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ON

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OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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The Forty Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of fifty years of Islamic Cooperation: Road map for Prosperity and Development), held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 24-25 Jumada Al-Akhirah 1440. (corresponding to 1-2 March 2019);

Recalling articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

Recalling resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the statute of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC);

Recalling resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of IPHRC;

Recalling resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA);

Recalling final communiqué of the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which reaffirmed the Member States' full support to the Commission to enable it to function in accordance with the mandate as provided in its Statute.

Cognizant of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy and accountability in Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten-Year Program of Action 2015-2025;

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. OIC/CFM-46/2019/IPHRC/SG-Rep;

1. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in its Statute and to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on all human rights issues of concern / interest to the OIC;

2. **Takes note** of the report of the 13th & 14th IPHRC Regular Sessions, held at the IPHRC Secretariat Headquarters, which include Outcome Documents on the topics of (a) *'Revisiting the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam to Reinforce the Rights of Children in Member States'*; and (b) *'Promoting and protecting the rights of refugees and migrants; An Islamic and international human rights obligation'*, as contained in document Nos. OIC/ IPHRC-13/2018 Rep. Final and OIC/ IPHRC-14/2018 Rep. Final respectively;

3. **Also takes note** of the detailed deliberations that took place within IPHRC's four Working Groups on Palestine, the Rights of Women and of the Child, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities, the Right to Development and the Standing Mechanism on monitoring human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir (IoK) as well as relevant outcomes of these deliberations;

4. **Recalls** the comprehensive report of OIC-IPHRC field visit to Palestine in 2016, which included first-hand information on the appalling human rights violations against innocent Palestinians, witnessed during the visit. **Urges** the Member States and the General Secretariat to incorporate relevant recommendations of this report in their *Al-Quds policy* and **requests** the Commission to closely coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat to undertake a second visit to Palestine including Gaza as soon as the security environment permits.

5. **Further recalls** the comprehensive report of IPHRC field visit to Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh in 2018, which provided first-hand information on the human rights violations committed by the Myanmar authorities with concrete recommendations to different stakeholders to alleviate the sufferings and ensure the rights of Rohingya Muslims at all levels. **Urges** the Member States and the General Secretariat to incorporate relevant recommendations of this report in their efforts to protect and promote the human rights of the Rohingya Muslims as well as to raise the issue at all relevant forums and **requests** the Commission to continue to sensitize the international community on the human rights and humanitarian aspects of the ongoing Rohingya Muslims crisis;

6. **Welcomes** the detailed report by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) released on 14th June 2018, which confirmed the atrocities and violence perpetrated by the Indian occupation forces, with judicial impunity through draconian laws, against innocent Kashmiri Muslims in the IoK in total disregard of their human rights obligations. The OHCHR Report as well as the report of the UK Parliament's All Parties Parliamentary Kashmiris Group, have corroborated the observations of the comprehensive report of the IPHRC fact finding visit on the same subject, which was presented to the 44th CFM. Also, while endorsing the call of OHCHR for a fact finding visit to the IoK, requests IPHRC to continue to impress upon the Indian Government to provide access to the OIC-IPHRC fact finding visit to IoK to objectively report on the human rights situation in IoK.

7. **Acknowledges** the successful holding of the 5th IPHRC Annual International Seminar on '*Islamophobia: A Human Rights Violation and a Contemporary Manifestation of Racism*' in Istanbul and its comprehensive Outcome Document. **Urges** the General Secretariat to coordinate with the OIC Groups in New York and Geneva to incorporate recommendations provided in this Document along with those provided in the earlier IPHRC studies titled '*Countering Islamophobia: An Unfinished Business*' and '*Islamophobia and Counter terrorism strategies*' for devising a comprehensive strategy on Islamophobia.

8. **Urges** the Commission to continue to collaborate with UN and international entities to prevent negative stereotyping of religions and religious personalities as well as corresponding incitement to hatred, discrimination and violence based on one's religion;

9. **Further Appreciates** the Commission's activities since last CFM, which included (i) contribution at the 7th Session of the Ministerial Conference on the '**Role of Women in Development of Member States**' held in Burkina Faso on 30 November-1 December 2018; (ii) collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat in holding an '**Expert Level Symposium to devise ways to counter the UN Resolution on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**' held on 9th December 2018 in KSA; (iii) participation at the 14th General Meeting on Cooperation between the UN and the OIC held in Rabat on 3-5 July 2018; (iv) holding of joint workshops with the UN Counter-terrorism Office in April 2018 to share best practices on the topic of '**Importance of Mainstreaming Human Rights in Counter Terrorism policies and initiatives**' and with OHCHR on "**How to promote effective follow up of UPR Recommendations**" in Nov 2017; (v) participation in the joint activities with and participation in the meetings of relevant UN and regional human rights mechanisms to discuss and promote views on issues of concern to OIC; and (vi) compilation and publication of a booklet containing IPHRC thematic studies on various topics of contemporary human rights concern to the Muslim world;

10. **Takes note** of the first part of a study by IPHRC that defines the concept/parameters of the Right to Development (RtD); identifies challenges and proposes the way forward. Also **requests** IPHRC to further enhance and elaborate the scope of the study to identify the linkages with the UN Sustainable Development Goals for realization of the RtD, in close cooperation with the relevant international mechanisms including the UN Special Rapporteur on RtD;

11. **Further takes note** of the proceedings of the first meeting of the Inter-Governmental Working Group held on 17-18 December 2018 to discuss the revised draft of the Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam, titled '**The OIC Declaration of Human Rights (ODHR)**', prepared by the IPHRC, and urges the Member States to finalize the revised declaration at the earliest and present its outcome report for adoption by the CFM;

12. **Acknowledges** the Commission's ongoing valuable work to review the '**OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam**' in accordance with the international human rights instruments and **requests** to expedite the finalization of the process in consultation with the General Secretariat, ISESCO, Islamic Fiqh Academy and other relevant OIC organs;

13. **Welcomes** the election of nine Members of the Commission (Annex-1) held during the 46th Session of CFM, for a period of three years starting from August 2019.

14. **Approves**, in accordance with the IPHRC Statute, the election of Mr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül, to replace Mr. Omer Faruk Altintas, as member of the Commission.

15. **Urges** Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IDB, to take full advantage of the Commission's advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of IPHRC;

16. **Encourages** IPHRC to establish cooperation with the parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States with a view to strengthening and enhancement of the promotion and protection of human rights in consistence with the Charter of the OIC and the Statute of IPHRC.

17. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of KSA for its continued support to the IPHRC Secretariat in Jeddah, and for its provision of required logistics and services. Also **requests** all Member States to continue to extend their support to the IPHRC enabling it to conduct its mandated tasks and activities with optimum facilitation.

18. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of IPHRC and requests him to continue extending the secretarial support to the Commission from within the OIC General Secretariat to enable IPHRC to carry out its mandate in an organized and efficient manner.

19. **Requests** further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 47th Session of the CFM.

Annex-1

**ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE OIC INDEPENDENT
PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IPHRC) FOR A PERIOD OF
THREE YEARS**

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The outcome of the election is the following:

African Group:

- Amb. Cheikh Tidiane Thiam (Republic of Senegal)
- Mr. Kamadi Byonabye (Republic of Uganda)
- Mr. Farafina Boussogou-Bou-Mbine (Republic of Gabon)

Arab Group:

- Counsellor Talal Khalid Saad Al Mutairi (State of Kuwait)
- Mr. Mohamed Tahir Al Hamdi (Republic of Tunisia)
- Dr. Saeed Mohammad Alghufli (United Arab Emirates)

Asian Group:

- Dr. Aydin M. Safikhanli (Republic of Azerbaijan)
- Mr. Ahmed Azam Ab Rahman (Malaysia)
- Amb. Tasnim Aslam (Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
