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RESOLUTION NO.1/37-S&T
ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Bearing in mind the Resolution No.1/11-S&T(IS) on Early Harvest and Mega Projects and Resolution No. 2/11-S&T(IS) on Atlas of Islamic-World Innovation adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Taking into consideration the Resolution No. 6/11-S&T(IS) on the Outcome of the Forum of Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa Preparatory to Panel on Knowledge Sharing in the Islamic Ummah adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Mindful of the Resolution No 1/36 – S&T adopted by the 36th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009;

Noting the deliberations of the Conference on Science and Technology with theme “New and Emerging Technologies in the OIC Region” held in Damascus on 23rd - 24th May 2009;

Considering that the IDB has invited its Member States to apply for no less than 10% of their annual project financing requests to the IDB towards Science and Technology related projects and programs;

Welcoming the initiative of the OIC General Secretariat and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to promote cooperation in the Mega Project on Communication Satellites;

Appreciating the efforts of Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al Missnah, Consort of His Highness the Emir of Qatar, for initiating joint action with ISESCO for promotion of science and technology in Iraq and convening the first International Conference on Science, Technology and Research for Sustainable Development in Iraq held in Doha, Qatar;

Welcoming the launching of the Islamic Network of Women Scientists and the establishment of its Board of Trustees with main objective to promote the role of women scientists in scientific and technological fields for achieving an economically effective, socially equitable and environment-friendly development in the Islamic World;

Commending COMSTECH, SESRIC, Islamic Development Bank and ISESCO for their collaborative efforts in the field of the development and promotion of science and technology in the Islamic World;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Requests** the Members States to extend full support to the Task Force on the implementation of the OIC Vision 1441 H under the Chairmanship of the Republic of Senegal for early realization of its goals and objectives;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to extend generous financial support to the project on Atlas of Islamic-World Innovation and requests the Joint Management Team to take all necessary measures for its early completion;
3. **Invites** the Member States to identify projects of common interest under the Early Harvest Project scheme since the project on Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) stands completed;
4. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Turkey to provide technical training, upon request, to experts of the OIC Member States on induced mutation in plant breeding;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States participating in the Mega Projects Initiative to undertake all necessary measures to give boost to various projects currently at different stages of development;
6. **Invites** the Member States to set up their programmes and extend support to ISESCO Nanotechnology Expert Group to act as a task force commissioned with promoting and coordinating local Nanotechnology initiatives in alignment with national priorities and development programs;
7. **Calls upon** the Member States to strengthen their national research innovation systems and make full use of the expertise of the ISESCO Centre for Promotion of Scientific Research (ICPSR) to better prepare themselves to meet international standards;
8. **Welcomes** the offer by the Islamic Republic of Iran to organize in 2011 a Senior Officials Meeting of the OIC Member States, in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions, under the theme of "WSIS Implementation and follow-up: OIC Contribution";
9. **Requests** the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan to organize and host Exhibition and Conference on Science and Technology parallel to 38th

CFM in conformity with one of the recommendations of the OIC Vision 1441
H for Science and Technology;

10. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps to implement these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/37-S&T
ON
HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Recalling the Resolution No 2/34 –S & T on the selection of 20 universities to the rank of Top 500 World Universities adopted by the 34th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 15 – 17 May 2007;

Further recalling the Resolution No 6/35–S&T on the OIC University Ranking adopted by the 35th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18 – 20 June 2008;

Bearing in mind Resolution No 6/36–S&T on Higher Education Matters adopted by the 36th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009;

Appreciating the offer of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the Technical Meeting of Experts in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO to revise the document on the Ranking of Universities in the Islamic World in April 2010;

Appreciating the generous grant of scholarships through OIC General Secretariat by the Governments of the Republic of Turkey and Republic of Yemen for students from the Member States to study in their respective universities;

Further appreciating the award of scholarships on bilateral basis by various OIC Member States for Muslim students to study in their respective educational institutions;

Acknowledging the importance of an effective and efficient quality assurance system in strengthening higher education institutions;

Taking note of the recommendations of the Roundtable meeting of Quality Assurance Agencies of the OIC Member States held in Kuala Lumpur in November 2009 to establish an Association of Quality Assurance Agencies of the Islamic World;

Commending the role and contribution of ISESCO towards the promotion of higher education and scientific research in the Member States;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in the *Waqfs* (Endowments) dedicated to the three OIC universities in Niger, Uganda and Malaysia;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to generously offer scholarships in various disciplines to students from the Least Developed Countries in their respective institutions of higher learning;
3. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and other related OIC institutions such as IDB, ISESCO to coordinate their efforts in the provision of scholarships;
4. **Requests** the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat and related OIC institutions to undertake all necessary steps to organize an OIC-Inter University Debate to create stronger bonds among the Muslim students through promoting debate as a sport;
5. **Invites** the Member States to extend full support to the IIUM and participate in the OIC Inter-University Debate;
6. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat in collaboration with the related OIC institutions to keep the performance of the OIC-affiliated universities under review so as to improve their effectiveness and efficiency;
7. **Invites** the Member States to participate in the Fifth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research scheduled from 19 to 21 October 2010 at Kuala Lumpur;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.3/37-S&T
ON
HEALTH MATTERS

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Recalling the Resolution No.4/11-S&T(IS) on the Global Cooperation for Combating Diseases and Epidemics adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Further Recalling the Resolutions No. 3/36 – S&T on Health Matters adopted by 36th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009;

Bearing in mind the Declarations and Resolutions adopted by the First and Second Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur in June 2007 and Tehran in March 2009 respectively;

Taking note of the Cooperation Framework signed by the OIC General Secretariat and the US on 1st December 2008 to implement a project on “Reaching Every Mother and Baby in the OIC with Emergency Care”;

Appreciating the close coordination between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Polio Eradication Initiatives (GPEI) and the financial contribution by the Government of Republic of Turkey and other international donor agencies to the global efforts to eradicate polio;

Further appreciating the cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and the Roll Back Malaria Partnership;

Taking into account the importance of cooperation among the OIC Member States in the field of health care;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the General Secretariat in sensitizing the Member States, generating greater awareness, effective advocacy and contributing to the global efforts for elimination of polio in the OIC Member States;

Commending the Government of the United Arab Emirates for grant of US \$ 25 million to support the work of the Roll Back Malaria Partnership and the donation of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for donating 4000 ampoules of yellow fever vaccine to the World Health Organization and UNICEF;

Welcoming the offer made by the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Indonesia to host the Third and the Fourth Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) in 2011 and 2013 respectively;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Reiterate** the crucial role of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in promoting the common OIC health Agenda;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the Resolutions and Declarations adopted by the First and Second Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur in June 2007 and Tehran in March 2009 respectively;
3. **Requests** the Steering Committee on Health to convene its meeting in the second quarter of 2010 to effectively and efficiently follow-up and monitor the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Health Ministers Conferences;
4. **Further calls** upon the OIC Member State to participate actively in the Third and the Fourth meetings of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan and Indonesia in 2011 and 2013 respectively;
5. **Underlines** the importance of cooperation in the field of health related Millennium Development Goals (4- Reduce Child Mortality, 5- Improve Maternal Health, and 6- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases), and requests the Steering Committee on Health to follow the implementation of relevant projects or coordination among the Member States;
6. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to explore with the relevant international organizations and UN specialized agencies namely WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNAIDS the possibilities of elaboration and implementation of feasible regional health projects;
7. **Urges** the Member States to undertake necessary steps to ensure immunization of every child against polio;
8. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to expedite implementation of the project "Reaching Every Mother and Baby in the OIC with Emergency Care" under the Cooperation Framework signed by the OIC General Secretariat and the US on 1st December 2008;
9. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to develop in collaboration with the IDB and the ICCI a project for production of anti-malaria drugs within the OIC Member States;

10. **Calls upon** the Member States to cooperate for the production of vaccines and welcomes the offer of Turkey to share its experience in this field;
11. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/37-S&T
ON
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005 and the Final Communiqué issued by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Recalling the Resolution No 8/35–S & T on the Implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the United Nations Climate Change Conference adopted by the 35th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18 – 20 June 2008;

Recalling the Resolution No 4/36–S & T on Environment Matters adopted by the 36th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009;

Taking into consideration the recommendations of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Rabat on 29 – 30 October 2008;

Mindful of the decisions and recommendations of the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau of Environment held at the ISESCO Headquarters in Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco on 18–19 January 2010;

Appreciating H.R.H.Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdulaziz, the General President of Meteorology and Environment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the President of the Third Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers and Chairman of the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment for his patronage and support for the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau of Environment;

Further appreciating the offer of His Majesty King Mohammed VI Sovereign of the Kingdom of Morocco to set up and host an Islamic Academy for the environment and sustainable development;

Taking note that the Government of Kazakhstan is organizing a Conference on "Green Technologies" Development in Islamic Countries" at the sidelines of the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment Protection and Development of the Asia-Pacific Region in 2011 in Kazakhstan;

Referring with concern to the consequences of ecological problems of the Aral Sea and Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Range;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Invites** the Member States to appoint focal points for the Islamic Executive Bureau for the Environment to follow-up implementation of the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Executive Bureau and the Islamic Conferences of the Environment Ministers;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to coordinate their positions to effectively address challenges stemming from climate change and deteriorating environmental conditions, develop environmental policies and allocate necessary human, technological and economic resources;
3. **Notes with concern** the grave consequences of climate change on global environment, particularly the impact of the rise of the sea level posing a serious threat to some OIC Member States, including Bangladesh and the Maldives and calls upon the Member States to highlight these concerns in the international fora for appropriate preventive action;
4. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to coordinate with the Secretariat of the Islamic Bureau for Environment for early establishment of a high-level task force comprising climate change experts from the Member States to prepare OIC's collective vision in connection with the upcoming Climate Change Conference to be held in Mexico in November-December 2010;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to put more efforts to conserve biodiversity and facilitate the achievement of the target of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 as significant reduction of the current rate of biodiversity loss at the global, regional and national level as stipulated in the Convention on Biological Diversity;
6. **Invites** the Member State to actively participate in the Conference on "Green Technologies" Development in Islamic Countries" at the sidelines of the 6th Ministerial Conference on Environment Protection and Development of the Asia-Pacific Region in 2011 in Kazakhstan;
7. **Welcomes** the convening of the 4th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers in Tunisia on 5-7 October 2010, and expresses its sincere gratitude and highest consideration to His Excellency President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali for having kindly accepted Tunisia's hosting of this conference under His High Patronage;
8. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat in cooperation with OIC subsidiary and specialized institutions to take necessary measures to establish an expert group, to be composed of prominent experts, ensuring balanced representation of the OIC Member States, to prepare by consensus the OIC Vision on water issues within the framework of the management of water resources in the Islamic World adopted by the 10th Islamic Summit Conference in Putrajaya in 2003. The OIC Vision on Water issues will then

be elaborated by the Intergovernmental Expert Group and be adopted by consensus at the Islamic Conference of the Ministers responsible for water issues to be held in Istanbul;

9. **Urges** the OIC Member-States and the international community to focus on the necessity of sustainable utilization of water resources in Central Asia, and calls upon the Governments of the Central Asian countries to resume negotiations on the establishment of water-energy consortium in the region;
10. **Calls upon** the Government of Kazakhstan to initiate, in collaboration with the affected Member States in the region, a joint project to rehabilitate the Aral Sea and Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Range and urges the IDB and international organizations to extend technical and financial support;
11. **Calls upon** the Member States to cooperate and develop joint projects to combat desertification and requests the IDB and other international organizations to finance projects in this field;
12. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/37-S&T

on

The Activities Related to the Implementation of the Decisions of the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH)

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, from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani, 1431H (18-20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Bearing in mind the Resolution No. 6/11-S&T(IS) on the Outcomes of the Forum of Science, Technology and Innovation in Africa Preparatory to Panel on Knowledge Sharing in the Islamic Ummah adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Recalling the Final Communiqué issued by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

Expressing gratitude to the President Asif Ali Zardari, Chairman COMSTECH and Syed Yousof Raza Gilani, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and Co-Chairman of COMSTECH for their continuous support and dedication to science and technology;

Mindful of the Resolution No.8/34-S&T on the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) adopted by the 34th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Islamabad in May 2007;

Taking into consideration the decisions of the Thirteenth Meeting of COMSTECH General Assembly held in Islamabad in April 2008;

Taking note of Resolution No. 12/35-S&T on Matters Pertaining to COMSTECH adopted by the 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Kampala in June 2008;

Further taking note of the Resolution No 5/36 – S&T adopted by the 36th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic on 23 – 25 May 2009;

Appreciating the role of Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) in promoting Science and Technology as stipulated in the OIC Vision 1441 H and the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action;

Appreciating also the cooperation of Member States and the relevant OIC Institutions to implement the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Commending the COMSTECH for ensuring the optimum utilization of resources and the scientific and technological capabilities and potentials available in the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions contributing to the overall progress, welfare and prosperity of the Member States;

Expressing appreciation to the Coordinator General COMSTECH and the COMSTECH Secretariat for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMSTECH;

Recognizing the importance of collaborative research and joint research support programs with international organizations including WHO/EMRO, IFS, and TWAS to provide research grants supporting the young scientist of the OIC Member States to establish indigenous research capacity within the OIC region;

Welcoming Member States joining the COMSTECH Secretariat Science Technology Innovation Organization (STIO);

Expressing gratitude to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Founding Members Meeting of the COMSTECH Secretariat Science Technology Innovation Organization (STIO) in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 24 February 2010;

Taking note of the report of the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) (OIC/33-ICECS/2010/COMSTECH/CG-REP):

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** COMSTECH to take the lead in developing policy guidelines to unify and integrate activities of S & T institutions in the OIC system;
2. **Urges** COMSTECH to continue giving priority to the special program for Africa in accordance with the OIC Vision 1441 H and the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action;
3. **Urges** all the OIC Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to cooperate with COMSTECH to meet the objectives of the OIC Vision 1441 H for S & T and the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action;
4. **Urges** Member States to provide voluntary support to COMSTECH to expand its joint research activities and other programs for the scientific community of the OIC region;
5. **Requests** the COMSTECH Secretariat Science, Technology and Innovation Organization (STIO) to formulate its programme for effective implementation of the relevant decisions of the OIC Vision 1441 H and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action for benefits of its members as stipulated in the Resolution No 8/34 – S& T ;

6. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps to implement these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/37-S&T
ON
ACTIVITIES OF ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (IUT),
DHAKA

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, from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May 2010);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Taking into account the Resolution No.6/36-S&T on the Activities of the Islamic University of Technology adopted by the 36th CFM Session held in Damascus, in May 2009;

Recalling the recommendations of the Thirty-fourth Meeting of the Governing Board of the University held on 07 – 08 December 2009 in Dhaka, Bangladesh;

Expresses deep gratitude to H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, Govt. of Bangladesh for kindly gracing the 23rd Convocation of IUT as the Chief Guest;

Congratulates H.E. the Secretary General of the OIC on being conferred the Honorary Doctorate Degree by IUT in the 23rd Convocation in the presence of the Honorable Prime Minister, Govt. of Bangladesh;

Appreciates the catalytic role the University has been playing by training the youth of the Ummah in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Technical Education;

Taking note of the activity report submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT);

Considering the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology Health, and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010/ST-SG-REP):

1. **Calls** upon Member States to extend their help in obtaining funding from philanthropic organizations and individuals to provide scholarship to the young faculty members for pursuing higher studies in different renowned universities in and out of the Islamic world so that they can contribute more to the activities of the University on their return on completion of their advanced education and training;
2. **Further calls upon** Member States to avail of the services of the University further by nominating more eligible students to the University for long regular courses and sending more in-service personnel to participate in the short & special courses, seminars, workshops, etc. to upgrade and update their knowledge and skill;
3. **Requests** the University to come up with concrete proposals to offer courses in the fields of emerging and frontier technologies matching the needs of the Member Countries and in line with the Ten Years Programme of Action;

4. **Invites** the University and its Board of Governors to commit to the results of the committee established to review the situation of the salaries of the University's personnel;
5. **Urges** the Member States, which have not done so thus far, to settle their regular mandatory contributions and arrears to the budget of the IUT;
6. **Appeals** the Member States to make voluntary contributions, in addition to mandatory ones, to help expand the infrastructure of the University to meet the rising demand of the students for more places in different disciplines;
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps to implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

RESOLUTION NO. 7/37-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGER

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, from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Taking into account the Resolution No.7/36-S&T on the Islamic University in Niger adopted by the 36th CFM Session held in Damascus, in May 2009;

Taking note of the mission of the Islamic University in Niger to continue reinforcement of its efforts for wider dissemination of quality education in the field of Islamic civilization and Arabic language across the Muslim world in general and West Africa in particular;

Commending the efforts of the Islamic University in Niger to promote higher education through the creation and opening of two new faculties, namely the faculty of Economy and Administration and the Faculty of Science and Technology;

Expressing thanks to the States which contributed to the support of this University, including the Republic of Niger, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the State of Kuwait, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, ISESCO as well as Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Islamic Development Bank;

Noting with appreciation the related reports by the Islamic University in Niger;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010//ST/SG-REP):

1. **Invites** the Member States to provide generous assistance to enable the University to respond to the urgent needs for the equipment of the two new faculties (computers, relevant ICT equipments, science laboratories, etc.);
2. **Invites** the Member States to provide the needed assistance for the completion of the construction of the complex of faculties for girls in Niamey;
3. **Expresses** sincere gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Niger for its continued support and for its commitment towards the Islamic University in Niger;
4. **Commends** the Government of Niger for having donated a plot of land in Niamey, which hosts the headquarters of the Islamic University in Niger, to serve for the construction of a waqf building;

5. **Invites** the Member States to provide the assistance required for the waqf project on the land donated by the Government of Niger to the University in Niamey;
6. **Calls** on the Member States to provide an annual assistance for the budget of the University;
7. **Invites** the Member States to allocate scholarships for the students of the University;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/37-S&T
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

Taking into account the Resolution No. No.8/36-S&T on the Activities of the Islamic University in Uganda adopted by the 36th CFM Session held in Damascus, in May 2009;

Noting the great contribution the Islamic University in Uganda has made in the last 22 years to the education of the countries in Sub-Sahara Africa, and the continued educational needs of the Muslims in eastern and southern Africa;

Further noting the opening of a Females' Campus with the financial assistance of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) which has significantly increased the University's capacity to provide university education to Muslim girls;

Appreciating the Member States and institutions such as the ISF, IDB, Zakat House of Kuwait, Sultan Zayed A-Nahayan Foundation, ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat for their continuous support to the University,

Commending the Government of the Republic of Uganda for donating 10 acres of land at Nakawa, Kampala City, to the University for Construction of a Waqf thereon and requests OIC Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other institutions to donate funds for the construction of a Waqf estimated at US\$ 30 million

Bearing in mind of the serious shortage of qualified professionals in the scientific and technological areas among the countries served by the University;

Considering the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology Health, and Environment (OIC/33-ICECS/2010/ST-SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** Member States and institutions to assist the University in establishing the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, and Veterinary Medicine, and to second academic staff to the University in those science fields,
2. **Further calls upon** Member States and institutions to assist the University to acquire more facilities such as lecture rooms, a library, science equipment, staff houses, as well as scholarships for staff development and needy students,

3. **Requests** the Member States and institutions to give voluntary financial and material support to the Females' Campus to enable it to play an effective role in addressing the educational needs of Muslim women in English speaking African countries;
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/ 37-S&T

ON

MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SAND AND DUST STORM IN SOME MEMBER STATES

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 , from 4 to 6 Jumada Al Thani 1431H (18 to 20 May, 2010);

Referring to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference where it demands the Member States to Endeavour to protect and preserve the environment;

Having considered the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action calling upon Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

Recalling Resolution No.1/36-POA on the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action, underlining the need to ensure sustainable development of Member States through effective policy to protect the environment;

Recalling further article 3 of the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, ratified by Islamic Environment Ministers in Jeddah, on 10-12 June 2002, where it names the environment a gift from Allah and calls upon all individuals and communities to take care of it and promote it;

Taking into account the adverse effects of severe and long-standing drought and implications of climate change, in the shape of dust and sand storm in certain Member States;

Further taking into account the final report of the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment which, among other things, calls on Member States competent authorities to redouble efforts and better coordinate actions to meet the new challenges posed by climate change and deterioration of environmental situation including desertification;

Taking note with appreciation the background document submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran:

1. **Expresses** concern over the unprecedented wave of sand and dust tempests and for the considerable losses they have been causing in desert areas in the Member States in both Asia and Africa;
2. **Calls** on all the Member States affected in desert areas in Asia and Africa to engage in a conscientious and constructive interaction to resolve this problem in an appropriate manner;

3. **Invites** all affected countries in the region to engage into serious and constructive interaction among themselves to address the issue properly;
4. **Expresses** its support for developing a collective regional mechanism for awareness raising, early warning and risk management network enabling the affected countries to face the problem in a suitable manner;
5. **Calls upon** all international and regional environmental instruments and institutions, including ROPME, to seriously and rapidly address the issue and to mobilize their resources, both technically and financially to assist the affected countries;
6. **Invites** the Member States to contribute to the reforestation of desert zones in the OIC Member States, and to take firm measures against the abusive cutting of trees and bushfires;
7. **Invites** the OIC Specialized Agencies such as Islamic Development Bank to take all appropriate measures to develop concrete projects for assisting the affected countries enabling them to overcome the disastrous effects of this phenomenon;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to take the necessary to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.10/37-S&T

ON

RATIONAL USE OF WATER RESOURCES IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD, EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION, STRENGTHENING THE REGIONAL AND ISLAMIC COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD

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 , from 4 to 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;

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolution 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, and its resolution 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed that the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005—2015, commenced on World Water Day, 22 March 2005;

Recalling the Thirteenth General Assembly of the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation held in Islamabad, Pakistan on 1-3 April 2008 which noted with appreciation the progress reports presented by the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management;

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being;

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on rational use of water resources, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of without access to basic sanitation as well as to develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans;

Taking note of the Istanbul Declaration of Heads of State and Government adopted at the 5th World Water Forum on 16-22 March, 2009; the “Ministerial Statement” and “the Istanbul Water Guide”, which include a list of numerous recommendations for concrete action to be implemented to improve water security and water management at all levels, and also the “Message from the Beppu”, adopted on 3-4 December 2003 at the First Asian-Pacific Water Forum in Beppu, Japan, and Appeals and Recommendations, proclaimed at the International Conference on Regional Cooperation in Transboundary River Basins, held in Dushanbe from 31 May-1 June 2005;

Taking note of the High Level International Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”, 2005-2015”, which is to be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on June 8 – 10, 2010;

Commending the efforts made by all Member States, General Secretariat and the relevant OIC institutions, the Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management for mobilizing efforts and implementing program and projects within the framework of the rational use and management of water resources for drinking, hygienic (domestic), agricultural, industrial needs and electricity production;

Taking note with appreciation the background document submitted by the Republic of Tajikistan:

1. **Requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the relevant OIC institutions to call for a meeting to prepare the OIC Vision on water issues for the year 2025 within the framework of the management of water resources in the Islamic World as adopted by the 10th Islamic Summit Conference in Putrajaya, Malaysia.
2. **Invites** the General Secretariat to lay emphasis on the need to implement the decision of the Ministerial Meeting responsible for water issue held at sideline of 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul on 20 March 2009 for the establishment of an expert group from the Member States and work towards convening an OIC conference of the ministers responsible for water issues;
3. **Encourages** the Member States, in collaboration with the General Secretariat, relevant OIC institutions to continue their efforts for pursuing integrated water resources management based on cooperation and partnerships at all levels, as well as political commitment to wider societal awareness of the need for water security and the sustainable management of water resources;
4. **Urges** the Member States to establish and maintain an effective network of communication amongst the Ummah for dissemination and sharing of knowledge, technology and information on rational use of water and effective water management at all appropriate levels;
5. **Further requests** the General Secretariat in coordination with other relevant OIC institutions to actively participate in the Mid-term Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”, 2005-2015”, Dushanbe, Tajikistan June 8-10, 2010;
6. **Invites** the Member States to continue working closely with the International Organizations, particularly the UN system to strengthen water-related policies and programs that enhance water security addressing the major challenges in the water sector;

7. **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.

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