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RESOLUTION NO.1/38-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC

The Thirty-eighth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28-30 June 2011),

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter,

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

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

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqué of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the OIC Member States held on 24th September 2010 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, inviting the Secretary-General to consider the establishment of an OIC Special Emergency Fund,

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

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

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on humanitarian affairs (Document No.OIC/CFM-38/2011/ICHAD/SG-REP); the report of the Expert group on humanitarian affairs (Document Annex No.1); the report of the OIC Funds (Document Annex No.2) and the report of the OIC humanitarian mission to Iraq (Document Annex No.3),

1. **Commends** the efforts made by the Humanitarian Affairs Department (ICHAD) to alleviate the sufferings of the needy people in different OIC Member States struck by disasters and calamities particularly in Gaza, Libya, Somalia, Niger and Yemen;
2. **Commends** the work done by the OIC Funds in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Sierra Leone and **welcomes** the convening of the 1st meeting of the OIC Council of Funds held on 17th April 2011 in Doha, State of Qatar and its subsequent outcome and **calls** upon all Member States to extend more support to the Funds to enable them to accomplish their objectives;

3. **Expresses satisfaction** with the outcome of the OIC humanitarian mission to Iraq and **expresses** deep concern over the critical humanitarian situation in the country mainly among the orphans, widows and people with special needs and **requests** the General Secretariat to develop programmes for orphans in Iraq similar to the one implemented in favor of Tsunami affected children in Indonesia and **calls upon** all Member States, financial institutions and civil society organizations to generously contribute in this programme;
4. **Welcomes** the Government Expert Group meeting on humanitarian affairs and **requests** it to continue its annual meetings to follow the humanitarian activities of the OIC, to assess and deliberate on all relevant humanitarian challenges facing the Muslim world;
5. **Renews** its support for the programme implemented by the OIC Office in Banda Aceh for the tsunami orphans, Republic of Indonesia under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, **welcomes** the decision of the UAE Red Crescent Organisation to sponsor 5,000 orphans in the programme and **invites** all Member States, their financial institutions and philanthropic donors to generously contribute to this project;
6. **Expresses its grave concern** over the serious humanitarian situation prevailing in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and **urges** all Member States to positively respond to the appeal of the Secretary General of the OIC to provide the much needed humanitarian assistance to this country;
7. **Supports** the initiatives taken by the OIC General Secretariat towards the Republic of Niger in its efforts to attain food self-sufficiency and **requests** the Member States to increase their support to this vital project; **expresses concern** over the massive return of Nigerien migrants from Libya following the events which broke out in this neighboring country and **urges** the Member States to provide their support to Niger in its programme aimed at receiving and reintegrating these needy people.
8. **Expresses its preoccupation** with the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Somalia following a prolonged drought and civil strife. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavours. Furthermore, **welcomes** the opening of the OIC Humanitarian Coordination Unit in Mogadishu to coordinate Islamic and international humanitarian action in Somalia and **requests** all Member States and their civil society to generously assist in alleviating the suffering of the people;
9. **Expresses** deep concern over the major disasters in the Muslim world which caused human and material losses; **urges** all Member States to contribute voluntarily to the efforts being made by the Organization of the Islamic Conference in cases of large-scale disasters, and **requests** the Secretary General to prepare a comprehensive study on the establishment of a special emergency fund at the OIC and submit it to the 39th CFM.

- 10. Welcomes** the great effort undertaken by the Darfur Donors Conference Follow-Up Committee to establish the Darfur Development Bank, **expresses once again** its gratitude to the Government of the State of Qatar for contributing US dollars 200,000,000 for the capital of the Bank and **urges** all Member States, financial institutions to generously contribute to the earmarked capital of US dollars 1 billion;
- 11. Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 39th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers for appraisal.

**RESOLUTION NO.2 /38-ICHAD
ON
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO LIBYA**

The Thirty-eight Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session on Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432 H (28-30 June 2011),

Recalling the UNSC Resolutions 1970 and 1973, as well as the Final Communiqué issued by the Emergency Ministerial Meeting of OIC Executive Committee on 19 March 2011 and the statements of the Secretary General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference as regards to the humanitarian situation in Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,

Taking into account the conditions that Libya has been going through since last February which led to partial displacement of the population, mass evacuation of foreigners and destruction of basic socio-economic infrastructure with their resulting negative impacts on overall economic activity and daily life in Libya,

Deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation on the ground within and across the borders of Libya where considerable number of people are still stranded with immediate demands for evacuation, in addition to growing humanitarian needs of the Libyans caught in the fighting with daily casualties as well as the needs of growing number of injured,

Emphasizing the fact that continued violence in the country put strains on already overloaded medical system and hinders the proper functioning of the country's supply lines for basic services like gas, water and electricity,

Expressing particular concern as regards the situation in the western city of Misrata, which has been besieged for weeks while its population is being deprived of basic facilities,

1. **Urges** the Member States to act in concert in order to facilitate smooth and unimpeded transfer of humanitarian assistance including especially medical supplies to the Libyan people as well as cooperate in executing evacuation operations;
2. **Expresses thanks** to the States which provided or contributed relief humanitarian aids to the brotherly people of Libya, such as the aids provided by a number of Member States;
3. **Calls on** the other Member States and institutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to take part in the ongoing efforts aimed at providing humanitarian assistance to the brotherly people of Libya.

4. **Demands** that the Libyan authorities comply with their obligations under international law, including internationally humanitarian law and human rights and refugees laws and take all measures to protect civilians and meet their basic needs and to insure the rapid and unimpeded passage of humanitarian assistance,
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to provide the Member States with updated reports on the humanitarian situation on the ground, including his assessments as regards the requirements of the post-conflict period;

**RESOLUTION NO. 3/38-ICHAD
ON THE
STATUTE ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
OF THE
OIC HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT**

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Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter,

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

Recalling Resolution No. 11/35-C adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda from 18-20 June 2008;

Recalling Resolution No. 1/36-ICHAD adopted by the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 23-25 May 2009;

Further Recalling Resolution No. 1/37 calling on the Expert Group on Humanitarian Affairs to continue its work;

Referring to the Statute on Responsibilities and Strategic Objectives of the OIC Humanitarian Affairs Department, adopted by the 4th Open-ended Expert Working Group on Humanitarian Affairs held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 1st June 2011 Doc. No.OIC/4-EXP/2011/CONCEPT PAPER-DRF;

1. **Decides** to approve the Statute on the Responsibilities and Strategic Objectives of the OIC Humanitarian Affairs Department, Document No. OIC/4-EXP/2011/CONCEPT PAPER-DRF, in implementation of Resolution No. 11/35-C adopted by the 35th CFM.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
