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**RESOLUTION No. 1/32-MM**  
**ON**  
**SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHTS**  
**OF MUSLIM COMMUNITIES AND MINORITIES**  
**IN NON-OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Integration and Development,) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 28 to 30 Jumada Al-Uwla, 1426H (28-30 June, 2005),*

**Recalling** Resolution No. 1/31-MM on Safeguarding the Rights of Muslim Communities and Minorities adopted by the Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) held in Istanbul on 14-16 June 2004, and all resolutions adopted by the Ministerial and Summit Conferences in this regard;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Muslim Communities and Minorities (Document No. ICFM/32-2005/MM/SG.REP.1);

1. **Calls on** all States in their fight against so-called "terrorism" to respect the rights of minorities and communities in non-OIC Member States, not to infringe upon their religious freedom and faith, not to subject them to detention or arbitrary imprisonment, and to give them a fair trial to defend themselves.
2. **Urges** all states not to take any arbitrary measures against Islamic charitable societies by closing them down or restraining their freedom of action thus preventing billions of Muslims in need of charitable assistance and thwarting vital development projects launched in the non-OIC member countries of Muslim communities and minorities.
3. **Affirms** that the measures that have indiscriminately affected many charitable and relief works societies throughout the world and led to stopping their activities in many countries are arbitrary measures and have no relation with combating terrorism. The conference **calls for** the abolition of these measures so that these societies can resume their assistance and relief to Muslims in need around the world.
4. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to coordinate its efforts with those of the international community with a view to discussing the problems of Muslim charitable societies and considering the possibility of organizing an international conference to find solutions to the difficulties and problems presently faced in their work, in coordination with the United Nations.
5. **Takes note** of the Report of the Secretary General on the outcome of the visit of the OIC Mission to Thailand from 2 to 13 June 2005 upon the invitation of its Government, and of the annexed joint press release and **calls upon** the Secretary General to follow-up the issue and report to the next ICFM.

6. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to give special attention to the conditions of Muslims in East Turkistan (Senkiang) in China where they are suffering religious harassment, enforced family planning, and eviction from their lands through a settlement and coercive displacement policy with the number of Muslims in East Turkistan dropping at present.
7. **Approves** the report and recommendations of the Tenth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Muslim Affairs in non-OIC Member States held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 11 to 12 April, 2005; **calls on** the Member States and the General Secretariat to implement them; and **urges** this Group of Experts to continue its work on a regular basis.
8. **Calls on** the Member States to support economic and social development drives and to encourage Islamic savings and investment institutions in the non-OIC countries of Muslim minorities, including the development of Islamic universities and institutions and the introduction of modern sciences in their educational curricula.
9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2/32-MM**  
**ON**  
**QUESTION OF MUSLIMS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES**

*The Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Integration and Development,) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 28 to 30 Jumada Al-Uwla, 1426H (28-30 June, 2005),*

**Bearing in mind** the resolutions of the OIC and the recommendations of the Ministerial Committee of Eight on the question of Muslims in Southern Philippines;

**Recalling** the Tripoli Agreement signed on 23 December 1976, under the auspices of the OIC, between the Government of the Republic of Philippines (GRP) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which the signatory parties agreed to consider as the basis for a permanent, just and comprehensive political solution to the question of Muslims in Southern Philippines within the framework of the national sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of the Philippines;

**Paying tribute** to the role of the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, under the wise leadership of H.E. Colonel Moamar Gaddafi, in achieving the Tripoli Agreement of 1976 and in hosting the first preliminary talks in Tripoli from 3 to 4 October 1992 and the Unity and Solidarity Meeting of the MNLF leaders on 6 April 2003;

**Also paying tribute** to the role of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in facilitating the peace process culminating in the signing of the Final Peace Agreement on 2 September 1996, and expressing satisfaction for the efforts of the Ministerial Committee of Eight in this regard;

**Recalling** that in accordance with the two Memoranda of Understanding with which the GRP and the MNLF concluded two rounds of preliminary talks, held successively in Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on 3-4 October 1992 and in Cipanas, Western Java, Republic of Indonesia on 14-16 April, 1993, the two parties agreed to conduct official peace negotiations for the full implementation of the letter and spirit of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement;

**Recalling also** the results of the four rounds of formal peace talks held in Jakarta, Indonesia, including the subsidiary mechanisms, between the GRP and the MNLF, through facilities made available by the OIC Committee of Eight;

**Commending** the agreement reached by the participants in the Fourth Round of Formal Peace Talks to reaffirm all the points of agreement of the 1994, 1995 and 1996 Interim. Agreements and to include them in the Final Agreement provided for in the 1976 Tripoli Agreement;

**Taking note** of the important developments recorded in implementing the 1996 Peace Agreement between the Government of Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), in accordance with the terms of the said peace Agreement and the national laws of the Republic of Philippines.

**Taking further note** of the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Eight to the 30<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Tehran, Iran on 30 May 2003, in which some members of the Committee of Eight request that the Committee continue to monitor the implementation of Phase 2 of the 1996 Peace Agreement between the GRP and the MNLF.

**Taking into account** the report of the Chairman of the Committee of Eight before the 10<sup>th</sup> Summit of the OIC in Putrajaya, on 16 October 2003 mentioning that the social and economic developments which are elements of the Phase 2 of the Peace Agreement are already in progress and the phase 1 consisting of military and political aspects of the Agreement has been completed.

**Reaffirming** resolution No.2/31-MM on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-16 June which decided the completion of the phase 1 of the 1996 Peace Agreement and the need for the Committee of Eight to continue monitoring the implementation of phase 2;

**Encouraging** the GRP and the MNLF to continue their adherence to the implementation of phase II of the 1996 Peace Agreement and their efforts to accelerate the implementation of phase II of the 1996 Peace Agreement in bringing about the peace, justice and prosperity in the Southern Philippines;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the Question of Muslims in Southern Philippines (Document No. ICFM/32-2005/MM/SG.REP.2) ;

1. **Renews** its support for the Peace Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front initiated on 30 August 1996 in Jakarta and officially signed on 2 September 1996 in Manila.
2. **Calls on** both the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Moro National Liberation Front to preserve the gains achieved since the signing of the Peace Agreement and fully implement the Agreement, particularly Articles 63, 65, 66, in addition to Articles 69, 70, and 71, concerning the representation of the autonomous zone in the Supreme and Appeals Courts and in the Board of the Judicial Attorneys Council.
3. **Urges** the Member States, subsidiary organs, affiliated and specialized institutions as well as charitable Islamic organizations in the Member States to increase their medical, humanitarian, economic, financial and technical assistance for the development and rehabilitation of Southern Philippines through the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) in order to accelerate the completion of the social and economic development.

4. **Commissions** the Ministerial Committee of Eight and the Secretary General to continue the necessary contacts with the Government of the Philippines and the MNLF, for complete implementation of the Peace Agreement and defining a time table to finalize the implementation of all the articles of the Peace Agreement of 1996.
5. **Reaffirms** the importance of implementing Articles 148 and 149 of the Peace Agreement on establishing an Islamic Banking Division inside the Philippines Central Bank (BSP) in order to finance and develop the autonomous zone in Mindanao until the autonomous zone is granted the financial and administrative independence stipulated by the Agreement.
6. **Noting** the report of the General Secretariat which regret and concern preoccupations over environmental pollution affecting 1.2 million Muslims living around the Lanao Lake in the Mindanao region because of non-adherence by the national electricity generating station to environment protection standards, leading to water pollution and the spread of poverty and disease within the local population. The conference **exhorts** both parties of the Peace Agreement redouble their efforts to solve this problem.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 3/32-MM**  
**ON**  
**THE SITUATION OF THE TURKISH MUSLIM MINORITY**  
**OF WESTERN THRACE, GREECE**

*The Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Integration and Development,) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 28 to 30 Jumada Al-Uwla, 1426H (28-30 June, 2005),*

**Reaffirmed** commitment to Muslim communities and minorities living in non-OIC Member States;

**Realizing** that the Muslims in Greece, in general, and the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace in particular are an integral part of the Muslim World;

**Recalling** the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter, the Resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences, Islamic Conferences of Foreign Ministers and international conventions, declarations and agreements calling for observance of human rights, namely political, social, cultural and economic rights and freedom of worship, and most particularly the Lausanne Treaty which guarantees the rights of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace such as to use their Turkish language, to practice their religious rites and to elect freely their representatives in all fields;

**Further** recalling UN General Assembly Declaration on Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

**Realizing** that the basic rights and freedoms of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace are defined and protected by multilateral and bilateral Treaties and Agreements to which Greece is a party;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the issue of the Turkish Muslim Minority of Western Thrace in Greece; (Document No. ICFM/32-2005/MM/SG.REP.3)

1. **Condemns** the judicial harassment of the elected Muftis of Xanthi and Komotini, Mr. Mehmet Emin Aga and Mr. Ibrahim Serif.
2. **Demands** that the necessary steps for the election of the administration board of the Waqfs by the Turkish Muslim Minority, be taken to enable their self-governance.
3. **Regrets** the ban imposed by the Greek Supreme Court on the activities of the Turkish Muslim Minority's oldest non-governmental organization, the 'Turkish Union of Zanthi' on the grounds that its title bears the word 'Turkish'.



4. **Urges** Greece to take all measures to respect the rights and identity of the Turkish Muslim Minority in Western Thrace and urgently recognize the elected Muftis of Xanthi and Komotini as the official Muftis.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to initiate the drafting of a report relating to the continuing reports about the destruction of Mosques and Muslim cemeteries in Western Thrace and present a report thereon on the issue to the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 4/32-MM**  
**ON**  
**THE MUSLIM MINORITY IN MYANMAR**

*The Thirty-second Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Integration and Development,) held in Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, from 28 to 30 Jumada Al-Uwla, 1426H (28-30 June, 2005),*

**Reaffirming** Resolution No. 4/31-MM adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) and all the Islamic ministerial and summit resolutions;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the Muslim Minority in Myanmar (Document No. ICFM/32-2005/MM/SG.REP.4);

1. **Urges** Member States to deploy their efforts in conjunction with those of the international community in order to restore democracy, establish a democratically elected government in Myanmar, and guarantee the right to the voluntary return of refugees displaced from their homes, particularly the Muslims of the Arakan region of Myanmar.
2. **Urges** the Government of Myanmar to put an end to its killings, displacement, and exile of the Muslims of Arakan and its attempts to eradicate their Islamic culture and identity.
3. **Appeals** to Muslim leaders and institutions and civil society organizations in the Republic of Myanmar to combine their efforts and work in coordination and cooperation with opposition parties in order to achieve the aspirations of the people of Myanmar to freedom, justice, equality, and democracy.
4. **Requests** the OIC Secretary-General to consider the possibility of dispatching a delegation to visit Myanmar's neighboring countries and ASEAN countries to discuss this issue and study adequate modalities to stop the oppressive and brutal actions suffered by the Muslims of Arakan and to report thereon to the next Ministerial Conference.
5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the situation of the Muslim Minority in Myanmar and to submit a report thereon to the Thirty-third Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

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