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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/46-ICHAD
ON THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC**

The Forty- Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years Of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap For Prosperity And Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 24-25 Jumadah Al-Thani 1440 H (1-2 March 2019),

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqués of the previous OIC Summits and in particular the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, that call for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/46-CFM/2019/ICHAD/SG-REP);

1. **Commends** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC Representative Offices and the Humanitarian Offices in the humanitarian domain with the aim of alleviating the suffering of people in need particularly in OIC Member States affected by crises and disasters.
2. **Commends** the enhanced cooperation of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHAD) with the international humanitarian community, including international organizations and humanitarian NGOs both in Member States and at the international level and in particular cooperation with the UN, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, the World Bank, ICRC, IFRC, the African Union, the Arab League, USAID and the European Union.
3. **Calls upon** Member States to channel a percentage of their generous humanitarian assistance through the OIC in order to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and enhance joint Islamic humanitarian action.
4. **Recognizes** the generosity and contributions of the refugee hosting countries, especially those hosting large refugee populations and persistent challenges encountered in current refugee responses. **Further recognizes** that the refugee hosting countries have been disproportionately shouldering a large portion of the burden of providing assistance and protection to millions of refugees, **calls upon** the international community to ensure that equitable burden sharing is achieved on the ground particularly since most of the refugees in OIC countries are hosted by low-income countries, hence the need to address the impact on movements of refugees.
5. **Calls upon** humanitarian stakeholders in Member States to develop and strengthen comprehensive refugee response policies which seek to explore opportunities that benefit both refugees and the communities that host them, and bridge the gap between humanitarian and development interventions.

6. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the hospitality of the OIC-UNHCR Comprehensive Refugee Response (CRRF) Workshop that was held in Jordan from 29-30 April 2018 and was attended by representatives from OIC Member States, OIC organs and development institutions and other experts. **Stressed** the significance of holding the Workshop that was convened pursuant to the New York Declaration adopted by the General Assembly in September 2016, and in support of the negotiations of the Global Compact on Refugees that aims to improve the way in which the international community responds to large movements of refugees, including emergencies and protracted refugee situations.
7. **Commends** the generous support of the Islamic Republics of Pakistan and Iran, host countries of Afghan refugees over the past four decades, and while expressing concern about the current low level of voluntary repatriation, encourages renewed focus on sustainable, timely, voluntary, safe and dignified return of Afghan refugees and calls upon Member States and humanitarian partners for their continued support in these efforts.
8. **Stresses** the need for concerted efforts to assist and protect refugees, and most importantly the search for durable and lasting solutions, highlighting the fact that asylum principles and protection of refugees are deeply rooted in Islam.
9. **Concurs** on the necessity of building proactive and preventative solutions-oriented responses into refugee and displacement mechanisms such as more robust and sustainable education and livelihood interventions.
10. **Recognizes** that large displacements tend to affect both national development strategies and security in host countries and that these displacements also affect relationships between neighboring countries. Therefore, prevention, and resolving displacement crises is fundamental to development, peace, and security.
11. **Calls upon** the OIC Department of Humanitarian Affairs (ICHAD), in cooperation with OIC institutions and its partners, to assess the adverse impact of flows of large number of refugees on development efforts in OIC Member States, especially in protracted situations, in the context of the follow-up of the high-level meeting to address the Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants that was held on 19 September 2016 in New York and the Global Compact on Refugees, and in light of the large numbers of refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) resulting from crises in Myanmar, Syria, the countries bordering Lake Chad and other crises in OIC Member States.
12. **Stresses** the need to identify the deficiencies in the current humanitarian system particularly in dealing with issues pertaining to refugees and formulate a position on ways and means to address and rectify these deficiencies and on creating an environment conducive to the sustainable return of refugees and IDPs and their reintegration.
13. **Reiterates** that voluntary repatriation is the most durable solution to refugee situations, and reaffirms the need for enhanced assistance to countries hosting large numbers of refugees and countries of origin to cater for returnees, through humanitarian and development assistance. **Highlights** the importance of increased resettlement slots for refugees, without discrimination, respecting their dignity and catering for their vulnerabilities.

14. **Expresses** deep concern over incidences of Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination targeting refugees.
15. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous assistance offered to Somalia through the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid, as well as various Member States who contributed towards the implementation of humanitarian and developmental projects in Somalia.
16. **Calls** for involving and including Somalia in the agreement signed between the General Secretariat and King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief, and for coordination and consultation with the permanent mission of the Federal Republic on all projects for Somalia.
17. **Commends** the State of Qatar for supporting the UNHCR with US\$ 8.8 in 2018 to provide for the basic needs of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, including its disaster reduction and response in Kutupalong refugee camp and the basic needs and services for refugees in Bangladesh..
18. **Calls upon** Member States and humanitarian partners to intensify their assistance towards the drought affected Horn of Africa, especially Somalia, and provide humanitarian and development assistance to those affected by the drought as well as assist the recovery and development phase in Somalia, including IDPs and the resettlement of repatriated refugees in Somalia.
19. **Expresses appreciation** for the efforts exerted by Member States particularly Syria's neighboring countries and Egypt and other donors that extended humanitarian and development support to the State of Palestine, and particularly to Gaza, and **calls** for further support to the Palestinian people particularly during this critical time.
20. **Calls** upon the Member States to implement their commitments with respect to UNRWA, as stipulated in the various OIC decisions, in particular those contained in the Final Communiqué of the Seventh Extraordinary Islamic Summit;
21. **Commends** the additional contributions of the OIC Member States to UNRWA aiming at addressing its financial shortfall;
22. **Notes** with appreciation the meeting initiated and also co-hosted by Jordan and Turkey in the margins of the United Nations 73rd General Assembly, as well as the additional commitment expressed in this meeting by the members of the international community towards UNRWA, therefore recognizes its significant contribution to alleviate the financial shortfall of the Agency;
23. **Highly** appreciate the valuable contributions of Turkey, in her capacity as the Chair of the Advisory Commission, to UNRWA towards enhancing the Agency's fiscal capacity as well as its political stance;
24. **Expresses** deep concern over the protracted humanitarian crisis in Syria, the plight of IDPs and refugees in neighboring countries, and the inhumane and dreadful situation of Syrians denied access to humanitarian assistance.

25. **Reiterates** its appreciation to Member States particularly Syria's neighboring countries and Egypt, other donors and humanitarian NGOs that contributed generously towards the alleviation of the plight of Syrian refugees and IDPs. **Requests** all stakeholders to honour their commitments in support of the Syrian people and **calls upon** Member States for their continued assistance to Syrian IDPs and refugees and to the countries hosting these refugees.
26. **Calls on** the international community to assume its responsibilities and to exert more efforts to alleviate the burden that has reached new heights and to take the immediate steps to allow immediate humanitarian assistance to save the lives of civilians particularly in besieged areas.
27. **Expresses deep concern** over the humanitarian situation in Yemen and **appeals** to Member States, donors, UN agencies, and humanitarian NGOs to exert further efforts to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen, as the country continues to experience a protracted humanitarian crisis.
28. **Expresses** appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the humanitarian assistance rendered through the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid and Relief, as well as the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, and other Member States and donors that provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen.
29. **Acknowledges** the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the General Secretariat to mobilise the necessary resources to provide humanitarian and development assistance to the people of Yemen in light of its previous resolutions in this regard.
30. **Recalls** all its previous relevant resolutions on Yemen, in particular its previous resolutions 1/44-ICHAD Paragraph 17 (2017) and 1/45-ICHAD Paragraph 21 and 22 (2018) on efforts undertaken by the Member States to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue working with its Member States and its partners in cooperation with the Government of Yemen to mobilise the necessary resources to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen.
31. **Expresses continued concern** over the humanitarian situation in Iraq and **calls upon** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to extend the necessary assistance to Iraq, to address humanitarian and protection needs of millions of displaced persons and the communities hosting them.
32. **Recalls** its previous relevant resolution on Iraq, in particular 1/45-ICHAD Paragraph 24 and 25 (2018) on extending the necessary assistance to Iraq, to address humanitarian and protection needs of millions of IDPs and their host communities, to repatriate all IDPs liberated from areas previously controlled by Daesh terrorist group to their home cities, and to assist in the humanitarian effort to rehabilitate returnees. **Reaffirms** the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq, and **emphasizes** the importance of the stability and security of Iraq for the people of Iraq, the region, particularly in light of Iraq's victory over Daesh.
33. **Expresses** support to Iraq in addressing the challenges it faces as it turns to the task of post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, including the requirement to meet the needs of all Iraqis, including women, youth, children, displaced persons and persons belonging to ethnic and religious minorities, and **further expresses appreciation** to the State of Kuwait for

convening the Kuwait International Conference for the Reconstruction of Iraq held in Kuwait in 12-14 February 2018, in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Iraq, the European Union, the United Nations and the World Bank as well as the Humanitarian Non-governmental Organization Conference to support the humanitarian situation in Iraq that was held in Kuwait on 12 February 2018.

34. **Expresses** appreciation for the State of Kuwait's outstanding humanitarian role and the generous donations pledged for various countries, including but not limited to US dollars 1.6 billion for Syria, US dollars 200 million for Iraq, US dollars 100 million for Yemen, along with around US dollars 150 million for UNRWA, and US dollars 15 million for Rohingya.
35. **Recalls** its previous relevant resolution on the Republic of the Sudan, in particular 1/45-ICHAD Paragraph 28 on its efforts in receiving and sheltering refugees particularly from South Sudan, and in assisting conflict-affected people in South Sudan by facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance from the Sudan to South Sudan, and in maintaining humanitarian corridors for the delivery of humanitarian assistance from various states and organizations to people in need in South Sudan, and **calls** on Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support the efforts exerted by the Sudan to provide humanitarian assistance for refugees on its territory.
36. **Hails** the improving humanitarian situation in Darfur which allowed for the voluntary return of IDPs in West, Central and North Darfur, and **calls** for enhancing ongoing humanitarian assistance efforts; and for providing the necessary support and assistance to people in need in the Sudan.
37. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin, and **appreciation** for the efforts undertaken by countries bordering Lake Chad following the deadly attacks of the Boko Haram terrorist group.
38. **Urges** Member States and humanitarian NGOs to extend all necessary humanitarian and financial assistance to the refugees and IDPs occasioned by the activities of the Boko Haram terrorist group in Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.
39. **Further calls** on Member States, humanitarian NGOs and other stakeholders to give priority to grass root development in an effort to bring back normality into rural areas in the Lake Chad Basin, and deal with the humanitarian situation following the terrorist attacks affecting this region.
40. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region, and **reiterates** its appeal to Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support Sahel countries to undertake vital sustainable development projects to break the vicious cycle of drought, deprivation and poverty in these countries. **Calls on** Member States to support the transformation of the OIC humanitarian and development office in Niger into a regional office by availing all the necessary financial resources to this end.

41. **Commends** Burkina Faso and the Republic of Sudan for the financial pledges made to support the transformation process for the amounts of US dollars 113,000 and 100,000 respectively. **Further commends** the Government of the Republic of Niger for the pledge made to provide US dollars 200,000 and a piece of land measuring 10 hectares for the regional office in Niamey in order to support it in its efforts to become sustainable. **Urges** the speedy fulfillment of these generous pledges.
42. **Commends** the Republic of Turkey for a donation of US.D 200,000 in favour of the OIC humanitarian effort in Niger that funded six water projects which have been implemented and completed in the rural areas of Niger for the needy and vulnerable people in order to boost their resilience following the appeal made by the OIC Secretary General to this end.
43. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Cameroun for the steps taken to host refugees from Central African Republic, Nigerian refugees and dealing with IDPs from border areas who have been suffering from the brutal terrorist crimes perpetrated by the Boko Haram terrorist group in the North of Cameroon.
44. **Urgently appeals** to Member States and to the international community to increase their assistance to Cameroon to help it in coping with the influx of refugees and IDPs and to implement programs aimed at improving their living conditions, and strategies for the repatriation of refugees and management of their return or temporary relocation of IDPs.
45. **Expresses appreciation** for the role played by Mauritania in hosting large numbers of Malian refugees in the east of the country in cooperation and coordination with UNHCR and the WFP.
46. **Commends** the authorities of the Republic of Niger for hosting Malian and Nigerian refugees, and **requests** Member States and the international community to help the authorities of Niger face the flow of IDPs and refugees and **calls on** Member States to assist the Republic of Niger in its efforts to cope with the flow of IDPs and refugees.
47. **Requests** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to generously offer the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the rising number of needy people in the Central African Republic and neighboring countries, exacerbated by the protracted conflict in order to overcome the humanitarian and developmental challenges that could hinder the process of national reconciliation and economic recovery. **Further urges** OIC Member States to contribute to the efforts made by the Central African Republic in the DDR and DDRRR processes that are of vital importance to the country for peace to prevail after decades of civil strife and widespread violations of human rights.
48. **Expresses** serious concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Myanmar, particularly the plight of the Rohingyas, over the past month and the large influx of refugees who fled Myanmar to seek refuge in Bangladesh following the serious political situation prevailing in Myanmar and calls on Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to provide humanitarian assistance to these refugees and those in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar. Hails the Government and the people of Bangladesh for their

relentless efforts and initiatives in providing hospitality and all the necessary assistance to these thousands of refugees who have been living in Bangladesh for over a year despite real financial constraints. Further calls upon the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar and facilitate humanitarian access to the Rakhine State. Also invites the Government of Myanmar to make the return of the Rohingyas refugees possible.

49. **Commends** Indonesia for the support in the form of relief to fulfill basic needs, shelters, health service assistance, and educational assistance, to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh valued over USD 2,800,000 and in the form of schools, hospital, basic needs, relief tents and medicines in Rakhine State, Myanmar.
50. **Expresses** appreciation to the Government of Malaysia on the establishment of the Medical Field Hospital in the Kutupalong refugee camp and services it rendered, to alleviate the sufferings of the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and for hosting more than 141,000 refugees from Myanmar in Malaysia. **Calls upon** Member States to extend their assistance to the Rohingyas in whatever ways possible.
51. **Further calls upon** the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar and facilitate humanitarian access particularly to the Rakhine State. **Urges** Member States to follow closely the repatriation process of Rohingyas refugees to Myanmar under the aegis of the Governments of Myanmar, Bangladesh and the UNHCR.
52. **Strongly appeals** to Member States that are yet to accede to the Convention establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so, as soon as possible to enable the Committee to perform its duties, and realize the objectives for which it was established. **Calls upon** States party to the Convention that are yet to pay their contributions to the Committee's budget to do so to allow the Committee to play its role and fulfill its obligations.
53. **Recalls** its previous relevant resolutions 1/45-ICHAD operative paragraph 41 (2018) and 1/44-ICHAD operative paragraph 40 (2017) pertaining to the efforts of the General Secretariat in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil society organizations in the OIC Member States. **Further calls upon** the General Secretariat to continue its efforts in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil society organizations in the OIC Member States through its joint programme with USAID.
54. **Acknowledges** the important role that the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) has played in shaping the principles and policies of the contemporary humanitarian diplomacy, therefore expresses determination to make a meaningful follow-up to the outcomes of the WHS, in particular formulating policies and developing tools in further strengthening the nexus between humanitarian and development assistance.

55. **Requests** Member States, international and regional organizations, humanitarian NGOs, financial institutions and philanthropists to contribute towards alleviating the plight of orphans in the Islamic world, and beyond. **Calls upon** Member States and their civil societies to commemorate the OIC day of Orphans on the 15th of Ramadan.
56. **Expresses** the hope that the General Secretariat intensifies its efforts in advancing cooperation with the IsDB, IRTI, SESRIC, ISF and the Islamic Fiqh Academy on the humanitarian front, including on issues pertaining to resilience, Islamic social finance, and on delivering humanitarian assistance in general.
57. **Expresses appreciation** to the General Secretariat for the efforts undertaken to prepare in 2019 with IsDB a workshop on the humanitarian development nexus and a forum on Islamic Social Finance, which will be organized in cooperation with IRTI and a joint workshop with SESRIC for humanitarian think tanks; as well as two workshops with OCHA on underfunded crises and reporting of humanitarian assistance from the OIC Member States. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to continue these partnerships aimed at developing a coherent perspective towards humanitarian challenges facing the Islamic world.
58. **Requests** ICHAD to effectively implement the humanitarian aspects of the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul in April 2016 and any remaining elements of the previous Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah-Al-Mukkaramah in December 2005.
59. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.2/46-ICHAD
ON
INVITING MEMBER STATES TO CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERISM**

The Forty- Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years Of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap For Prosperity And Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 24-25 Jumadah Al-Thani 1440 H (1-2 March 2019),

Referring to the outcomes of the Islamic Summit Conferences that called for continuing efforts to coordinate humanitarian and charitable work, and entrusted the Secretary General with consolidating the role of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the humanitarian field and realizing the goals of the OIC-2025 Program of Action;

Recalling the previous CFM resolutions on humanitarian affairs;

Also recalling the tenets of Islam, which urges people to engage in voluntary work and to be verily like a structure, each part strengthening the other, seeking only Allah's pleasure and reward rather than personal benefit and helping those in need in their society;

Invoking the concepts of volunteerism enshrined in the Islamic Sharia;

Noting the importance of volunteerism in promoting the values of societal cohesion, *takaful*, coherence, and development, and optimal utilization of human resources to harness them to serve the community and strengthen community ties;

Stressing the importance of volunteerism in supporting the efforts of governments in developing their respective societies, realizing the concept of comprehensive development, facing up to challenges, and bridging the gaps in the respective fields;

Calling for forging partnerships between non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the various fields of volunteering and volunteers, especially the young people, and activating local youth clubs, schools, and associations to serve the local community;

Considering the diversity of volunteering in various fields, such as health, education, attention to the elderly and people with special needs, poverty; emergencies, disasters, and crises; environment preservation, and other areas;

- 1) **Commends** the initiative and proposal of the United Arab Emirates to set a day for celebrating volunteerism in the Muslim world to promote and consolidate its concepts.
- 2) **Sets** the nineteenth of Ramadan each year to celebrate the efforts of volunteerism in the Muslim world.
- 3) **Urges** Member States and voluntary entities to carry out activities to review their achievements in the area of volunteerism, to honor volunteers in the Muslim world, and to consolidate the concept of volunteerism, especially among the young people.
- 4) **Encourages** Member States to respect the principles of humanitarianism, impartiality, integrity and independence in providing humanitarian assistance and urges them to promote volunteerism, especially among the youth.

**RESOLUTION No.3/46-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION DUE TO DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN THE
HORN AND EAST OF AFRICA**

The Forty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Fifty Years of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 24-25 Jumada Al-Akhirah, 1440h (1-2 March 2019);

Observing with deep concern the risk of famine in the Horn and East of Africa region due to recurrent droughts,

Referring to the initiative of Turkey, as OIC Summit Chair, which led to the dispatch of an OIC fact-finding mission to drought-affected countries in the region.

Referring to the Resolutions No. 2/44 and No. 2/45 on Humanitarian Affairs adopted by the 44th and 45th sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers about the grave situation occurred in the Horn and East of Africa due to drought.

Emphasizing the significance of the initiatives undertaken by the OIC General Secretariat and Members States to attain food self-sufficiency, to enhance the activities in the field of rural development, environment preservation and water management for the benefit of the vulnerable people of the region, and to relieve the effects of the recurrent droughts due to the climatic factors,

1. **Underlines** the clear need of massive support and solidarity from the international community to alleviate the plight of people in the states of East and Horn of Africa in the events of recurring drought and famine disaster.
2. **Reiterates** its appeal to the OIC General Secretariat to continue its humanitarian endeavors, and requests Member States, partners and civil society to generously assist these countries in alleviating the suffering of the people by developing sustainable projects to build their resilience capacity against the recurring conditions of drought in the region.
3. **Commends** the generous support extended by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the states of the Horn of Africa and East Africa regions due to drought and famine.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution and submit a report to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/46-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SYRIA

The Council of Foreign Ministers at its 46th Session (Session of 50 Years of Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development) held in Abu Dhabi, State of the United Arab Emirates, on 23-24 Jumada II 1440H (01-02 March 2019),

Recalling the objective and principles enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among Muslims and defending rights of the people;

Referring to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 45th CFM held in Dhaka on 5-6 May 2018;

Reiterating their commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Syria, also to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Expressing serious concern over the level of violence and killing of hundreds of thousands of people including heavy civilian casualties as a result of the Syrian conflict;

Reiterates its grave concern at the continued humanitarian crisis in Syria as well as the fact that urgent humanitarian relief, including medical provisions, is required by more than 13 million people in Syria of whom 6.2 million are internally displaced including Palestine refugees and more than 1 million people living in hard-to-reach areas;

Recalls the international community's legal obligations under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as well as the relevant decisions of the United Nations Security Council and in this regard, invites the international community including international humanitarian organizations to consolidate their efforts aimed at addressing the humanitarian situation in Syria and underlines the primary responsibility of Syrian authorities to protect the people in Syria;

Notes with appreciation the efforts of the United Nations and its implementing partners, having reached an average of 5.5 million people with humanitarian aid each month in 2018 and the assistance delivered cross border represented a significant part of this;

1. **Commends** the cooperation extended by the government of Turkey, Jordan and Iraq in facilitating cross border humanitarian operations and in this context, acknowledges the fact that 80% of the cross-border assistance to Syria is conducted through the borders of Turkey;
2. **Appreciates** the constructive role of the Astana meetings, in facilitating delivery of humanitarian assistance as well as addressing urgent humanitarian needs including saving civilian lives;

3. **Further appreciates** the steps taken by the Astana guarantors in the field of confidence building measures, including the establishment of the Working Group on the Release of Detainees / Abductees, Handover of Bodies and Identification of Missing Persons;
4. **Reiterates** their firm belief that in the absence of a political solution to the Syrian conflict in line with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2254 (2015) the humanitarian crisis will prevail, leading to its further deterioration. With this understanding, recognizes the important role of the Office of the UN Special Envoy and underlines its determination for a continued cooperation with Ambassador Geir Pedersen as well as enhanced contribution to the successful implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2449 (2018) on the humanitarian situation in Syria;
5. **Expresses** its appreciation and continued support for the efforts of Kuwait in its capacity as the non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council in charge with the Syrian humanitarian file;
6. **Decides** to remain actively seized of the matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/46-ICHAD
ON
THE OIC REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN NIAMEY

The Forty- Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years Of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap For Prosperity And Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 24-25 Jumadah Al-Thani 1440 H (1-2 March 2019),

Recalling its resolutions relating to humanitarian affairs adopted in the framework of Islamic Summit and Council of Foreign Affairs sessions;

Recalling resolution 6/44-ICHAD on the “*Transformation of the OIC Office for Humanitarian Affairs and Development in Niamey into a Regional Humanitarian and Development Office*”, adopted by the 44th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017;

Recalling resolution 1/46-ICHAD on the “*Humanitarian Activities of the OIC*”, adopted by the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1 and 2 March 2019;

Recalling the report of the OIC Secretary General on humanitarian affairs, submitted to the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1 and 2 March 2019;

Underlining the need to adopt a transparent and effective approach in the management of the activities of the humanitarian funds of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

1. **Thanks** the Republic of Turkey and Burkina Faso for their respective financial contributions of 200,000 and 113,000.00 UD Dollars transferred to the OIC Regional Humanitarian and Development Fund in Niamey for the implementation of its activities in favour of vulnerable and needy people in the areas of water resources and agriculture; and **calls on** other OIC Member States and their NGOs and philanthropic institutions to contribute to the sound operation of the Office with a view to participating in the fight against poverty and social vulnerability in Niger, in Lake Chad states and in the countries of the Sahel.
2. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Niger to support the OIC Regional Humanitarian and Development Office in Niamey by allocating a 10-hectares plot of land and making a financial contribution of 100 million CFA Francs (around US\$ 200,000.00) for the projects and initiatives launched by the Office in its endeavours to reinforce the resilience of vulnerable and disadvantages populations.
3. **Invites** the OIC General Secretariat to accelerate the effective transformation of the OIC Regional Humanitarian and Development Office in Niamey, pursuant to resolution 6/44-ICHAD adopted by the 44th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, on 10-11 July 2017.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6/46-ICHAD
ON
SYRIAN IDPs IN LEBANON**

The Forty- Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years Of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap For Prosperity And Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 24-25 Jumadah Al-Thani 1440 H (1-2 March 2019),

Recalling Resolution No. 6/39-P on the Establishment of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and Resolution No. ICHAD-1/36 on the Functions and Powers of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

Having Considered the Report of the Secretary General OIC/CFM/46/2019/ICHAD/SG.REP on the OIC humanitarian activities particularly the paragraphs relating to the humanitarian conditions in OIC Member States and the alleviation of the suffering of Syrian civilians in neighboring countries especially Lebanon:

1. **Affirms** support for Lebanon in addressing the socio-economic, demographic, and security consequences of displacement, especially that Lebanon is a the country with the highest global ratio of IDPs and refugees to the size of its population and area.
2. **Expresses** appreciation for the efforts exerted by the Lebanese state, despite its meagre resources, to receive and host Syrian refugees.
3. **Calls on** Member States, international organizations and civil society institutions to extend the necessary support to the Lebanese state to meet the consequences of this displacement.
4. **Invites** the International Community to facilitate the safe and dignified return of Syrian IDPs in Lebanon to their country, the only sustainable solution to the displacement crisis.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up this resolution and to report thereon to the Council's 47th session.

**RESOLUTION No. 7/46-ICHAD
ON THE OIC HUMANITARIAN FUNDS**

The Forty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 24-25 Jumadah Al Thani 1440H (1-2 March 2019);

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the provisions of the final communiqués of the previous OIC Summits and in particular the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, that call for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Recalling the report of the meeting of the Intergovernmental open-ended work group on the Statute of the OIC Humanitarian Funds held on 27 February 2018;

Being mindful of the current situation of the OIC humanitarian funds and their personnel which requires to be addressed as a matter of urgency to ensure these funds continue to service the vulnerable and needy people in Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Sierra Leone;

Having examined the report of the Secretary General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/46-CFM/2019/ICHAD/SG-REP);

1. **Invites** the Open-Ended Governmental Expert Group to convene a second meeting to review the available legal options and texts regarding the funds and stresses the necessary participation of the Member States, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) as well as the humanitarian funds along with countries in which these humanitarian funds were intended namely Afghanistan, Bosnia Herzegovina and Sierra Leone.
2. **Requests** the General Secretariat to elaborate a concept paper on the humanitarian funds with due consideration to the legal and organic dimension as well as the provisions of the Charter and stipulations of the relevant Ministerial resolutions as basis for the Experts Groups deliberations on the subject.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/46-ICHAD

ON

**THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION
(GCM)**

The Forty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session: 50 Years of Islamic Cooperation: Roadmap for Prosperity and Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 24-25 Jumadah Al-Thani 1440 H (1-2 March 2019),

Reaffirming the commitment to the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter to achieve sustainable and comprehensive human development and economic well-being as well as to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms including the rights of women, children, youth, elderly and people with special needs as well as the preservation of Islamic family values;

Reaffirming the principles and objectives of the United Charter to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;

Recalling the provisions of the final communiqués of the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in April 2016, which welcomed the adoption of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and committed to its successful implementation within the stipulated time frame, taking into consideration the role of national authorities and significance of international cooperation;

Recalling the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants by the United Nations General Assembly in 2016;

Renewing commitment of the OIC Member States, along with all institutions in the OIC system, international partners and other stakeholders to working together for the attainment of The OIC-2025 Programme of Action.

Expressing appreciation to the United Nations Secretary General and the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration for their respective support leading to the adoption and endorsement of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration;

Acknowledging the vision, principles and objectives of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration that places the primacy of national sovereignty, laws and regulations as well as States obligations under international law;

Understanding the fact that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration is non-legally binding, cooperative framework and fosters international cooperation among all relevant actors on migration, acknowledging that no State can address migration alone;

Acknowledging that refugees and migrants are entitled to the same universal human rights and fundamental freedoms and that both refugees and migrants are distinct groups governed by separate legal framework, hence only refugees are entitled to the specific international protection defined by international refugee law;

1. **Welcomes** the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/195 of 19 December 2018 for endorsing Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration;
2. **Commends** the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for hosting the Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact (IGC) for Migration in Marrakech on 10 11 December 2018 that resulted in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration;
3. **Commends** the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for its successful chairmanship of the Intergovernmental Conference on the Global Compact (IGC) for Migration in Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Gabonese Republic, the Republic of Indonesia and the Federal Republic of Nigeria respectively as Vice-Chairs of the IGC;
4. **Renews** support to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration since the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2016;
5. **Encourages** Member States to increase cooperation in the field of safe, orderly and regular migrations consistent with the objectives of the Global Compact while respecting national sovereignty, laws and regulations as well as their obligations to international law;
6. **Calls upon** Members States to participate constructively in future discourse as well as with the follow-up and review of the implementation of the Global Compact in the framework of the United Nations.
7. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to follow up on the implementation of this resolution.
