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RESOLUTION NO.1/37-LEG
ON
FOLLOW UP AND COORDINATION OF
WORK ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The Thirty-seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, over 4-6 Jumada Al-Thani 1431 A.H. (18-20 MAY 2010 A.D.);

Recalling the noble motives and objectives of the glorious religion of Islam, which emphasizes the importance of human rights; and mindful of the universality and integral nature of Islamic laws on human rights and the prominent place of human being;

Bearing in mind the objectives of the OIC Charter of promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all people without distinction as to race, sex, or religion;

Recalling all relevant resolutions of the Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministers Conferences, in particular Resolution No. 49/19-P by virtue of which the “Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam” has been adopted;

Aware of the need for strengthening the existing mechanism within the OIC for exploring ways and means to promote and protect human rights through, *inter-alia*, the formulation of a set of Islamic covenants on human rights;

Recognizing the obligations and endeavors of the Member States to promote and protect internationally recognized human rights while taking into account the significance of their religious, national, and regional specificities and various historical and cultural backgrounds, and with due regard to the “Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam”;

Mindful of the universal and integral nature of Islamic values with respect to human rights, the prominent place of Man in Islam as vicegerent of Allah on earth and hence the great importance attached by Islamic thought to the promotion, encouragement, and respect of human rights;

Recalling also the UN Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council's Resolutions entitled “defamation of religions” which expressed deep concern over the negative stereotyping of religions and at the way Islam is frequently and wrongly associated with human rights violations and with terrorism, and which also expressed concern over the space devoted by the printed, audio-visual, and electronic media to inciting violence, xenophobia, or related intolerance and discrimination towards Islam and other religions;

Reaffirming the universality, objectivity and non-selectivity of all human rights and also the importance of promotion and protection of human rights through cooperation and consensus and not through confrontation and the imposition of incompatible, alien and inhomogeneous values;

Expressing its deep concern over the attempts to exploit the issue of Human Rights to discredit the principles and rules of Islamic Shariah and to interfere in the affairs of Islamic States;

Having considered the relevant report of the Secretary General;

1. **Asserts** that human rights are universal in nature and must be considered in the context of dynamic and evolving process of international norm-setting, bearing in mind the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds.
2. **Emphasizes** the necessity for the international community to address the human rights issue on an objective and indivisible basis, as far as all states are concerned, without selectivity or discrimination.
3. **Calls for** the necessity to consider human rights in their global conception and in all their civil, political, social, economic, and cultural facets within the framework of international cooperation and solidarity.
4. **Reaffirms** the right of States to adhere to their religious, social, and cultural specificities which constitute a heritage and streams of thought that contribute towards enriching the common international conceptions of human rights.
5. **Calls for** the non-use of the universality of human rights as a pretext to Interfere in the states' internal affairs and undermine their national sovereignty.
6. **Recalls** the "States' Right to Reserve", where necessary, the right to express reservations on the international conventions, covenants, and agreements they subscribe to, as part of their sovereign rights.
7. **Expresses its deep concern** over the frequent and erroneous association of Islam with violations of human rights and the misuse of the print and audio-visual media in propagating such misconceptions which lead to the reinforcement of prejudice and discrimination against Muslims and calls on the Member States to undertake information activities to counter these activities.
8. **Notes with grave concern** the increasing trend of Islamophobic measures in the Western countries and lays emphasis on the responsibility of those States to ensure full respect to Islam and all divine religions and the inapplicability of using freedom of expression or press as a pretext to defame religions, and to refrain from imposing restrictions, in any form whatsoever, on the cultural and religious rights and freedoms of people.
9. **Denounces** media campaigns and fabrications made by some quarters in non-Member States regarding the treatment of non-Muslim minorities and communities in the OIC Member States under the slogan of religious freedoms and so on.

10. **Expresses** the need to pursue, as a matter of priority, a common policy aimed at preventing defamation of Islam perpetrated under the pretext and justification of the freedom of expression in particular through media and Internet.

11. **Commends** the valuable efforts of the Secretary General during his visit to Geneva and his speech to the Human Rights Council as well as the intensive consultations with senior officials of States and International Organizations regarding human rights and the valuable contribution of the Open-ended Working Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues at the United Nations Office in Geneva towards safeguarding the interests of the Islamic countries and decides to establish a similar working group at the United Nations headquarters in New York and **encourages** the OIC Member States to study the possibility of establishing regional arrangements in the field of Islamic human rights to boost their regional cooperation in this regard.

12. **Expresses** deep concern over any activities which may be carried out by certain Governmental and Nongovernmental Organizations which are supported by governments that use them to attack OIC Member States for political purposes and to further their foreign policy objectives in international forums.

13. **Exhorts all states** to take, in line with their national laws and in consonance with international human rights instruments, all appropriate measures to encourage understanding, tolerance, and respect in matters connected with freedom of religion or creed.

14. **Calls upon** Member States to continue their active coordination and cooperation in the field of human rights particularly in the relevant international forums in order to strengthen Islamic solidarity against any initiative that may lead to the use of human rights as a means of political pressure on any Member State.

15. **Decides** that the General Secretariat and the Member States shall undertake to follow up Member States' missions with the relevant international organizations, in particular, at the UN headquarters in New York and Geneva, and to hold meetings on appropriate occasions, to consider and discuss human rights issues with a view to adopting a unified position among Member States vis-à-vis campaigns and draft resolutions that target OIC Member States in relevant international fora.

16. **Requests** the Member States to sign and ratify the Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam as soon as possible.

17. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a progressive report thereon to the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/37-LEG
ON
THE SIGNING/RATIFICATION OF (ACCESSION TO)
THE CHARTER AND THE AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC
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Having considered the signing, ratification and accession status of the agreements concluded in the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Noting that the minimum number of ratifications by Member States required for the entry into force of some of these agreements has not been reached as required by their provisions, and the importance of accelerating the ratification in order to support the role of the Organization and widen the scope of cooperation among Member States,

Taking note of the Report of the OIC Secretary General contained in Document No. (OIC/CFM-37/2010/LEG/SG-REP.2),

1. *Urges* Member States again to sign/ratify, as soon as possible, the various agreements concluded in the framework of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.
2. *Requests* the Secretary General to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the 38th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/37-LEG
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Recalling the objective and principles of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Conference, the Ten-Year Programme of Action and the relevant resolutions adopted by the previous sessions of the ministerial conferences of the Islamic Summit Conferences and **recalling** also existing cooperation agreements, the amicable relations and positive cooperation between the OIC and international, regional organizations and groupings,

Emphasizing the importance of establishing, preserving and promoting close relations and fruitful cooperation between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and international, regional organizations and groupings in their joint effort to resolve international disputes and promote common interest,

1. **Decides** to mandate the OIC Secretary General to conclude consultations with Member States as soon as possible, in order to strengthen cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and the African Union Commission in accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted by the Organization of the Islamic Conference in this regard. The cooperation agreement between the OIC and the African Union will be submitted to the Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to prepare a report in this regard for the Thirty-eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
