this regard.

10. Welcomes cooperation between ISESCO, UNESCO, the League of Arab States, ALECSO, the Anna Lindh Foundation and the Council of Europe in enhancing dialogue among civilizations and integrating the concepts of middle stance, moderation and respect for the other into the curricula of the countries of Europe and the Islamic world.

11. Praises ISESCO's programmes on the training of Imams and counsellors working within Muslim communities outside the Islamic world on the promotion of dialogue, middle stance and moderation; **welcomes** ISESCO's publishing of the Guide for Imams and Religious Preachers outside the Islamic World as well as its organization of training sessions for Imams in a number of countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia; and **commends** ISESCO General Directorate's moves to strengthen cooperation and coordination with governmental authorities in European, Asian and Latin American countries and involve them in the implementation of its activities geared to Muslim communities in these countries.

12. Commends ISESCO's efforts aimed at enhancing the role of the Islamic Heritage Committee and its technical organs to address the issues of tangible and intangible Islamic cultural heritage and natural heritage in the Member States, with a special focus on the protection of endangered Islamic cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Iraq and Afghanistan, and **stresses** the need for coordination and collaboration in this regard with the competent parties in the Member States and the relevant international and regional bodies, particularly the World Heritage Committee.

13. Lauds the efforts the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) devotes to establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies, implementing activities and programmes for the development of university education and Muslim communities; and promoting comprehensive sustainable development, and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation with the Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic action, particularly through the effective role it plays in the implementation of activities, programmes and projects within the framework of partnership and cooperation.

14. Lauds the volume and quality of ICT-focused activities and programmes organized or co-organized by ISESCO as part of the implementation of the Strategy for Developing Science, Technology and Innovation and the Strategy for the Development of Information and Communication Technologies in the Islamic World; and **invites** ISESCO to take further interest in training of executives specialized in science, technology, communication and information, and providing technical advice and expertise to the Member States to enable them to strengthen relevant infrastructure.

15. Invites the OIC Member States to continue implementing varied comprehensive and efficient programmes to mark the International Year of Youth in such a ways to strengthen the role of the youth within our societies and open wide avenues for them to communicate with their peers across the world, and establish relations with them based on dialogue and mutual understanding.

16. Commends and adopts the resolutions and recommendations of the specialized Islamic ministerial conferences held by ISESCO in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat,

especially the fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Malaysia, 19-21 October 2010); the fourth session of the Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Tunisia, 5-7 October 2010) and the third session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood (Tripoli, 10-11 February 2011); **thanks** the Member States having hosted those conferences and the parties and organizations having participated in them; **invites** ISESCO to ensure follow-up on the implementation of those resolutions in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the parties concerned; and **thanks** the Member States having offered to host the forthcoming sessions of Islamic ministerial conferences and their preparatory meetings.

17. Expresses its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud and to his Royal Highness Crown Prince Sultan bin Ahdulaziz for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's generous support to ISESCO and for financing a number of programmes and activities focused on the teaching the Arabic language, Islamic culture and dialogue of civilizations and religions.

18. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the kind patronage he extended to a number of ISESCO's activities held in Morocco, as well as for addressing messages to the participants in such activities, and for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to ISESCO to discharge its mission in the most optimal manner.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/38-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 37th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having taken note of the decisions adopted by the 6th I.S.S.F General Assembly Meeting, the I.S.S.F Executive Committee Meeting, the 1st Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 24-25 Safar 1426H (3-4 April 2005) and the ICYSM Ministerial Committee as well as the I.S.S.F Activity Report Presented by its Secretary General;

Having taken note of the decisions of the 14th Meeting of the International Committee of Muslim Scouts held in Kuwait in June 2009, and of the decisions of the 10th Session of International Islamic Scouts Conference of the presidents of scouting associations in the Member States, held in Korea on 12 July 2008, as well as the report of the Secretary General of the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) on IUMS activities;

Having considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, and International Union of Muslim Scouts:

A) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF)

- 1. Lauds** the future activities which the ISSF has decided to undertake as per the 2010-2011 plan and urges Member States to host and effectively participate in these activities to achieve a key objectives of the ISSF;
- 2. Calls upon** Member States to fulfill their obligations towards the ISSF, take the initiative to that end to enable the ISSF to undertake necessary activities, and to settle their due annual contributions to the ISSF.
- 3. Urges** Member States to participate and show interest in all ISSF future activities, interact with them, and to accord every material and moral support possible to the ISSF.
- 4. Welcomes** the resolutions adopted by the Ministerial Committee emanating from the 1st Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports, held under the chairmanship of HRH Prince Nawwaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, Vice-President General of Youth Welfare; and **urges** all Islamic States to implement these resolutions and cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat and the ISSF to set the strategies and plans necessary for the achievement of the aspired objectives in line with the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action.

5. **Congratulates** the Republic of Indonesia on winning the trust of the ISSF General Assembly in appointing Indonesia to host the 3rd Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) in 2013, **urges** all Member States to participate in this event, and wishes Indonesia all success in hosting the Games.
6. **Thanks** the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the 5th Session of Sports Medicine and Doping Control, and the meetings of the ISSF standing committees (Technical - Medical) held on 21-25 January 2012.
7. **Thanks** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for offering to host Men's Weightlifting Championship in 2011 and the Basketball Championship in 2012.
8. **Thanks** the Syrian Arab Republic for hosting the Men Boxing Championship in 2011.
9. **Welcomes** the decision of the 16th Meeting of the ISSF Board of Directors to mark the 25th anniversary of the ISSF and **thanks** the Saudi Arab Olympic Committee for hosting this event.
10. **Expresses** its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to HRH Prince Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, Chairman of the ISSF, and HRH Prince Nawwaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, Executive Vice-Chairman, for the considerable attention and continued support they extend to the ISSF as well as their keen interest in the issues of Muslim sports community, conferring on the ISSF a prominent position among international sports bodies.
11. **Expresses** its gratitude to the ISSF General Secretariat for undertaking the preparations for the various ISSF activities, contributing to the achievement of its objectives.
12. **Thanks** the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz - *May Allah support him* – and H.R.H. Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, for hosting the ISSF headquarters, and for their material and moral support to the ISSF, emanating from their firm belief in the need to promote all the causes of the youth of the Islamic Ummah.

B) THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS (WF-IAIS)

1. **Invites** the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support the plans and projects of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools in spreading Arabic language and Islamic culture and to extend every possible assistance for the implementation of such plans and projects.
2. **Recommends** continued support for the organisation of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.

3. **Invites** the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of textbooks, prepared by the WF-IAIS, for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, the distribution of those books among Muslim learners, and the establishment of a WF-IAIS printing press at its headquarters, as well as other printing presses in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their utilization in those countries and among Muslim communities.
4. **Recommends** support for the Assistance Fund for International Arab-Islamic Schools and Educational Institutions members of WF-IAIS with a view to helping them promote Islamic Education standards, in particular in non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.
5. **Urges** support for the Open Institute for Continuing Studies in Khartoum to continue its activities and for the N'djamena Teachers Institute in Chad by providing each of them with a printing press to secure their needs of textbooks and other publications, as well as providing Central Asian countries with a printing press to be based in Tajikistan.
6. **Recommends** support for the Examination Council of International Arab-Islamic Schools Project, set up by the WFIAIS in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims to set the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic Universities, and to activate this Council and establish its regional branches.
7. **Recommends** support for the projects undertaken by the WFIAIS to set up the Arabic language centre and forum of civilizations in London, the educational centre in Cairo, and Turkish Arab University in Istanbul.
8. **Recommends** support for the WFIAIS activities towards the establishment of an examination council in Uganda in collaboration with the Islamic University in Uganda as well as an examination council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

C. THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYF-DC)

1. **Appreciates** the financial contribution by the Government of Turkey towards the Forum's annual budget; and **calls upon** the Member States as well as the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions and other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC.
2. **Compliments** the Government of Azerbaijan on completion of ratification of the "Agreement between the government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) – an international institution affiliated to the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the Premises of the ICYF-DC Regional Center for Eurasia in Baku"; **welcomes** contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the Center's activities; **and looks forward** to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement related to providing ICYF-DC Regional Centre with appropriate office premises; **welcomes** also proposal by the Government of Kuwait to host the 2nd General Assembly of ICYF-DC in Al-Kuwait in Fall of 2011.

3. Endorses cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC on “Iqra” comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multifaceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; **endorses** also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB that envisages a number of activities including implementation of programs in support of youth of Muslim minorities in non-member states;

4. Welcomes the concept of Youth Waqf developed by the ICYF-DC in order to provide sustainable financing towards different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Member States and of Muslim minority communities worldwide and **calls upon** the OIC Member States to contribute towards its development; **endorses** program of Islamic Conference Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) project aimed at developing of youth entrepreneurship in the OIC Member States and growth in youth employment; **welcomes** cooperation between ICYF-DC and the State of Qatar on development of ICYEN Project initiated by ICYF-DC and looks forward for implementation of the Agreement signed between the ICYF-DC and Qatar Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations; **welcomes** initiative of the Government of Azerbaijan to host First (Establishing) General Conference of ICYEN in July 2011 in Baku and **calls upon** the Member States to assist with participation of their national delegations in the said Conference; **welcomes** the “OIC-Model”, an International Relations Training Program initiated by ICYF-DC and envisaged to raise awareness on and promote the OIC as leading international institution throughout the community of Universities in the Member States and **calls upon** the Member States, their relevant universities and the OIC institutions to support the implementation of the project in cooperation with ICYF-DC and assist with participation of national OIC model teams in the International OIC Model Conference to be held in July, 2011, at Sabanci University in the Republic of Turkey;

5. Expresses the assurances that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UN Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and UNESCO will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC.

6. Appreciates the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of “*The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century*”, including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and **calls upon** the Member States to actively take part in the program; **welcomes** “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “*OIC Memorial Day Program*” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity; and **calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and International levels of Khojaly massacre as crime against humanity;

7. Welcomes the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) at its First Convention held on 7-10 April 2011, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and based on the “*Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations*” initiative developed by the ICYF-DC and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku,

Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, The First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO/ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador; **recognizes** ICYF-DC as the OIC partner in youth related issues in OIC-AoC Cooperation and **calls upon** the Member States and OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC as the representative of the OIC youth in GYMAoC; and coordinate their relevant actions vis-à-vis UN AoC youth programs with relevant position of ICYF-DC including its position for advancing interest of Muslim youth at the forthcoming AoC Doha Forum.

8. Endorses Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI) and action Plan signed by the parties in November 2010 in follow up to the said MOU; **calls upon** member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU and its Action Plan;

9. Welcomes the cooperation of ICYF-DC with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and **requests** the Secretary General to submit annual report on the Forum's activities to the next session of Council of Foreign affairs.

10. Requests the ISSF and ICYF-DC to coordinate cooperation on youth affairs, through a memorandum of understanding, with a view of clarifying their respective areas of activities.

D) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. Appreciates the future activities which the IUMS has decided to undertake as per its 2011-2012 plan, and urges Member States to host and effectively participate in these activities to ensure their success and the achievement of a key IUMS objective; **and further Urges** Member States to participate and show interest in all IUMS activities, interact with them, accord every material and moral support possible to the IUMS through Islamic scout associations in the OIC Member States.

2. Commends the IUMS's plan to activate the Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century, and lauds the parts of the plan which have so far been implemented.

3. Welcomes the decisions and recommendations adopted by the 11th International Islamic Scout Conference held in Brazil.

4. Congratulates the States whose candidates have been elected for a six-year term of membership in the International Islamic Scout Committee, namely, Dr Jaafar Yaakoub Al-Oryan (State of Kuwait), Mr Sayed Ihtesham (USA), Professor Pedro Katriga (Uganda).

5. Thanks the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and HRH Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz for hosting the headquarters of the IUMS in Jeddah and for their material and moral support, emanating from their firm belief in the need to accord all the causes of the Muslim youth due care.

6. **Thanks** HRH Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support to the IUMS activities and for facilitating its work to realise its objectives.
 7. **Expresses** sincere thanks and appreciation to HH Prince Faisal Bin Abdullah Bin Mohammad, Minister of Education and President of the Arab Saudi Scout Association, and to all the staff of the Associations, for the due care and continued support extended to the IUMS and for the due attention accorded to the causes of Muslim scouts.
 8. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and gratitude to HE Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, OIC Secretary General, and all the General Secretariat staff for their continued support for the IUMS.
 9. **Thanks** the World Scout Organization in Geneva, led by Secretary General Mr. Luc Panissod, for its efforts in support of the IUMS programmes and the success of its activities.
 10. **Thanks** the Scout Association in Brazil for hosting the 11th Islamic Scout Conference held in the city of Curitiba on 8 January 2011.
 11. **Thanks** the Secretary General of the International Union of Muslim Scouts, Dr. Zuhair Hussein Ghunaim, his Deputy, Mr. Hussein Sahl, and all the Secretariat staff for their efforts, in 10 years, to manage the Secretariat earnestly, resulting in increasing the number of Muslim Scouts from 10 millions to 15 millions out of 32 million Scouts worldwide.
 12. **Congratulates** the Government of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques on the election of Dr. Abdullah Bin Sulayman Al Fahd as a member of the World Scout Committee.
 13. **Congratulates** the newly-elected International Islamic Scout Committee, for the period 2011-2014, under the presidency of His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Naceef.
 14. **Appreciates** the IUMS plan to organise academic excursions for university and public and higher education students in the IUMS Member States to visit international universities in all world countries with a view to raising scientific awareness, spread of knowledge, exchange of experience and culture with their students.
 15. **Appreciates** the IUMS plan to train scout leaders studying at Islamic universities to be conferred the Wood Badge, and consequently a degree and scout certificate enabling students to establish scout groups.
 16. **Appreciates** the IUMS plan to establish distance training centers and qualify Muslim expatriates in collaboration with education and training institutions specialised in education, training and qualifying.
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RESOLUTION No. 9/38-C
ON
THE 9TH SESSION OF COMIAC

The 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, on 24-26 Rajab, 1432H (28-30 June, 2011),

Recalling Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favor of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the subsequent resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conference on COMIAC;

Recalling the recommendations contained in the 10-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

Taking note of the important recommendations issued by the Ninth Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) on 11-12 October, 2010:

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Permanent National Secretariat and the Follow-up Committee.
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC.
- 3. Thanks** the Government of Senegal for convening successfully the 9th Session of COMIAC in Dakar on October 11-12, 2010, which was preceded by a follow up meeting of COMIAC.
- 4. Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the Financing of the COMIAC activities.
- 5. Invites** the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programs and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.
