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RESOLUTION No.1/35-C
ON
COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ELIMINATING HATRED AND
PREJUDICE AGAINST ISLAM

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Guided by the noble Islamic teachings and values of tolerance, peace and justice for humankind and promotion of virtues and proscription of evil,

Reaffirming the valuable contribution of Islam to the human civilization, in particular by encouraging the promotion of dialogue and mutual understanding, genuine mutual respect in human interchanges and civilized discourse based on reason and logic,

Recalling the objectives and principles of the OIC Charter, in particular, to promote Islamic solidarity, to endeavor to eliminate discrimination in all its forms, to take necessary measures to support international peace and security founded on justice and to preserve the dignity of all Muslims,

Reaffirming relevant declarations, resolutions and programs of action adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference, in particular the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action, which emphasizes the responsibility of all governments to ensure respect for all religions and combat their defamation and affirms the need to counter Islamophobia,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, the latest of which was resolution No. 34/34-P, which stressed the need for effective cooperation and constant consultation between Islamic countries to combat defamation of Islam and Muslims and the growing trend of Islamophobia,

Taking into account the Final Communiqué of the Annual Coordination Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the OIC Member States, in 2007, expressing “deep concern over the growing phenomenon of intolerance and discrimination against Muslim communities in non-OIC Member States, particularly in the West, including the promulgation and oppressive application of restrictive laws and other measures”,

Bearing in mind resolution No. 62/154 of the UN General Assembly, in which the UNGA “deeply alarmed at the rising trends towards discrimination based on religion and faith, including in some national policies and laws that stigmatize groups of people belonging to certain religions and faiths under a variety of pretexts relating to security and illegal immigration” and stressed “the need to effectively combat defamation of all religions and incitement to religious hatred, against Islam and Muslims in particular”,

Recalling resolution No. A/HRC/7/L.15 of the UN Human Rights Council on 20 March 2008, in which the Council expressed “its grave concern at the recent serious instances of deliberate stereotyping of religions, their adherents and sacred persons in the media and by political parties and groups in some societies, and at the associated provocation and political exploitation”,

Recalling relevant international instruments on the elimination of discrimination, particularly the International Covenant on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (1966), the Declaration on the Elimination of all forms of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion and Belief (1981), the Declaration on the Human Rights of Individuals who are not nationals of the country in which they live (1985) and the Declaration of the Rights of Persons Belonging to National, Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (1992);

Aware of the serious nature of the defamation of all religions and the need to the promotion of the fight against these phenomena by strengthening the role of interreligious and intercultural dialogue and promoting reciprocal understanding,

Underscoring the significant importance of and the need for using religious and cultural diversity for promotion of international peace and security and avoiding their abuse to incite hatred, prejudice and confrontation,

Emphasizing the obligations of all States, under the international law, to prevent any advocacy of religious hatred and discrimination,¹ and to enact laws where necessary to prohibit and eliminate discrimination or intolerance on the grounds of religion,²

Noting with deep concern the continuing and increasing trend of Islamophobia, in various forms and manifestations,

Condemning strongly all blasphemous acts against Islamic principles and personalities, in particular the abhorrent and irresponsible statements and publication of offensive caricatures about Prophet Muhammad (PUBH) and production of defamatory documentaries about Holy Quran and their reprinting and dissemination under the pretext of freedom of expression and press,

Recognizing the need for conducting comprehensive studies on all aspects, scope, nature and different implications of Islamophobia as well as the importance of constant monitoring of all Islamophobic events with a view to combating it effectively and in a balanced manner,

1 - See Paragraph No. 2 of Article No. 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

2 - See Article No. 4 of Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, proclaimed by UNGA Resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981.

Appreciating the relevant activities of the Secretary General,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary General on the subject,

1. **Affirms** categorically the firm determination of Member States to continue their effective cooperation and constant consultations to combat defamation of all religions, Islam and Muslims and the growing trend of Islamophobia;
2. **Expresses** its deep concern at the systematically negative stereotyping of Muslims, Islam and other divine religions and that Islam and Muslims are frequently and wrongly associated with human rights violations and terrorism;
3. **Denounces** categorically the overall rise in intolerance and discrimination against Muslim minorities in non-Islamic countries, in particular in the West, including by enacting and application of restrictive laws and policies and other measures;
4. **Reaffirms** that all Islamophobic acts, as contemporary forms of discrimination, constitute an affront to human dignity and run counter to the international human rights instruments;
5. **Condemns** strongly publication of offensive caricatures of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and its reprinting under the pretext of freedom of expression and press, all inappropriate remarks about Islam and Prophet Mohamed (PBUH), as well as production of defamatory documentaries about Holy Quran;
6. **Stresses** the need to prevent the abuse of freedom of expression and press for insulting Islam and other divine religions and the necessity for ensuring that the right to freedom of expression should be exercised, by individuals and the media, with responsibility and in accordance with the law;
7. **Calls upon** all States, taking into account their obligations under the international law, to take all appropriate measures, inter alia, enacting and effective application of necessary laws to render all acts, whatsoever, defaming Islam as "offensive acts" and subject to punishment;
8. **Commends** with satisfaction the relevant activities of the Secretary General and the OIC Groups in Geneva and New York and requests them to continue their activities to counter Islamophobia and defamation of Islam, in line with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the Organization;
9. **Reaffirms** the Final Communiqué of the 11th Islamic Summit Conference and recommendations therein, including the need to develop legally binding international instrument to prevent intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion and defamation of religions and to promote and ensure respect of all religions;

10. **Emphasizes** the need to develop a legally binding international instrument to prevent intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion, and defamation of religions and to promote and ensure the respect for all religions;
11. **Requests** the Secretary General to prepare a draft of this legally binding instrument in consultation with the Member States and the OIC Groups in Geneva and New York;
12. **Authorizes** the Secretary General to convene an open-ended group of jurists to develop draft of a legally binding international instrument to prevent intolerance, discrimination, prejudice and hatred on the grounds of religion and defamation of religions and to promote and ensure respect of all religions;
13. **Further** entrusts the Secretary General to convene a meeting of an Open-ended Inter-governmental Group of Experts for further negotiating and finalizing the above-mentioned draft instrument, which should be submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers for adoption;
14. **Calls for** the implementation of the Strategy on combating Islamophobia which has been adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;
15. **Welcomes** the initiative of the UN Secretary General on Alliance of Civilizations and request the OIC Secretary General to finalize the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations;
16. **Affirms** that Human Rights Council, as part of its mandate, shall promote universal respect for all religious and cultural values and prevent instances of intolerance, discrimination, and incitement of hatred against any community or adherents of any religion;
17. **Encourages** Inter-parliamentary Group of the OIC Member States to take appropriate measures to combat all forms and manifestations of defamation of Islam and inciting prejudice and hatred against Muslims, inter alia, by coordinating and unifying the relevant positions of the parliamentarians from the OIC Member States, at the regional and international fora;
18. **Requests** the Secretary General, to submit every year an annual report on discrimination and intolerance against Muslims and defamatory acts targeting Islam, timely before the meeting of the High Segment of the UN Human Rights Council;
19. **Underlines** the importance of further activating the Islamophobia Observatory of the OIC General Secretariat;
20. **Decides** to include this item in the agenda of its regular sessions;
21. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 36th Session of the CFM.

RESOLUTION No. 2/35-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) Cultural Strategy and Plan of Action

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

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

B) Cultural Aspects of Globalization

Observing the spread of globalization, advances in communication technologies, and the concomitant remarkable flow of information in all fields and their repercussions on cultural aspects:

1. Reiterates its call on General Secretariat of the OIC, ISESCO, and IRCICA to continue organizing symposia on protecting Islamic culture and heritage from the negative impact of globalization and **requests** the member states to submit their observations on the two studies already distributed to them in this regard.

2. Commends and urges the convening of regular meetings by the Islamic Group in UNESCO on the issue.

C) Dialogue among Civilizations

Recalling the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in**

mind Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at the enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of The OIC Ten-Year Program of Action called on the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard:

Welcoming Kazakhstan’s initiative to host the Forum of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Muslim and Western Countries under the motto “Common World: Progress Through Diversity” on October 17, 2008 as part of the Kazakhstan’s National Strategy in the framework of the Alliance of Civilizations and of Kazakhstan’s contribution to this global movement and urges the OIC Member States to actively participate in the mentioned process;

1. Commends the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, the EU and other international organizations, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the West.

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

3. Commends the activities of the Tunis Peace Forum, emanating from the effective cooperation between the OIC and the Tunisian Government to implement the provisions of the agreement to this end to promote civilized dialogue and to engender the values of toleration, enlightened moderation and solidarity.

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

D) The Unified Hijri Calendar

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

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

E) The World Week of Mosques

Underlining the prominent role played by Mosques as symbols of unity, solidarity and brotherhood in the Muslim World:

1. Calls on the Member States to commemorate the World Week of Mosques through celebrations beginning on the 21st August, each year, with a view to consolidating and safeguarding Mosques, as holy places in accordance with the tolerant values of Islam.

F) Promoting Waqfs and their Role

Cognizant of the pioneering role of the Islamic Waqfs System in enriching Islamic civilization and the effective contribution of Waqfs to the building of economic and social institutions of the community in addition to their notable contribution to the educational and health fields and to poverty alleviation:

1. Urges the Member States to assist Waqfs in terms of strengthening their legislative and administrative frameworks, and to foster opportunities for them to develop their communities.

2. Requests the OIC General Secretariat and IDB to hold regular meetings in order to examine and propose recommendations to enhance the performance of the various Waqfs, especially those devoted to Islamic Universities.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 3/35-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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

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

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

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

A) Destruction of the Babri Masjid in India and Protection of Islamic Holy Places

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

Also noting with regret that the 15th Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Recalling also that the Organization of the Islamic Conference made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and

emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists;

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

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

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

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

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

6. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 19/9-C)(IS) adopted by the Ninth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference which calls upon the Government of India to:

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

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

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

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

B) The Destruction of the Charar-e-Sharif Islamic Complex in Kashmir and other Islamic Sites therein

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

1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 537 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.
2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.
3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.
4. **Also condemns** the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir.
5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

C) **The Destruction and Desecration of Islamic Historical and Cultural Relics and Shrines in the Occupied Azerbaijan Territories Resulting from the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

D) The Destruction of Mosques, Holy Tombs, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in Iraq

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

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

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

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- 3. Urges** the international community, in particular the Member States to exert utmost efforts by providing possible assistance in order to protect religious places, especially because they are citadels of Islamic civilization.
- 4. Affirms** the necessity and importance of strengthening the unity of the Iraqi people and of rejecting differences, particularly those with sectarian foundations

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 4/35-C
ON
SOCIAL ISSUES

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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

Having taken note of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period,

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

(A) Promoting Women's status in OIC Member States

Recalling the OIC's obligations towards international conventions and instruments, particularly those related to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (the Fourth World Conference on Women 1995), and Beijing + 5 and recommendations made in the 1st Conference on "Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States" in Istanbul as well as within the OIC framework of the ten year plan of action,

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

Acknowledging the Istanbul Conference outcomes, i.e. the OIC vision on the development of women which is based on social justice, distinctive treatment of women, female education and promoting economic activities of the women guided by the lofty teachings of Islam,

Emphasizing the importance of women, children and family unit in the preservation of social stability and the need for establishment of a balanced role for them in the society and avoiding any extremism in this issue;

Reaffirming a peaceful, stable and enabling political, social and economic environment, as the essential foundation that will enable OIC Member States to give adequate priority to women promotion,

Expressing deep concern over all forms of coercion and violence practiced against women specially further expansion of violence industry in the today's world and stressing the need for campaign effectively with the smuggling of women and children and the significance of adoption of appropriate mechanisms to stop the current oppressive trends against women and children and support the victims;

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

Reaffirming also that neglecting to women status constitutes a violation of human dignity and therefore requires the adoption of urgent measures at OIC for special attention and consideration,

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

Expressing concern that women and girls are disproportionately affected by hunger, food insecurity, poverty, and inequity in part as a result of discrimination:

1. **Urges** the OIC Member States to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with greater role in the development of Muslim society in various fields. With regard to the fact that women, as the most vulnerable group, deserve special treatment in formulating policies for them in national development strategies in the Muslim world, thus special attention to them is indispensable;

2. **Recommends** all OIC Member States to launch efforts to cover the various aspects of the women in their legislative and decision making processes and mobilize civil societies in the course of implementation of the programs and activities pertaining to the protection and promotion of the status of women;

3. **Considers** that poverty among women has to be alleviated to elevate them into equally productive and proactive partners of men in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify those misperceptions emanating from the false attribution of women's problems and social ills in the Muslim societies to Islam;

4. **Ensures** the consideration of women's capabilities in different aspects of development of the OIC Member States and also the facilitation of women's access to their political, economic, social, cultural, educational, health and employment rights;

5. Acknowledges that improvement of the conditions of women in the OIC Member States, in partnership with women, their communities and private sector is essential. Therefore, in recognition of the special treatment that Islam adheres to women, specific actions have to be taken to increase opportunities for women to participate proactively in the economic, social, political and cultural sectors of society;

6. Recommends that governments of the OIC Member States to adopt necessary measures to ensure social justice, respect for women's social status and dignity, respect for women's rights to social security and decent jobs and provide support for the women who are guardians for their families. In this regard, it is also recommended that the parliaments of the OIC Member States ratify necessary laws to alleviate women's social and economic deprivation and improve their material and spiritual status;

7. Calls upon the parliaments of the OIC Member States to consider necessary legislations to combat smuggling, sexual abuse of women, exploitation of women's labor, pornography and abuse of women for commercial purposes by the media and protect the victims of such cases, recalling women's high moral and spiritual status and dignity and their right to decent life;

8. Requests the OIC Member States to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit and empowerment of women;

9. Urges the governments of the OIC Member States to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the level of education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process;

10. Recalls the OIC Member States, due to the dangerous implications of the recent conflicts in the region including those in the occupied Palestinian lands, Iraq and Afghanistan and also the recent Israeli invasion against Lebanon, to hold regional expert meetings to develop some directives to support women and girls in military conflicts and submit the results to the relevant international organizations as well as condemning the attacks by Ghods Occupying Regime to Palestine, killing innocent women and children;

11. Requests the academic and research institutes of the OIC Member States to work together to address the existing problem of inconsistencies in the international instruments on women's human rights and the need for observance of cultural diversity and religious, historical, social and indigenous backgrounds of nations in the formulation of women's Islamic human rights instruments;

12. Verifies that Muslim women have played very significant role in various aspects of life from the very early days of Islam. Thus it has been recognized that they have constructively contributed to the growth of industrial, agricultural and service sectors as well as their engagement in the political, social and cultural activities in many Muslim countries.

13. Reiterates that the achievement of greater gender balance in decision-making in the health and social sectors will result to the increase of the number of women participating in leadership roles,

14. Expresses its appreciation on the outcome of the Meeting of Expert Group on Women in Decision Making on 21-22 January 2008 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

15. Commends the work of Working Group to develop the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women on 6-7 April 2008 in Jeddah and **Calls** for the finalization this document in order to be submitted to the upcoming Ministerial Conference on Women in Egypt.

16. Welcomes the hosting of the 2nd Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States by the Government of Egypt on 24-25 November 2008, as well as the offer of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Third Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States.

17. Welcomes the initiative on the International Forum titled “Expanding the Role of Women in Cross-Cultural Dialogue” by H. E. Mrs. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO and ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador, organized by Heydar Aliyev Foundation in cooperation with UNESCO, ISESCO and ICFY-DC in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 10-11 June, 2008; and **looks forward** to the implementation of the recommendations of the Forum aimed at strengthening the role of women in the OIC countries and their contribution to global intercultural dialogue.

18. Recommends all the OIC Member States to attach special importance to disabled women through their rehabilitation aiming at their integration to the society and helping them in having a dignified life and participating in the decision making.

(B) Child Care and Protection in the Islamic World

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

Underlining the basic role of the family in the guidance and moral and material education of children,

Realizing the important role of the mass media in education, information and entertainment of children and expressing deep concern over the programmes designed for children, which encourage violence, disobedience and spirit of consumption,

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

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

2. Affirms that the teachings of the righteous Islamic religion grant special status to the family as the nucleus on which is built the Muslim society founded on religion and ethics, and reiterates the importance of Islamic teachings calling for the promotion of the status of the family.

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

4. Emphasizes that the role of UNICEF is to collaborate with Member States concerning their policies in the area of promoting child's survival, protection and development, respecting their cultural and Islamic values.

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

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

7. Urges the Member States to act for the implementation of Rabat declaration adopted by the 1st Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children; and **welcomes** the convening of the 2nd Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children in Sudan in November 2008.

**(C) Welfare of Orphans, Minors and Widows in Islamic States
Affected by Wars and Disasters**

Guided by Islamic values which emphasize the necessity of caring for orphans, minors and widows;

Affirming its commitments to the noble principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC and the international organizations concerned with humanitarian affairs in general and children in particular;

Recognizing the necessity of providing required support and assistance to guarantee proper Islamic up-bringing and promising future for orphans, minors and widows confirmed to have been rendered orphans by wars and disasters in Islamic States;

Believing in the necessity of providing secure environment for those orphans, minors and widows to enable them contribute positively in the society thereby saving them from deviation which will bring about immense harm to their societies:

1. **Stresses** that programs provided for Member States affected by wars and disasters should consider programs for the welfare of orphans, minors and widows.
2. **Urges** all Member States to contribute to this humanitarian project.
3. **Invites** Islamic States to come forward with the proposals on voluntary contributions to these programs.
4. **Calls for** intensified contacts with specialized international and regional organizations in order to benefit from their experiences and contributions in these areas.
5. **Calls also for** the provision of voluntary assistance for these programs, particularly because the need for them is urgent.

(D) Education and Rehabilitation of Muslim Youths

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

1. **Calls on** Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education and rehabilitation of Muslim Youths so as to enhance their role society with a view to meet the future challenges.
2. **Welcomes** the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth

on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein and **calls** for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth..

3. Thanks the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the 1st Islamic Conference of Youths and Sport in cooperation with the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation.

(E) Cooperation on Combating Drug and Psychotropic Substance Abuses and their Illegal Production, Processing and Trafficking

1. Urges the Member States to coordinate their efforts and harmonize their systems with respect to the illicit production and trade of narcotic and psychotropic substances within the framework of the relevant international organizations.

2. Calls on Member States to participate actively in international meetings and symposia on drug and psychotropic substance abuses and their illegal production, processing, and trafficking, particularly those organized by the United Nations and its specialized and subsidiary organs, and **requests** the Secretary-General to coordinate efforts in this regard with the Member States and to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control Program (UNDCP) in Vienna and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

3. Calls also on Member States to coordinate efforts to eliminate poppy cultivation through crop substitution in affected Member States.

4. Also urges the Member States to give greater attention to the propagation of religious consciousness and discussion within their respective educational institutions, mass media and Dawa for a on the gravity of the production, use and trafficking in drugs as well as their categorical prohibition from the religious and legal viewpoints.

5. Requests the Member States to continue to intensify their cooperation and to exchange information and technical expertise to control narcotic drugs.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 5/35-C
ON
ISLAMIC CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (*Session of Prosperity and Development*) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

A) Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research, Timbuktu, Mali

1. Appeals to all Member States, IDB, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Joma'a Majid Foundation in the Arab United Emirates, and other Islamic charitable institutions to provide material support to the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuktu so that it may achieve its objectives. It also **invites** Member States to provide the institute with researchers and technicians.

2. Urges the OIC Specialized and Affiliated Cultural Institutions (IRCICA, ISESCO, Islamic University of Technology in Bangladesh and Islamic University in Malaysia to provide their material and academic support to the institute.

3. Thanks IRCICA for teaching and training the eligible candidates from the Institute to conserve and restore valuable monuments and book bindings.

B) Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE), Islamabad, Pakistan

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

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

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

C) The Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau

- 1. Commends** the execution of the Guinea-Bissau Islamic Centre and its imminent commissioning.
- 2. Thanks** the Islamic Solidarity Fund for financing the construction of the Centre and its on-going support for the Centre, also **thanks** the Direct Aid Organization (formerly African Muslims Committee) for supervising the project.
- 3. Calls** on the Member States, Islamic Development Bank, Islamic institutions and charitable organizations to assist to establish Waqf endowment in favor of the Islamic Centre.

D) Assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum

Emphasizing on the importance of the message of Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and its leading role in the service of translation and strengthening ties between Muslim and other States along with the role it plays in the dialogue among civilizations and projection of the image of the Muslim world and its culture to others and its contribution the cultural knowledge exchange in the service of Muslim world and the humanity at large.

- 1. Urges** and requests the Member States and Islamic financial institutions foremost of which are the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to provide regular financial assistance to the Institute to enable it to continue functioning in the best way and **commends** in this regard the financial support provided to the Institute by the Islamic Solidarity Fund and urges the fund to put efforts for the activation of this support in continuous process.
- 2. Commends** anew the financial support provided by the Government of Sudan to the budget of the Institute to enable it to perform its role in an optimal manner, and to solve the financial difficulty it is experiencing.
- 3. Thanks** the Government of Sudan for granting a piece of commercial land in Khartoum for investment, to the institute and appeals to the member states and all financial institutions to contribute to the implementation of this project.
- 4. Requests** the General Secretariat to utilize various facilities of the Institute in the fields of translation and training relevant to works of the General Secretariat and the Member States.
- 5. Requests** the General Secretariat to work towards enabling the students from the Member States to have access to the Institution an order to reach its benefits and services to all generations of the Islamic Ummah willing to receive it.

E) Proposal for the Establishment of an International Islamic Board for the Holy Quran

1. Welcomes the idea of establishing an international Islamic Board for the Holy Quran.

2. Recommends finalizing consultations between the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs in the State of Qatar, the Sponsor of the project, and the Ministry of Waqfs, Islamic Affairs, Dawa and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the King Fahd Academy of the Holy Quran in Al-Madinah Al-Munawara as recommended by the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

3. Recommends also that the OIC General Secretariat, the Al-Azhar in Cairo and the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah take part in those consultations along with the parties listed in the decision of the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 6/35-C
ON
PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

Recalling the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 22/2/2007 to discuss the excavations of and threats to the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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

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

A) The Twinning of Palestinian Universities in the Occupied Territories with Universities in OIC Member States

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

2. **Recommends** also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.

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

B) The Educational Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Occupied Syrian Golan

1. **Condemns** the measures taken by the Israeli occupation authorities against the educational and cultural institutions and organizations in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly in terms of the obstacles created by the racist separation Wall preventing Palestinian students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities and thus denying Palestinians access to education, so as to obliterate their national identity, alienate them from their culture and history, and distort their civilization so as to serve the designs of occupation.

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

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

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

5. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of *The Universal Declaration on Human Rights* and all international conventions on human rights, particularly *The Geneva*

Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

6. Condemns the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

C) The Israel Aggressions against Islamic Shrines in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Preservation of the Islamic Character, Human Heritage, and Religious Rights of Al-Quds Al-Sharif

1. Reiterates the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and to this end supports the decision of the Arab League declaring Al-Quds as the capital of the Arabic Culture for the year 2009.

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

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

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

steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif from demolition and waste.

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

6. Requests Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums in order to prevent the implementation of the Israeli scheme for partitioning the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve the integrity of the Ibrahimi Haram as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

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

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

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

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 36th Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 7/35-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Having taken note, with appreciation, of the reports submitted by the Director General of the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the Secretary of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and the Chairman of the Permanent Council the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF);

A) The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture (IRCICA), Istanbul

1. **Notes with appreciation** the production of a number reference books in the field of culture, history, arts, and crafts of the Muslim world as a result of continuous research efforts and organization of academic congresses and meetings;
2. **Takes note** of the various activities of the Centre aimed to improve the image of Islamic civilization and culture by raising more awareness and introducing a policy of better understanding among cultures of the world.
3. **Commends** the efforts made by IRCICA for jointly cooperating with the Council of Europe to organize the second symposium on “Image of others and ourselves in the context of globalization” planned to be held at the Center’s premises in Istanbul on 1-3 December 2008;
4. **Takes note** of the plan of IRCICA to coordinate a comprehensive publication on the history and civilization of Islam and the history of Muslim nations;
5. **Takes note** of the successful organization of the International Congress on “The Second Constitution of the Ottoman State on its Centenary” held in Istanbul on 7-10 May 2008;
6. **Takes note** of the plan of IRCICA to organize an international congress on Maghreb and the Western Mediterranean during the Ottoman State planned to be held in Rabat, Morocco in cooperation with the Royal Institute for Research and the History of Morocco on 12-14 November 2009;

7. **Takes note** of the efforts been made by the Centre towards organizing the international Congress on Employment of Traditional Industries within the new architectural projects planned to be held in Tunis between 27 and 31 October 2008 in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Handicraft and the Ministry of Culture and Heritage Preservation of the Tunisian Republic;
8. **Commends** the efforts of IRCICA to publish an edition of the one-thousand page Arabic manuscript book on the Islamic history of West Africa “Zuhur el-Basatin” written by the Senegalese scholar El Hadji Musa Kamara;
9. **Takes note** of the efforts been made by the Centre to publish an album of historical photographs of Mecca and medina chosen from its archive collection of the Yildiz Palace albums;
10. **Notes with appreciation** the preparation made by the Centre for publishing a historical album of Al-Quds and Palestine to include annotated reproductions of historical photographs from the late 19th century and to be published in English, Arabic and Turkish;
11. **Notes with appreciation** the preparation taken by IRCICA to organise the second conference on the history of Bilad al-Sham during the Ottoman Era with a special focus on al-Quds planned to be held in cooperation with the Syrian Ministry of Culture in Damascus in March 2009;
12. **Commends** the successful organization of the seminar on the “Role of Cultural Exchanges in Promoting International Relations” which took place at the Center’s premises on 9-10 April 2008;
13. **Lauds** the plan of IRCICA to organise the third international congress on “Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural Region” which will be organized under the patronage of H. E. M. G. Rahimov, President of Bashkortostan in Ufa, on 14-16 October 2008;
14. **Commends** the plan of the Centre to organize the second international symposium on Islamic Civilization in West Africa, planned to be held in Mali in 2009;
15. **Commends** the initiative of the Centre to organize the second congress on Islamic Civilization in South Asia planned to be held in Dhaka on 16-18 November 2008 in cooperation with the universities of Bangladesh;
16. **Commends** the initiative of the Centre to organize an international symposium on Yemen during the Ottoman Era planned to be held in cooperation with the Yemeni National Center for Archive which will be held in Sana’a on 10-13 February 2009;

17. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to all the Member States for the moral and material support they are extending to IRCICA, thus helping it to fulfill its mission in the best way, in particular the host country of IRCICA, the Republic of Turkey, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host country of the OIC; notes with gratitude the support and patronage extended by the Sovereigns, Heads of State and Government of the Member States, which found eloquent expressions recently in the visits to IRCICA by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, during the his official visit to Turkey, accompanied by H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey on 10 August 2006; in the Prime Ministers graciously accepting the IRCICA Award for Patronage of Inter-Cultural Dialogue, presented to him by HE. the Secretary General of OIC and the Director General of IRCICA at a ceremony held on 2 February 2007; more recently, the visit of H.H. Sheikh Nasser M. A. al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait to the Centre on 5 April 2007, the visit of H Colonel Omar Bashir, President of the Republic of The Sudan, to IRCICA on 23 January 2008; and the visit of H.E. Prof. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal and **notes with gratitude** the generous donation of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Emir of Dubai for establishing an electronic library at IRCICA, which were sources of encouragement for the Centre;

18. Expresses its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA budget and invites the other countries to do so and settle their arrears due to IRCICA's budget.

B) The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA)

1. Expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his gracious call launched during the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (ISC) held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 5-8 December 2005, inviting the then International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in its new era to assume a proactive role in combating extremism and promoting moderation, in addition to emphasizing the importance of reforming the IIFA so as to provide a jurisprudential Fiqh authority for the Muslim world.

2. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) for the importance he is according to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (ISC) held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah and for his good choice to appoint H.E. Dr. Abdul Salam El Abadi as new Secretary for the Academy.

3. Commends the outstanding performance of the former Secretary General of the Academy, Sheikh Dr. Mohammad Alhabib ibn Alkhoja, for leading the Academy and for his effective role in the service of the Islamic jurisprudence and the causes of

Muslims. Also **commends** the efforts and work of the staff of the IIFA of the General Secretariat in carrying out the mission of the Academy.

4. **Thanks** the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Charitable and Humanitarian Relief Foundation for its support of the work of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) by funding *The Encyclopedia of Jurisprudential Rules*, which is in its final stages of revision and proofreading. **Thanks also** the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the World Forum for the Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST) in the Islamic Republic of Iran for their consistent support of the Academy's projects.

5. **Commends** the academic achievements of the Islamic Fiqh Academy and its rulings on new issues in all fields of contemporary jurisprudential Fiqh issues, taking into account the historically required adaptation, in accordance with the noble Islamic Sharia, particularly the Islamic Thought Forum, which is continuing its successful campaign for the third year in a row by bringing together an elite of eminent scholars from inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a view to combating Islamophobia and promoting the true image of Islam. And calls for the contribution and the publication of the Forum's work in many languages.

6. **Commends** the outstanding level of IIFA's academic publications and the issues and studies they contain in response to the needs and aspirations of the Muslim Ummah as well as its civilizational, intellectual, and scientific challenges, particularly *The IIFA Journal*, which has now attained the publication of its Volume XVI (54 Issues). Also commends the IIFA's publication of the journal and its researches on CD Rom and disseminating them widely.

7. **Thanks** the Member States which have paid their contributions to IIFA's budget; **renews** its call on the Member States that have not done yet so to settle their contributions; and **recommends** Member States to continue to support the IIFA and to host its sessions so that it can fulfill its mission in the service of the Muslim Ummah and its vital causes.

8. **Thanks** the Member States which have responded to the call of the Secretary of the IIFA to join the Academy in implementation of the Resolution adopted by the 32nd Session of the ICFM held in Sana'a on 28-30 June 2005; and **appeals** to the Member States that have not yet done so to join the Academy as soon as possible, so as to achieve its noble objectives.

C) **The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and its Waqf**

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

2. **Expresses** its profound gratitude and appreciation to the Member States which have contributed to the Fund and its Endowment, during the 11th Islamic Summit which was held in Dakar, Senegal.

3. **Also calls** upon Member States to continue paying their mandatory contributions to the overhead budget of the Executive Board of the Fund in its new form which was approved by the Permanent Finance Committee at its thirty-sixth session, and these contributions are considered as the pivoted support for the activities of the Fund.

4. **Exhorts** the Permanent Council of the Fund to continue providing assistance to the cultural, Islamic and Educational projects in the Muslim World with particular focus on projects whose creation was decided during Islamic Summits and Islamic Conferences Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

5. **Expresses** gratitude and appreciation to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the Executive Board of the Fund for the efforts they are making in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

RESOLUTION No. 8/35-C
ON
SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 11th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Having also considered with deep appreciation, the reports submitted by ISESCO and Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) on the subject;

A) The Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)

1. Hails the innovative and inventive activities and programs implemented by ISESCO in various fields of education, science, culture and communication, under the dynamic leadership of its Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri; further **hails** ISESCO for its contribute to implementation of the Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the 3 Islamic Extraordinary Summit; and **expresses** its appreciation of the activities carried out by ISESCO.

2. Expresses its deepest congratulations to the Member States and staff members of ISESCO on the occasion of the 25^o anniversary of this Organization which has gained the appreciation of Member States, Muslim societies and parallel international and regional organizations thanks to its pioneering achievements in the areas of education, science, culture and communication; and **calls upon** it to continue its efforts to achieve its noble objectives.

3. Praises the efforts exerted by ISESCO in holding a number of regional, Islamic and international conferences and symposia in the fields of developing education, higher education, literacy and informatics; enhancing dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions; highlighting the true image of Islam and Muslims in the world; addressing the phenomenon of terrorism; giving due care to women and children; spreading the culture of human rights, shura, democracy, tolerance and moderation; developing science and technology; preserving the environment, natural resources and renewable energy; and mitigating natural disasters.

4. Commends the valuable personal initiatives led by ISESCO Director General and his effective leadership in establishing various relations of international and regional cooperation that fostered numerous Islamic and international specialized conferences which were organized by ISESCO in cooperation with parallel international organizations, contributing thus to highlighting the positive image of the Islamic world.

5. **Welcomes** the hosting by Tunisia of a number of international conferences and symposia held by ISESCO to promote dialogue among cultures, civilizations and religions; **reiterates** its deep acknowledgement and gratitude to Mr Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the President of the Tunisian Republic, for his generous patronage and hosting of the “International Conference on Terrorism: Dimensions, Threats and Countermeasures”.

6. **Commends** the preparations and arrangements made by ISESCO to convene a number of international and Islamic conferences, especially the 4th Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Azerbaijan, 6-8 October 2008), the 3rd Islamic Conference of the Ministers of the Environment (Rabat, 29-31 October 2008), the 2nd Islamic Ministerial Conference on the Child (Sudan, November 2008), the 1st Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Administrative Development (Cairo, 21-23 December 2008), and the 6th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Azerbaijan, 2009).

7. **Applauds** the efforts ISESCO exerts in safeguarding the identity of Al Quds Al Sharif and its sanctities as well as protecting Palestinian educational, cultural and scientific institutions from attempts aiming to obliterate and Judaize them.

8. **Welcomes** the nomination of His Excellency Dr Mahathir Mohammed, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia; His Royal Highness Prince Hassan Bin Talal, Former Crown Prince of Jordan; Dr Amadou-Mahtar M’Bow, Former Director General of UNESCO; and Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, Consort of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, as ISESCO Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations; **reiterates** its support for this program and **expresses** its endorsement to increase the number of ISESCO Goodwill Ambassadors and to extend their mission to achieve the goals and objectives sought.

9. **Supports** ISESCO’s initiatives to set up regional centres for training, audio-visual and multimedia production, manuscript restoration, and training of museum staff in the Member States, as well as to establish centers for training and civilizational dialogue in the interest of Muslims in Europe.

10. **Expresses** its gratefulness to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for responding to the call of the Member States (the 28 session of ISESCO Executive Council, Rabat, July 2007, and the 7 Coordination Meeting of the Ministers of Education in the Member States, Paris, October 2007) to nominate Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri for another term of office at the head of the General Directorate of ISESCO.

11. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the Great Socialist People’s Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for hosting the 5th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Tripoli 21-23/11/2007) held by ISESCO in cooperation with the General People’s Committee for Culture and Information. **It expressed** its appreciation with the provisions of the Final Communiqué and resolutions of the Conference as part of Tripoli’s undertakings on the

renewal of cultural policies of the Islamic world, in accordance with the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action.

12. Commends the activities implemented by ISESCO regional offices, delegations and regional and national centers in Sharjah, Tehran, N'djamena, Moroni and Moscow; **welcomes** the opening of an ISESCO permanent delegation respectively at UNESCO and in Vienna, which is likely to enhance the role of ISESCO in coordinating joint Islamic action in the spheres of education, science, culture and information and promoting the action of the Muslim communities in the West.

13. Expresses its profound gratitude to the leaders of the Islamic world and the eminent Muslim personalities who made donations for the building of ISESCO permanent headquarters in Rabat, which was inaugurated on 3 May 2006 under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI and the in the effective presence of His Royal Highness Prince Moulay Rachid.

14. Expresses its satisfaction with and appreciation of the quality of ISESCO publications; **praises** their specialized educational, scientific and cultural content and papers; **acclaims** the outstanding academic and organizational contribution of ISESCO in organizing and supporting a number of UN and international specialized conferences, particularly the regular meeting of the United Nations / OIC focal points which was hosted by ISESCO in its permanent headquarters in Rabat (11-13/7/2006) and which was held in a Muslim country for the first time outside the UN headquarters.

15. Expresses its deep thanks and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, as well as to Crown Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's generous support for the building of ISESCO permanent headquarters as well as for the implementation of a number of programs and activities in the fields of Arabic language teaching, Islamic culture and dialogue among cultures and civilizations.

16. Expresses its profound gratitude and appreciation to H.E. President Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali for his constant support of ISESCO's activities and for his kind approval of the Republic of Tunisia to host an International Conference on Youth of the Muslim World: "Youth of the Muslim World: Current Stakes and Future Challenges" in Tunisia on November 2008 as well as the 10th General Conference of ISESCO in July 2009. Also commends the activities executed by ISESCO under its project to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals, expresses its appreciation and support for the programme to celebrate Kairawan as the Islamic cultural capital for 2009, and calls on Member States to participate effectively in these celebrations and support their programmes.

17. Expresses sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for awarding the King Abdul Aziz Medal of Excellence to Dr. Abdul Aziz Ibn Uthman Al Tuwaijri, Director General of ISESCO, in appreciation of his achievements at

the head of the ISESCO and as addition to the continuous support being received by ISESCO from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

18. Commends the outcome of the meeting of the heads of Islamic cultural centres in Africa, Asia and Latin America and of the programmes and activities executed in favour of Muslim communities in non-Member States, and expresses its support for the cooperation programme between ISESCO and the GRANADA EDITIONS and Educational Services (Establishment in Paris) aimed at educating and rearing children of the Muslim community through pioneering educational textbooks and curricula which will help their attachment to the language of the Glorious Quran and their affiliation to the Arabo-Islamic culture.

19. Expresses its deep thanks and gratitude to the Kingdom of Morocco (Seat Country) and to its Sovereign His Majesty King Mohammed VI for kindly patronizing a number of activities conducted by ISESCO in the Kingdom of Morocco, as well as for his kind initiative of addressing lofty messages to the participants in such events and the relentless support extended by His Majesty's government to the Organization to discharge its mission in the most appropriate conditions.

B) Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC)

1. Welcomes coming into force of the ICIC establishing agreement after reaching the needed quorum for ratification by OIC member states.

2. Urges the Member States, which have not yet ratified the agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives. **Invites** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to extend material and moral support to the Committee so that it may implement its programs.

3. Calls on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to exert efforts regarding refugees and prisoners of war and provide care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner's Office for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Crescent and other relevant regional and international organizations.

4. Expresses its profound thanks to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (hosting states) for extending support and facilities to the Committee.

5. Expresses its utmost thanks to the Republic of Uganda for hosting the 23rd Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent held in Kampala on 21-22 January 2008.

6. Expresses also its sincere thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) for extending support in the past to the Committee and **appeals** to the ISF to continue extending further financial support.

7. Welcomes the decision taken at 23rd Meeting of the ICIC held on January 21-22, 2008 in Kampala, Uganda to hold the Second Consultation Meeting of the OIC Member States' National Societies of RCRC, in Istanbul and co-hosted by the ICIC and the Turkish Red Crescent on June 10-14, 2008.

8. Expresses satisfaction at the successful holding of the above-mentioned meeting and the adoption of the "Istanbul ICIC Declaration on Humanitarian Values" as annexed.

9. Calls upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the program of the Republic of Senegal to remove landmines in the region of Casamance.

10. Decides to elect the eight ICIC non permanent members following the list of candidates fulfilling the requirements as indicated in the ICIC establishing agreement presented by some OIC member states:

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| 1. Dr. Abdurrahman Al Attar | 2. Dr. Mohamed Ghanem Al Aly Almaadedd |
| 3. Dr. Habib Ahmad Makhtoum | 4. Mr. Famory Ndiaye |
| 5. Dr. Muwaffak Ben Ataa Al Biok | 6. Dr. Taher Al Chniti |
| 7. Mr. Mehrdad Eshraghi | 8. M. Omer Tasli |

RESOLUTION No. 9/35-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 34th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8th Session of COMIAC;

Abiding by Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31st Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

Having taken note of the decisions adopted by the 5th I.S.S.F General Assembly Meeting, the I.S.S.F Executive Committee Meeting, the 1st Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 24-25 Safar 1426H (3-4 April 2005) and the ICYSM Ministerial Committee as well as the I.S.S.F Activity Report Presented by its Secretary General;

Having considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools, and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC);

A) The Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)

1. Hails the future activities to be organized by the I.S.S.F within its programs for 2008-2009 particularly the organization of the 2nd Islamic Solidarity Games in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2009. It also encourages all the OIC member countries to participate in 2nd Islamic Solidarity Games and exert every effort to guarantee their success as a means of attaining one of the I.S.S.F most important goals.

2. Calls upon Member States to observe their obligations with the I.S.S.F and settle the outstanding annual subscription fees by the respective countries.

3. Welcomes the decisions adopted by the Ministerial Committee formed by the 1st Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, under the chairmanship of HRH Prince Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahd Bin Abdulaziz the Vice President General of Saudi Arabia's Youth Welfare. **Encourages** Member States to take due action for the activation of these decisions and cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat and the I.S.S.F to develop the required plans and strategies as a means of realizing the sought goals.

- 4. Encourages** Member States to pay more attention to the I.S.S.F programs by providing it with every possible support and participating effectively in its activities.
- 5. Welcomes** the decisions adopted by the 5th I.S.S.F General Assembly endorsing the amendments proposed for the I.S.S.F Statute as well as the Basic Regulations of the Islamic Solidarity Games.
- 6. Welcomes also** the cooperation agreement signed between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (I.S.S.F) and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and encourages all the OIC affiliates to conclude similar agreements to serve Muslim communities in all aspects.
- 7. Congratulates** the Republic of Indonesia on the confidence expressed by the I.S.S.F General Assembly as it allocated the right to host the 3rd Islamic Solidarity Games in 2013 to the Indonesian NOC after completing the candidature file.
- 8. Congratulates** the National Olympic Committees of Turkey and Egypt for being awarded the Prince Sultan Bin Fahd Trophy for Sport Excellence.
- 9. Expresses** its appreciation to the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the meetings of the I.S.S.F Standing Committees in Cairo from 13 – 19 February 2008.
- 10. Presents** its thanks and appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdulaziz, I.S.S.F President, for the great attention he is paying to all the I.S.S.F programs particularly those sports issues of the youths of the Muslim Ummah, the thing that boosted the I.S.S.F status on international sports arena..
- 11. Thanks** the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for its efforts towards the successful implementation of all the I.S.S.F plans and programs.
- 12. Presents** its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and the Crown Prince HRH Sultan Bin Abdulaziz for the permanent financial and material support provided for the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and hosting its headquarter and for such great attention they pay to the cause of Muslim youths.

B) The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS)

- 1. Recommends** supporting the project of the World Examinations' Council for the Arab-Islamic Schools which has been established by the Federation, in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, and which aims at placing the examinations of the private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic Universities.

2. **Recommends** the IDB to support the establishment of the Center for Teaching the Arabic Language.
3. **Recommends** all the institutions interested in disseminating the Islamic culture and the Arabic language to establish a center for teaching of the Arabic Language in Malaysia so as to serve the populations of south-east Asia
4. **Recommends** the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and institutions, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to support the Plans and Projects of the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS) and to provide to it all possible assistance for their implementation.
5. **Recommends** the ISF to continue to support launching training courses for teachers of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, and the Balkans.
6. **Also recommends** interested institutions interested in disseminating Islamic culture and the Arabic language to make their contributions for printing the Textbook for Teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic Speakers, which has been prepared by the Federation, as well as for its distribution among Muslim children and students by establishing a Printing press for the Federation at its headquarters as well as other Printing Presses in central locations in the Islamic States in order to facilitate its distribution and the benefit derived from it in those States and among Muslim communities.
7. **Invites** the IDB to continue its contribution to printing Arabic school and text books for non-Arabic speakers in needy countries.

C) The Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation

1. **Expresses its satisfaction** on the official opening of the ICYF-DC Head-Quarters in Istanbul hosted by the Prime-Minister of the Republic of Turkey and start of the ICYF-DC Secretariat functioning in its permanent Headquarters;
2. **Appreciates** the financial contribution made by the Government of Azerbaijan to the Forum; and **Calls upon** the Member States, the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions as well as other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF- DC, to provide financial contribution toward the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate, their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC.
3. **Endorses** cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC; **appreciates** contribution by the ICCI toward implementation of youth projects, in particular "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multi-

faceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; **endorses** also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB and the IDB contribution towards the establishment of the ICYF-DC regional Youth Center.

4. **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf developed by the ICYF-DC in order to provide sustainable financing toward different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Members States and Muslim minority communities worldwide.

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

6. **Endorses** cooperation between between ISESCO and ICYF-DC in the areas of promoting OIC intellectual youth development and dialogue among civilizations; as well as cooperation between the government of Kuwait, IDB and ICYF-DC in the fields of Youth capacity building and promotion of Youth tourism in the OIC Countries.

7. **Appreciates** the activities held by the ICYF-DC to disseminate historic truth on the "Humanitarian catastrophes in the OIC Countries" in a special publishing series in particular, the first Arabic publication on the mass massacre by Armenian forces of Azerbaijani civilians in the town of Khojaly, as well as international campaign entitled "Justice for Khojaly – freedom for Karabakh" launched under this issue; **welcomes** the results of the OIC intergovernmental meeting of experts organized by ICYF-DC in partnership with ISESCO, in particular establishment of the memorial day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of muslim communities throughout the twentieth century and adoption of the joint program of action to be implemented within the framework of the memorial day commemoration in the member states ; **calls upon** the member states and OIC institutions to actively take part in activities under the program.

8. **Welcomes** the Youth for the "Alliance of Civilizations" initiative developed by the ICYF-DC together with international partners and **calls upon** the Member States to provide financial and other contribution toward the implementation of this Initiative.

9. **Welcomes** the cooperation of the Forum with the OIC General Secretariat on youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC 10-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and to submit annual reports on the Forum's activities to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers taking into account the coordination with the sub-committee of the 1st OIC Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports.

RESOLUTION No. 10/35-C
ON
THE 8TH SESSION OF COMIAC

The 35th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) (Session of Prosperity and Development) to be held in, Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on 14-16 Jumadi Al Thani 1429H (18-20 June, 2008),

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

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

Taking note of the important recommendations issued by the Eighth Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) on 14-15 November, 2006;

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Permanent National Secretariat and the Follow-up Committee;
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to re-energize COMIAC;
- 3. Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the financing of the COMIAC activities;
- 4. Invites** the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programs and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.

RESOLUTION No. 11/35-C
ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A
DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS

The Thirty-fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Prosperity and Development) held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, from 14 – 16 Jumadal Thani 1429H (18 – 20 June, 2008),

Proceeding from the provisions of the Charter and the Statute of the Organization;

Referring to the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference which calls for the strengthening of the role of the Organization in the field of social cooperation in confronting disasters;

Reaffirming the provision of the Final Communiqué of the Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Dakar concerning the strengthening of the role of the General Secretariat in confronting disasters in the Muslim world;

Recalling the Final Communiqué of the Coordination Meeting of OIC Foreign Ministers in New York issued on 2 October, 2007, which recommended the establishment of a department of humanitarian affairs within the General Secretariat,

1. **Decides** to establish within the OIC General Secretariat a department of humanitarian affairs to coordinate humanitarian assistance and to implement the orientations of the Ten-Year Programme of Action and other relevant resolutions adopted by sessions of the Islamic Summit and the Council of Foreign Ministers, provided the establishment of this department will not entail any additional financial burdens on the OIC Member States.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 36th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, containing the proposed areas of competence of the department.
