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RESOLUTION No. 1/37-E
ON
TPS-OIC AND THE PROMOTION OF INTRA –OIC TRADE

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005,

Taking cognizance of Resolution No. 1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Recalling the provisions of Istanbul Declaration adopted by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 9 November 2009,

Reaffirming Resolution No. 1/36-E of the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

Taking into consideration the various resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular Resolution of the 25th Session of the COMCEC,

Commending the Secretary General's good offices to fast track the ratification process of OIC economic agreements by Member States,

Noting with satisfaction the unprecedented increase in the number of signatures and ratifications of OIC economic agreements by Member States in 2009,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS-OIC (PRETAS) on 5th February 2010,

Commending the 18 Member States which have signed and the 6 Member States which have so far ratified the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin,

Mindful of the accelerated implementation of various programmes towards attaining the target of overall intra OIC trade to 20% by 2015, which reached to 16.6% in 2008,

Taking into consideration the Executive Programme of the Road Map for Achieving Intra–OIC Trade, which was adopted by Consultative Meeting of OIC Institutions operating in the economic field, held at ICDT Headquarters in Casablanca, Morocco on 11-12 February 2009,

Conscious of the impact of the global economic recession on the economies of the OIC Member States and intra OIC trade,

Taking note of the Recommendations of the COMCEC Business Forum, which was held in Istanbul, on 5-6 November 2009, on the sidelines of 25th Session of COMCEC, and the 13th International Business Forum, held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 13-16 October 2009,

Welcoming the announcement by the Syrian Arab Republic to facilitate issuance of visas for business people from Member States,

Expressing appreciation to the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the 5th Businesswomen Forum in Cairo in April 2010, and commending the active participation of OIC Member States in the event,

Also expresses appreciation to the Republic of Tajikistan for hosting the Second OIC Business Forum /13th Private Sector Meeting in Dushanbe on 14th May 2010 and recalling the recommendations reached at the said Forum,

Taking note of the activities report of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT), Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI),

Having considered the report of the Secretary General thereon,

1. *Urges* the Member States who have not yet signed or ratified TPS-OIC Agreements to do so at their earliest convenience to making the TPS-OIC implemented;
2. *Reiterates* the importance of the TPS-OIC as the institutional basis for enhancing the intra-OIC trade and achieving the Ten-Year Program of Action target level of 20 percent by 2015, and invites all Member States to participate in TPS-OIC in order to make use of the provisions of this System to promote trade relations with all OIC Member Countries;
3. *Calls on* the Trade Negotiating Committee to consider convening as soon as the TPSOIC Rules of Origin enters into force in order to consider the necessary arrangements for the implementation of TPS-OIC;
4. *Calls on* the Member States which have ratified PRETAS to notify the Trade Negotiating Committee Secretariat, at the earliest convenience, their specific annual installments of reduction along with the list of products and the MFN applied rate applicable on October 1st, 2003, which is the base rate of the tariffs to be used for reduction;

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5. *Also calls* on the Member States which have ratified the Rules of Origin to complete the necessary internal legislative and administrative measures, such as printing TPS-OIC Certificate of Origin and providing specimen impressions of stamps to the Trade Negotiating Committee Secretariat in order to make the TPS-OIC operational;
6. *Urges* the General Secretariat to hold consultations with regional economic groupings to which OIC member states belong, in order to fast track the process of ratification of OIC Trade Preferential System;
7. *Requests* the OIC General Secretariat, IDB, ICDT and SESRIC to study the trade potential of Central Asian Countries and the possibilities of facilitating their integration to the intra-OIC trade, and submit reports to the 27th Session of COMCEC in 2011;
8. *Entrusts* IDB and ICDT to monitor matters relating to WTO activities and report to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and other fora concerned.
9. *Takes note* of the progress on the implementation of the “Executive Programme of the Road-Map for achieving intra-OIC Trade Targets of Intra-OIC trade” prepared by relevant OIC institutions and *requests* IDB to mobilize necessary funds in order to expedite its implementation;
10. *Requests* the OIC Institutions to carry out their activities according to the executive program of the Road Map and urges the Member States to lend necessary support to the OIC Institutions in this regard and to actively participate in those activities;
11. *Calls on* the Member States to extend issuance of visa for business people to promote exchange of goods and services to foster enhanced economic and commercial cooperation in the Ummah;
12. *Urges* the Member States to actively participate in the 13th Trade Fair of OIC Member States to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates from 24 to 29 April 2011;
13. *Exhorts* private sectors of Member States to promote investment in OIC Countries particularly in Central Asia;
14. *Calls on* Member States to organize Business Forums for OIC Member States to mobilize private sector participation in the current efforts at increasing intra-OIC trade and providing a sustainable intra-OIC response to the global food, financial and energy crises;

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15. *Invites* the ICCI to explore the organization of the Private Sector Meetings concurrently with the Trade Fairs of OIC Member States which are organized every two years by ICDT;
16. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 2/37-E
ON
ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND PROMOTING AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN OIC MEMBER STATES

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005,

Taking cognizance of Resolution No. 1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Recalling the provisions of Istanbul Declaration adopted by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 9 November 2009,

Reaffirming the Resolution No 8 /35-E on Food Security of the OIC Member States adopted by the Thirty Fifth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, from 18 to 20 June 2008,

Taking into consideration the various resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular Resolution of the 25th Session of the COMCEC,

Bearing in mind the Resolutions adopted by the Fourth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 14-16 January 1995,

Recalling the OIC Five Year Cotton Action Plan (2007-2011) approved by the 22nd Session of COMCEC, and endorsed by Resolution No.1/35-E of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

Welcoming the initiative of His Highness the Emir of the State of Kuwait to establish the Fund for Decent Living in the Islamic States during the 4th World Islamic Economic Forum, hosted by Kuwait in the period from 29 April – 1 May 2008, during which the States of Kuwait announced a donation of US\$ 100 Million to the Fund in order to support this initiative aimed at providing needy people with basic food products to contribute to the programme of promoting agricultural production and cooperate with similar initiatives worldwide,

Concerned about the deleterious effects of global food crisis on OIC Member States, especially the Least Developed Countries,

Desirous of mitigating the adverse effects of the global food crisis on the economies of OIC Member States,

Cognizant of the enormous financial and technological inputs needed to increase production and productivity in agricultural sector in OIC Member States,

Concerned about the adverse effects of depleting water resources, land degradation, drought and other climate change related problems on agricultural sector in OIC Member States,

Having noted the participation of the delegation of the OIC General Secretariat at the Third World Food Summit held in Rome, Italy, from 16 to 18 November 2009,

Welcoming the Road Map for multi-party cooperation between the OIC, IDB, COMCEC Coordination Office and FAO on food security which was approved by the 25th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey, on 5-9 November 2009,

Noting with appreciation the commitment of capital and technology-endowed OIC Member States to providing other OIC Member States with technical and in-kind assistance in the area of food security and agricultural development,

Aware of the on-going efforts to convene the 5th Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in Khartoum, Sudan, during the last quarter of 2010,

Conscious of the urgent need to expedite intra-OIC actions in the face of deteriorating food security situation in member-countries,

Cognizant of the interest shown by the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) and the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) towards financing the cotton projects submitted by OIC Member States,

Recalling the adoption of the 13 project proposals on cotton and textile by the Project Committee and Steering Committee Meetings on Cotton in 2009,

Noting with satisfaction the exchange of experiences and joint cooperation in Research and Development, innovation and knowledge sharing among OIC Member States,

Considering the activity reports of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) and the Islamic Center for Development of Trade and Islamic Development Bank,

Commending the initiative of the Secretary-General to reactivate the OIC activity on food security and agricultural development,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the matter,

1. *Requests* the COMCEC to assume an active role in concerting actions within the OIC community in food security and agricultural cooperation;
2. *Calls on* the Member States to vitalize cooperation in food security with a view to deal efficiently with the issue of food security and requests the IDB, OIC General Secretariat and COMCEC Coordination Office to follow up the matter;
3. *Adopts* the Road Map recommended by the Working Meeting on Strengthening Cooperation to Enhance Food Security in OIC Member States which includes the establishment of a Task Force comprising OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, Islamic Development Bank to work in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO);
4. *Calls on* Member States to make food security a high priority and reflect it in their national programmes and budgets, as well as mobilize resources for implementing priority food security and agricultural development projects;
5. *Appeals* to international development and financial institutions, donor countries and the Private Sector to increase their assistance, including official aid, through providing resources, financial or otherwise to OIC Member States;
6. *Calls upon* the OIC General Secretariat to enhance its cooperation with international organizations and financial institutions to implement the rural development projects aimed at increasing the food security within the OIC region;
7. *Welcomes* the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host a meeting with the theme of food security preceding the 26th Session of the COMCEC;
8. *Invites* the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC, SESRIC, IDB, ITFC and ICDT to organize, during the second half of 2010, Meetings of Project Committee and Steering Committee on cotton and *appeals* to all concerned Member States in particular the project owners, OIC Institutions and International Institutions to take part actively in these activities;
9. *Calls upon* the IDB Group and other financial institutions to finance the cotton projects which were adopted by the Cotton Project Committee and Steering Committee Meetings;

10. *Urges* OIC General Secretariat to liaise with all OIC funding partners with a view to fast-tracking the implementation of the approved projects in cotton sector;
11. *Calls* on all concerned Member States to create regional joint ventures in cotton processing industries in collaboration with the national and regional financial institutions of the OIC Countries as well as with international financial institutions;
12. *Also calls* on all concerned OIC institutions to provide technical assistance to cotton producing OIC Member States in designing cotton trade policy to encourage cotton production and sourcing cotton products from sustainable supply chains;
13. *Further calls* on all relevant OIC Institutions to collect on regular basis an information database on OIC cotton production, processing and consumption;
14. *Urges* all Member States of the OIC to provide information on their cotton and textile sector on regular basis to be uploaded on OIC Cotton Web-site which was established by the General Secretariat of the OIC;
15. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 3/37-E
ON
DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005,

Taking cognizance of Resolution No. 1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Recalling the provisions of Istanbul Declaration adopted by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 9 November 2009,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.4/36-E of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

Taking into consideration the various resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular Resolution of the 25th Session of the COMCEC,

Commending the keen interest of the Republic of Sudan in organizing the First Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Dakar-Port-Sudan Railway Line Project in Khartoum, Sudan on 10 December 2009,

Expressing its thanks to the Experts Group Meeting which prepared the First Ministerial meeting of the Railway Project in Khartoum, Sudan on 8 and 9 December 2009,

Bearing in mind the Final Communiqué of the First Ministerial Meeting on the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, from 8 to 10 December 2009,

Lauding the efforts of the OIC Secretary General in fast-tracking the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port-Sudan Railway Line Project,

Considering that the Statute of Islamic Civil Aviation Council (ICAC) of the OIC has entered into force since April 2004,

Recalling the on-going efforts by the General Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Tunisia on the convening of the inaugural General Assembly of the Council,

Bearing in mind of the importance of the aviation sector in promoting integration, increasing intra-OIC trade and stimulating growth and wealth creation in Member States,

Welcoming the initiatives of the General Secretariat on elaborating the project proposals on establishment of Federation of Islamic Air Transport Organizations and an Federation of Islamic Road Transport Associations,

Recalling the outcome of the Joint Meeting of the 31st Executive Committee and 23rd General Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Ship-owners Association held in Dubai, UAE, on 4 to 6 October 2009,

Having examined the activity report of the Organization of the Islamic Ship-owners Association,

Recalling the report of the Secretary General on the matter,

1. *Endorses* the Road Map for the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project, which was adopted by the First Ministerial Meeting held in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan;
2. *Urges* Member States participating in the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Line Project and relevant OIC Institutions to mobilize the necessary resources for timely realization of the Road Map for the Project;
3. *Calls* on all Member States to extend necessary financial and technical assistance to OIC General Secretariat to organize a Donors Conference with a view to mobilizing necessary resources for the Project;
4. *Endorses* the initiative of the Secretary General to convene a stakeholders meeting at the OIC Headquarters to mobilize financial support for the implementation of the project and *appeals* to other Member States, Donor Countries and International Development Agencies to participate in fund mobilization activities and implementation of the Project;
5. *Requests* the Government of Tunisia in collaboration with the General Secretariat to take necessary measures on the issue of Islamic Civil Aviation Council;
6. *Supports* the decisions of the Joint Meeting of the 31st Executive Committee and 23rd General Assembly of the Organization of the Islamic Ship-owners Association (OISA) to undertake a comprehensive reform of the Association that is aimed at rejuvenating its activities and appeals to Member States provide necessary assistance to OISA in this regard;

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7. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 4/37-E
ON
THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005,

Taking cognizance of Resolution No. 1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Recalling the provisions of Istanbul Declaration adopted by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 9 November 2009,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.1/36-E of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

Taking into consideration the various resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular Resolution of the 25th Session of the COMCEC,

Recalling that 22 out of 57 OIC Member States are Least Developed and/or Land Locked; and mindful of the fact that the effects of poverty are experienced by many Member States, particularly those in Sub-Saharan Africa,

Reaffirming the need for Islamic Solidarity and Joint Islamic Action between Member States,

Taking note of the pledges to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) made by 38 of the OIC Member States,

Considering the low level of the Member States pledges which is only 27% of the capital amount of US\$10 billion,

Stressing the importance of Special Programme for the Development of Africa (SPDA) in addressing development challenges of, and promoting economic growth in, OIC Member States, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa,

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Expressing appreciation to the Government of Burkina Faso for organising the Forum for the implementation of the SPDA of the IDB in West Africa in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 28-29 October 2009,

Taking note of the Final Communiqué of the First Ministerial Forum of the Implementation of the SPDA held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 28-29 October 2009, in collaboration with the IDB,

Commending the efforts of the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA), the OIC General Secretariat and the SESRIC for organizing the First Meeting of Development Cooperation Institutions (DCIs) of the OIC Member States in Istanbul on 13-14 May 2009,

Welcoming the Istanbul Declaration and the recommendations adopted by the First Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions of the OIC Member States held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 13-14 May 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey,

Recalling the organization by the SESRIC of the First DCIs Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of the OIC Development Assistance Committee (OIC-DAC) in Ankara, Republic of Turkey, on 22-23 December 2009,

Commending the efforts of the SESRIC, the OIC General Secretariat and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) for organizing the 2nd Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions, which will be hosted by ADFD and held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 3-4 May 2010,

Recalling the decision of 33rd Meeting of the Islamic Foreign Ministers on conclusion of Agreements with United Nation Organs and bodies and endorsing the conclusion of the Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC General Secretariat and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for the purpose of promoting the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for economic development in OIC Member Countries and based on the principle of non additional financial burden on Member States;

Noting with appreciation the related reports by the SESRIC and IDB;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the matter;

1. *Calls* on Member States to contribute more financial resources and in kind contribution to ISFD to reach its capital amount of US\$ 10 billion;

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2. *Urges* the countries who have pledged to the IFSD Fund to pay their contributions to the Fund to enable it to finance more poverty alleviation projects in Member States and Muslim Communities;
3. *Also urges* all Member States and development partners to act collectively so as to speed up the removal of constraints identified in the implementation of the SPDA;
4. *Calls* on all Member States, Donor Countries and International Development Agencies to mobilize resources to cover the estimated US\$8 billion gap in the SPDA between contributions by the Islamic Development Group and the total amount of US\$12 billion proposed for the SPDA;
5. *Encourages* the ongoing efforts by the Government of Cameroon in collaboration with General Secretariat and IDB to organize the Second Forum of SPDA for the East, Central and Southern African Countries, in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon, on 8-9 June 2010;
6. *Requests* Central, Eastern and Southern African countries to prepare more projects and submit them to above mentioned meeting;
7. *Calls* upon the Development and Cooperation Institutions of the OIC Member States to actively participate in the annual meetings of the DCIs of the Member States;
8. *Requests* SESRIC to report on the activities of the annual meetings of the DCIs of the Member States to the annual sessions of the COMCEC;
9. *Also requests* the ICCI to rejuvenate the activities of the International Zakat Organization as a viable mechanism for socio economic integration, poverty alleviation and disaster management in OIC Member States;
10. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No.5/37-E
ON
THE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005,

Recalling the Resolution No. 1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Inspired by the provisions of Istanbul Declaration by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009, especially the desire to further economic and commercial cooperation to confront the new challenges of the 21st Century,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.2/36-E of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

Taking into consideration the various resolutions of COMCEC, in particular Resolution of the 25th Session of COMCEC,

Welcoming the decision of the 25th Session of the COMCEC to hold exchange of views session on Agricultural and Rural Development during the 26th Session of the COMCEC, to be held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 5-8 October 2010,

Noting the importance of harmonising Halal Food Standards and Procedures as the most innovative way of promoting trade and socio-economic relations among OIC countries,

Expressing appreciation to the OIC Standardization Expert Group (SEG) for finalization of the three documents, namely "OIC General Guidelines on Halal Food"; "Guidelines for Bodies Providing Halal Certification"; and "Guidelines for the Authorized Accreditation Body Accrediting Halal Certification Bodies",

Welcoming the official launching of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET), an initiative by the SESRIC, at the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009,

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Stressing the importance of intra-OIC cooperation towards mitigating the repercussions of global financial and economic crises on economies of OIC Member States,

Recalling the Report of the Third Meeting of the Stock Exchanges Forum of the OIC Member States held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24-25 October 2009,

Also recalling the Framework for Development and Cooperation in the Domain of Tourism between OIC Member States adopted by the Sixth Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, on 29 June - 2 July 2008 as well as the Short Term Plan and Program for the Implementation of said Framework adopted by the First Coordination Committee Meeting in Damascus, Syria, on 18-19 March 2009,

Commending the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Second Coordination Committee Meeting for the preparation of the Progress Report on the implementation of the Short Term Plan and Program on Tourism, held in Antalya, on 24-25 March 2010,

Welcoming the initiative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) in 2010,

Commending the working cooperation between the ICDT, the SESRIC and the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) for the expeditious implementation of the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa,

Recalling the proposals by the OIC General Secretariat submitted to the 15th Meeting of the Sessional Committee held in Istanbul prior to the 25th Session of the COMCEC on the establishment of the Islamic Air Transport Organization, and Federations of Road Transport Association,

Commending the efforts of the SESRIC for organizing, in collaboration with the UNDP and Turkey, the "International Conference on e-Government: Sharing Experiences" (eGOVsharE2009), which was held in Antalya, Republic of Turkey, on 8-11 December 2009,

Recalling the report of the study by COMCEC Coordination Office and SESRIC aimed at enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among Member States of the OIC and enriching the Agenda of COMCEC,

Taking note of the reports of the SESRIC, ICDT and ICCI in this respect,

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on the matter,

1. *Invites* SESRIC and IDB to organize, in collaboration with the General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, ICDT, ICCI and OISA a workshop on the implementation of the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action and report to the 26th Session of the COMCEC;
2. *Call upon* all the Member States to sign and ratify OIC Agreements in the field of economic and commercial cooperation;
3. *Decides* to reactivate cooperation in agriculture, tourism and transportation sectors under the auspices of the COMCEC;
4. *Requests* the Standardization Experts Group (SEG) to clarify the pending technological issue and submit its proposals on details of the implementation mechanism of the OIC Halal Food System;
5. *Also requests* the OIC General Secretariat to circulate the Report of the SEG to the Member States for any additional comments and report back to the 26th Session of COMCEC for consideration and adoption;
6. *Urges* Member States make full use of OIC Stock Exchanges Forum as a sound platform for cooperation among the stock exchanges as well as sharing information, experience and best practices in this field and welcomes the offer of the Republic of Turkey to host the 4th Meeting of the OIC Stock Exchange Forum on October 2-3, 2010 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey;
7. *Welcomes* the decision of the 1st Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States and *urges* the Member States to actively participate in the 2nd Meeting to be held on 21-22 September 2010 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey;
8. *Calls on* Member States and relevant OIC Institutions to develop a similar cooperation mechanism for Capital Markets' Regulatory Bodies of Member States;
9. *Calls upon* the OIC Member States and private sector entities to promote intra-OIC tourism by actively participating in the Second Tourism Fair, to be held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 10-13 December 2010;

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10. *Calls on* Member States, funding institutions, bilateral and multilateral development assistance bodies, enterprises and institutions of the private sector and concerned OIC institutions to render financial and technical support to the Regional Project on “Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa”;
11. *Appeals* to all Member States to take appropriate measures to effectively implement the OIC Framework Document on Tourism;
12. *Invites* the Islamic Republic of Iran to organize in 2010 the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers; and *Calls on* all Member States and concerned OIC institutions to participate at this Session;
13. *Requests* the Member States to communicate their views on the proposals of establishment of the Islamic Air Transport Organization, and Federations of Road Transport Association to the OIC General Secretariat which will be submitted to the 26th Session of the COMCEC;
14. *Urges* all Member States of the OIC to communicate their views to the COMCEC Coordination Office on the proposed projects in the study, namely “Enhancing Economic and Commercial Cooperation among the Member States of the OIC” presented by the COMCEC Coordination Office and SESRIC to the 25th Session of the COMCEC;
15. *Calls on* Member States to propose new projects and programs to enrich the agenda of the COMCEC through the Sessional Committee;
16. *Urges* the IDB Group to continue its financial support and technical assistance to the COMCEC Projects and develop a special mechanism for this purpose;
17. *Requests* the relevant OIC Institutions to submit their reports and studies in three languages to the COMCEC Coordination Office at least one month before the COMCEC Sessions and the Follow-up Committee Meetings;
18. *Requests* the COMCEC Coordination Office to ensure the coordination with relevant OIC institutions with regard to the content of the reports to be submitted by the institutions to the COMCEC Sessions and Follow-up Meetings to prevent overlapping;
19. *Requests* the Member States to actively participate in the 26th Session of the COMCEC to be held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, of 5-8 October 2010;

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20. *Invites* the Private Sector representatives of the OIC Member States to participate in the MUSIAD International Business Forum and International Trade Fair to be held on the sidelines of the 26th Session of the COMCEC;

21. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No.6/37-E
ON
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES
AND MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN NON-OIC COUNTRIES

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-8 December 2005,

Recalling the Resolution No. 2/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13 – 14 March 2008,

Recalling the provisions of Istanbul Declaration adopted by the COMCEC Economic Summit, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 9 November 2009,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.3/36-E of the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

Mindful of the consequences of global financial and economic meltdown, exemplified by negative growth, deteriorating current account balances, dwindling overseas remittances and Official Development Assistance, as well as rising unemployment and poverty in member states,

Commending the initiatives of the OIC General Secretariat, COMCEC Coordination Office, SESRIC, ICDT, IDB, and the ICCI in the area of policy coordination, increasing financial flows and intra-OIC investments under the auspices of the COMCEC,

Also commending the bold initiatives of the General Secretariat, SESRIC and the Turkish Agency for International Cooperation and development (TIKA) to establish a coordination framework among development cooperation agencies in OIC Member States,

Expressing appreciation for the financial, humanitarian and development assistances provided by OIC Member States in the form of humanitarian and development programmes,

Noting the growing importance of the external assistance in alleviating poverty, enhancing food security, promoting sustainable development and strengthening institutional capacity in OIC Member States, in particular among its least developed countries,

Regretting that despite the progress made on debt cancellation, relief and rescheduling both bilaterally, and multilaterally in the framework of the Bretton Woods institutions, the burden of the debt remains a major constraint and an obstacle to economic growth and human development in many OIC Member States,

Considering the reports of SESRIC, ICDT, IDB and COMCEC,

Having taken note of the report of the Secretary General,

1. *Urges* the OIC Member States to strengthen their efforts for achieving a potential alternative and sound financial system based on Islamic principles within the framework of OIC, which would prevent future generations from facing the catastrophic impacts of the crisis;
2. *Calls for* building more effective partnership and coordination between Member States, OIC institutions and development agencies so as to mitigate the effects of the global economic crisis and advance sustainable development in OIC Member States;
3. *Reaffirms* the importance of the World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF) and calls the officials and businesspersons of the OIC Member States and international community to actively participate in the 7th WIEF in Kazakhstan in 2011.
4. *Requests* the Member States to support efforts aimed at establishing cross border projects to promote socio-economic development and peace building efforts by OIC Member States;
5. *Calls for* execution of infrastructural development projects, free trade regime and investment schemes in Member States to help improve the income of their rural population and smallholders farmers and reduce their vulnerability to price fluctuations in world market;
6. *Requests* the SESRIC to continue to monitor the world economic developments and their socio- economic implications on the OIC Member States and to report on this matter to the annual sessions of the COMCEC with a set of recommendations;
7. *Calls upon* the Member States to continue to extend all possible forms of assistance to least developed Member States as well as Muslim Communities in countries, which are not members of the Organization;
8. *Commends* the Governments of Turkey, Egypt, Libya, Saudi Arabia for their respective assistance to some OIC Member States in 2009;

9. *Urges* Member States to continue to voluntarily provide the General Secretariat with annual reports on their assistance to Member States as well as Muslim Communities;
10. *Notes* the on-going efforts of Development Cooperation Institutions in OIC Member States to consider the establishment of the OIC Development Assistance Committee (OIC- DAC) to promote development assistance among OIC Member States;
11. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report on the above and each item appearing from A to F to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

A. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan:

Confirming full solidarity of the Member States of the OIC with the Government and people of Azerbaijan at this very critical time of the country's history,

Referring to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions regarding this conflict,

Deploring the Armenia-backed aggressive separatism instigated in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of the Republic of Azerbaijan, followed by aggression and occupation by Armenia of about 20 percent of Azerbaijani territories and resulted in violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people from their homes, which, as such, resembles the terrible concept of ethnic cleansing,

Conscious of the fact that economic damage inflicted upon Azerbaijan in its territories currently occupied by Armenia already exceeds US\$60 billion,

Welcoming and appreciating the assistance extended by some Member States and OIC relevant bodies, United Nations institutions and international organizations,

Emphasizing the fact that despite the efforts and achievements of the Republic of Azerbaijan in solving the problems of IDPs and refugees, there is still a need for technical and financial assistance by donor countries and international organizations,

1. *Appeals* to the Member States, International Community and Islamic Institutions to make available to the Government of Azerbaijan the financial and technical assistance with a view of implementing development projects aimed at improvement of social and living conditions of IDPs;
2. *Calls upon* the international organizations to continue to support economic and social development activities of Azerbaijan.

B. Economic Assistance to the People of Jammu and Kashmir:

Recalling also all previous resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Conference on assistance to the Kashmiri people, particularly Resolution 23/30-E of the Thirtieth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Expressing deep sympathy to the victims, their families and people of Jammu and Kashmir who suffered huge loss of life and socio-economic and environmental damage from the massive earthquake that struck South Asia on 8 October 2005,

Also expressing gratitude for the assistance, contributions and pledges of the international community, particularly the Member States for the relief and rehabilitation efforts for the earthquake victims, which reflect the spirit of Islamic solidarity and cooperation to meet the challenges of unprecedented natural disasters,

Further expressing deep appreciation for the assistance extended to the Kashmiris by some Member States and relevant OIC bodies,

1. *Calls for* expeditiously implementing the recommendations contained in the report of OIC Secretary General's Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir, particularly the establishment of a Special Trust Fund for the assistance of Kashmiris and focus upon the higher educational needs of the Kashmiri youth through the provision of scholarships to the Kashmiri youth in professional colleges, vocational training and employment generation opportunities;
2. *Appeals* to Member States and Islamic Institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people whose plight has been aggravated by the devastating earthquake of October 2005;
3. *Encourages* the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations from the Islamic World to continue to provide necessary fund and assistance to support the ongoing rehabilitation and reconstruction work, in the affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir;
4. *Appeals* to Member States and the Islamic Institutions to grant scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries.

C. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire:

Recalling Resolution No.11/36-P on the situation in Cote d'Ivoire, adopted by the 36th Session of the CFM held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009, and all previous OIC resolutions on the matter;

Taking note of the Peace Agreement signed in Ouagadougou on 4th March 2007 between President Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and Mr. Guillaume Kibgafore Soro, Secretary General of the New Forces, under the auspices of President Blaise Compaore, President of Burkina Faso, Chairman of the Community of West African States (ECOWAS);

Further taking note of the re-appointment of Mr. Guillaume Kigbafore Soro as Prime Minister, head of the Government of Cote d'Ivoire, on 12 February 2010,

Taking note also of the latest developments in the socio-political situation in this country, particularly the formation of a new government on 4 March 2010,

Reaffirming the need for the reconstruction of Cote d'Ivoire, and more particularly the need for the rehabilitation of its economy,

1. *Encourages* the signatories of the Ouagadougou Peace Agreement and the Government Cote d'Ivoire to effectively implement the provisions of the Agreement in order to establish peace and national reconciliation, and to work for the organization of presidential elections in Cote d'Ivoire;
2. *Calls on* the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) to extend their financial, material and logistical support for the organization of general elections in the country;
3. *Invites* the OIC Member States, Islamic financial institutions and donors to extend their assistance for the reconstruction of Cote d'Ivoire and the rehabilitation of its economy;
4. *Reiterates* the decision to establish a Special Fund for the reconstruction of the crisis-affected regions in Cote d'Ivoire;
5. *Requests* the Secretary General to undertake appropriate steps for the organization of a donors' conference for the reconstruction of Cote d'Ivoire;
6. *Also requests* the Secretary General to undertake, as early as possible, a visit to Cote d'Ivoire to underscore OIC's support for the Ouagadougou Peace Agreement and its solidarity with Cote d'Ivoire.

D. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Guinea:

Aware of the preoccupying political and economic situation in the Republic of Guinea in the last three years,

Mindful of the considerable burdens which the Republic of Guinea has endured following the massive arrival on its territories of refugees from Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire,

Considering the Ouagadougou Agreement concluded on 15 January 2010 under the auspices of the President of Burkina Faso and the ECOWAS mediator in the Guinean crisis,

Taking note of the measures taken by the Republic of Guinea to restore the constitutional order, including through the nomination of an interim President, a transition President, a Prime Minister head of the transition to be nominated from the opposition, a transition government, a female President and Vice-presidents of a transition council, the appointment of members of the transition national council, and the fixing of a date for the first round of presidential elections,

1. *Appeals* to the Member States to provide an important emergency material and financial assistance to the transitional national union Government to enable it to address the serious economic and social problems facing the country, and facilitate the preparations required for holding free and transparent elections;
2. *Exhorts* the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to provide an important and facilitated financial assistance and at favorable conditions to the Republic of Guinea, to enable it to implement the urgent development projects and to improve the living conditions of the population.

E. Economic Assistance to Yemen:

Having taken note of the unfortunate events in Saada in past years;

Having also taken note of the visit of Professor Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference, to the Republic of Yemen on 31.10.2009, and OIC's welcoming of the determination of the Yemeni leadership to launch a comprehensive political dialogue to which all political parties will be invited, consistent with the constitutional legitimacy and national constants,

Recalling the Secretary General's call for a ceasefire in Saada on 22.8.2009,

In reinforcement of OIC's efforts in the Republic of Yemen through its humanitarian assistance programme,

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1. *Urges* the OIC Member States and the international community to mobilize humanitarian aids and to support the efforts of the Government of Yemen to implement the programme for the return of refugees to their homes after being displaced because of the war in Saada;
2. *Invites* the Member States to intensify their efforts and mobilize aids to support the Republic of Yemen in the reconstruction of Saada, which is devastated by war;
3. *Appeals* to concerned international institutions and to donor states to increase their official assistance and support the Government of the Yemen to overcome the repercussions of the events in Saada.

F. Economic Assistance to the Republic of Kazakhstan:

1. *Calls on* the IDB and the OIC Member States to provide consultative and other forms of assistance in development of Islamic finance system in Central Asia and Kazakhstan, taking into account recent introduction of the appropriate legislation in this country,
2. *Calls upon* the concerned OIC Member States to consider creating an OIC Grain Cluster, as well as supports the intention of Kazakhstan to host the OIC Grain Forum in Astana in 2011 with the cooperation and financing of IDB.

RESOLUTION No.7/37-E
ON
ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION OF AFGHANISTAN:

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah AlMukarramah on 7-8 December, 2005,

Also Recalling the United Nations Security Council resolution 1401,

Further recalling the joint position of the OIC Member States in favor of a long-term commitment to Afghanistan that will bring peace and stability and socio-economic rehabilitation to this country,

Desiring to ensure comprehensive nation-building process in Afghanistan in view of long-term commitment geared to stability and sustainability,

Reiterating commitments to support the international efforts for reconstruction of Afghanistan,

Recalling the pledges made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the Tokyo and London Conferences to support development projects in Afghanistan over the next three years to the tune of \$ 200 million and \$ 150 million respectively;

Acknowledging that Afghanistan is a crossroad of large historical regions, especially Central and South Asia and such historical advantage increases today due to many factors, first of all, in view of intensive growth of inter- regional and even global connections,

Reaffirming commitment to render assistance in preparation of medical, agricultural, technical, pedagogical and other experts,

Realizing that by assisting Afghanistan we are providing peace and stability not only for the region but to the world as a whole,

1. *Calls upon* the OIC Secretariat and its institutional bodies to organize an international conference on enhancement of OIC contribution to reconstruction of Afghanistan;

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2. *Encourages* the Member States, the Secretariat and specialized organs to continue their efforts to attract funds for civil reconstruction and strive for better coordination in this field;
3. *Calls upon* the Member States to support the National Development Strategy of Afghanistan;
4. *Requests* the Member States to assist the Afghan government in its counter-drugs efforts and foster the creation of sustainable alternative sources of income for farmers;
5. *Commends* the reconstruction efforts undertaken by the neighboring States in Afghanistan and *urges* the OIC Member States to continue providing assistance for Afghanistan;
6. *Encourages* the Member States to actively participate in the development of infrastructure in Afghanistan, including first of all construction of international highways, railways, dams, hydroelectric power stations, transmission lines, etc;
7. *Invites* the Member States to contribute to the implementation of the projects and plans on electric power export from Central Asian countries;
8. *Urges* the Secretariat and the OIC institutional bodies in close coordination with relevant Member States to consider the proposal done by Tajikistan on construction of railroad Dushanbe-Mazari Sharif-Herat (with branch lines of Hayratan-Mazari Sharif and Kushka-Herat);
9. *Invites* the Secretariat and the OIC institutional bodies in view of infrastructural development of Afghanistan to render technical assistance to relevant Member States on working out and construction of transit roads connecting the countries of Central Asia with Iran and Pakistan via Afghanistan;
10. *Further invites* the Secretariat and the OIC institutional bodies in view of further industrial development of Afghanistan to encourage the Member States to participate in implementation of projects related to the construction of power transmission lines Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan;
11. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

RESOLUTION No. 8/37-E
ON
ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC INSTITUTIONS
OPERATING IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD

The Thirty-Seven Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (Session on Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010),

Recalling the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005,

Further recalling the Resolution No.1/11 - E (IS) adopted at the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21st Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, on 13–14 March 2008,

Reaffirming support to the Resolution No.5/36-E of the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic, from 23 to 25 May 2009,

A) STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL-RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC):

Mindful of the role of the SESRIC in providing researches, statistics, training and publications on various economic and social issues of interest to OIC Member States;

Commending the SESRIC for the quality and relevance of its research and statistical periodic and other publications,

Noting with appreciation the role of the Centre in collaborating with international and regional institutions such as the relevant UN institutions, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund

Commending the role and efforts of the SESRIC in successfully organizing the First Meeting of the Development and Cooperation Institutions of the OIC Member States held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 13-14 May 2009, and the First Meeting of the Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member States held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 3 October 2009,

Also commending the Centre for initiating and designing the Vocational Education and Training Programme for OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET), which has been officially launched at the COMCEC Economic Summit held in Istanbul on 9 November 2009,

Recognizing the crucial role of the SESRIC and IDB in the activities of the OIC Statistical Working Group, and commending their efforts for successfully organizing the Meeting of the National Statistical Organizations (NSOs) held in Istanbul on 22-23 March 2010,

Acknowledging with deep appreciation the contributions of the Republic of Turkey, the State of Kuwait, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of United Arab Emirates to the construction of the new Headquarters -of the Centre,

Having taken note of the activity report submitted by the SESRIC,

1. *Calls upon* the Member States to endeavour to implement the recommendations and project proposals contained in the reports and studies of the SESRIC as one of the most prominent items of the economic agenda of the OIC;
2. *Urges* all Member States to regularly provide the Centre with their statistical data and information online using the facilities of the Centre's website in order to enhance the mechanism of collection of the official and up-to-date statistical data and information by the Centre;
3. *Exhorts* the Member States to contribute to and benefit from capacity building training and other technical cooperation activities of the Centre;
4. *Endorses* the Work Plan of the Pilot Application Phase of the OIC-VET and entrusts SESRIC to proceed with the implementation of the Plan;
5. *Calls upon* the Member States and OIC institutions, particularly the IDB, to support the Centre in the implementation of the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the OIC Member States (OIC-VET) and incorporate their vocational training programmes into the OIC-VET Programme, thereby, generating a common OIC platform for the benefit of the Member States in this important area;
6. *Urges* the Member States, which have not done so thus far, to settle their regular mandatory contributions to the budget of the Centre, and to act for the settlement of their arrears, if any, at the earliest;

7. *Invites* the other Member States to contribute towards the construction of the new Headquarters of the Centre - at an early date;
8. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

B) ISLAMIC CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (ICDT):

Commending the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade for successfully organizing the 12th Trade Fair of the OIC Member States (OIC-EXPO) in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt on 11-16 October 2009,

Also commending the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade for organizing, in collaboration with International Islamic Trade Financing Corporation (ITFC), the first Annual Meeting of the Network of African French-speaking OIC Member States' Trade Promotion Organs in Casablanca, Morocco, on 23-24 December 2010,

Taking note with appreciation of the Seminars and Training Sessions on Export and Investment Promotion Strategies and Impact of Food Crisis on the Economies of Member States and the Development Prospects of Trade and Investment in Agricultural Sector,

Considering the entering into force of the Protocol on the Preferential Tariff Scheme for TPS-OIC (PRETAS) on 5th February 2010,

Having taken note of the report submitted by the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT),

1. *Calls on* the ICDT to intensify its consultations with regional economic groupings to which OIC member states belong, so as to fast track the process of ratification of OIC Trade Preferential Scheme;
2. *Urges* the ICDT to deepen and expand the content of its Trade Fairs and Exhibitions by strengthening its cooperation with the Trade Promotion Organs of the OIC Member States as well as with ICCI in all spheres;
3. *Requests* the Member States to continue providing the ICDT with data relating to trade and investment statistics and regulations;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

C) ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)

Noting with appreciation the commitment of the IDB Group towards addressing development and financing needs of OIC Member States, particularly the Least Developed and Land-Locked countries,

Commending the IDB Group for supporting various development programs in the economic fields, particularly the OIC cotton program and the food industry forums,

Also commending the efforts of the IDB in implementing the Special Program for the Development of Africa (SPDA), particularly in successfully organizing the Forum for the implementation of the SPDA for West African Member countries in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 28 and 29 October 2009,

Noting on-going efforts to organize the second edition of the SPDA Forum for the East, Central and Southern Africa sub-region in Yaoundé, Cameroon,

Concerned about the inadequate contributions made by OIC Member States to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development which has only received commitments of 27% of the targeted level of US\$ 10 billion,

Lauding the efforts of the International Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) in extending supports to organize training seminars for member States and extending financial support to promote intra-OIC trade,

Taking note of the progress on the implementation of the “Executive Programme of the Roadmap for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade” prepared by relevant OIC institutions,

Noting with appreciation the fact that 21 African member countries have, during the last four years, benefited through various training courses, seminars and expert services under the IDB Technical Cooperation Programme,

Also noting that IDB continued to finance operations benefited for women, in order to streamline the priority accorded to the promotion of women role in the development field,

Commending the Islamic Corporation for the Development of Private Sector (ICD) for approving projects on different sectors to intensify private sector promotion;

Taking note of the IDB Group report on this matter;

1. *Requests* IDB Group to mobilize additional funds, particularly concessional ones to increase its funding of development programmes and projects in OIC Member States, especially the Least Developed ones;
2. *Urges* Member States that are yet to announce their voluntary contributions to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD)-poverty alleviation fund-to quickly do so and *appeals* to the States that had announced their contributions to endeavor to pay those contributions in order to enable the fund to achieve its noble objective;
3. *Calls on* ITFC to expand its Export Finance Operations while applying internationally competitive mark-up rates for these operations;
4. *Requests* the ICD and the ITFC to extend supports to the private sector to address development challenges and promote trade of goods and services in the OIC Member States;
5. *Also requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

D) ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ICCI):

Noting with satisfaction that ICCI is concentrating its activities on the agriculture, real estate and energy sectors in the OIC Member States, particularly within the African region,

Welcoming the offer of the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 5th Businesswomen Forum in Cairo, on 22-24 April 2010,

Expressing appreciation for the initiative of ICCI to establish the OIC Tourism Portal in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat and the ICDT,

Considering the report of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI),

1. *Encourages* the National Chambers of Commerce and Industries of the Member States to actively participate in the ICCI projects for promotion and expansion of trade exchange;

2. *Invites* the ICCI to explore the holding of Private Sector Meetings concurrently with the Trade Fairs of OIC Member States which are organized every two years by ICDT;
3. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

E) ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION (OISA):

Taking note of the opening of the Jakarta Office of the Islamic Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Club on 26th February 2009,

Expressing its gratitude to His Highness Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid al-Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Emir of Dubai, for hosting the 31st Executive Committee and 23rd General Assembly Meeting of the OISA in Dubai from 4 to 6 October 2009,

Considering the report the Organization of Islamic Shipowners Association (OISA),

1. *Urges* Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign the statute of the Organization of the Islamic Ship-owners Association to enable it to foster shipping maritime transportation in Member States in order to increase intra OIC trade;
2. *Calls on* OISA to increase its efforts to purchase different categories of vessels to contribute to increase intra OIC trade and strengthening its position in shipping area;
3. *Requests* the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
