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**First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family  
Institution and Preservation of its Values in Member States of the  
Organization of Islamic Cooperation**

**“Towards an OIC Approach to Empowerment and Values Preservation  
of the Marriage and Family Institution in Member States”**

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## **Resolution 1/1-F**

### **On Developing the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in the Muslim World**

The First Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in the OIC Members States held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 8-9 February 2017 (12-13 Jumada Awwal 1438 AH), under the theme “Towards an OIC Approach for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in Member States”;

**Recalling** Resolution 36/8-ORG adopted by the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic in 2009 on “establishing a Department of Family Affairs in the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation”;

**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC conferences, especially the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016), the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Makkah, 2005), and the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in the OIC Member States (Istanbul, 2016);

**Recalling** the other resolutions of the various sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers, especially the Forty-Second (Kuwait, 2015) and the Forty-Third (Tashkent, 2016);

**Commending** the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in the implementation of the "OIC Work Programme 2025" adopted by the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016);

**Proceeding** from the OIC Charter, which stipulates the need to "emphasize, protect and promote the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society" and the importance accorded by the OIC Member States to empower the marriage and family institution and maintain its values;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the status of marriage and family institution in the OIC Member States in general, and the efforts of the General Secretariat to face the moral, intellectual and cultural challenges that threaten the security and cohesion of marriage and family institution in the Muslim World;

**Having taken note of** the recommendations of the contained in the documents approved at the thematic panel discussions held by the OIC-IPHRC on the theme “Protecting Family Values”, on 21 April 2015, as part of the IPHRC seventh ordinary session, and **stressing again** the need for these recommendations to be included in the OIC Strategy for the Preservation of the Values of the Family.

**Having listened** to the interventions of ministers and heads of delegations on the experiences of Member States and the study on the commonalities of their strategies in this vital area, as well as the vision of the joint Islamic action institutions and organizations and some partners on ways to meet the future challenges facing the family;

**Requests** the General Secretariat to convene an open-ended meeting of .1  
intergovernmental experts at the headquarters of the OIC General Secretariat  
before the end of 2017 to prepare the Draft OIC Strategy to Empower the  
Marriage and Family Institution and Maintain its Values in the Muslim World.  
This will rely on a draft prepared by the General Secretariat in collaboration  
with the OIC organs and institutions provided sending the draft to Member  
States well in advance of the meeting for study it.

**Invites** Member States and OIC institutions to redouble their efforts in support of .2  
families that are suffering and that have become fragmented as a result of wars  
and crises in the Islamic world, and requests the inclusion of this issue in the  
OIC Strategy.

**Calls on** the OIC organs, i.e. the IPHRC, and institutions, especially ISESCO, the .3  
IDB, SESRIC, IIFA and IRCICA, to contribute to this meeting.

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and .4  
report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the  
second session of this Conference.

**Resolution 2/1-F**  
**On the Call for Reviewing Sustainable Development Goals**  
**to Include a Family-related Goal**

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**Recalling** Resolution 36/8-ORG adopted by the Thirty-Sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic in 2009 on “establishing a Department of Family Affairs in the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation”;

**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC conferences, especially the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016) and the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Makkah, 2005);

**Recalling** the other resolutions of the various sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers, especially the Forty-Second (Kuwait, 2015) and the Forty-Third (Tashkent, 2016);

**Recalling also** the other sessions of the OIC conferences especially the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in the OIC Member States (Istanbul, 2016);

**Referring** to the third paragraph of Article (16-3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, "the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State";

**Commending** the efforts of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in the implementation of the "OIC Work Programme 2025" adopted by the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016);

**Proceeding** from the OIC Charter, which stipulates the need to "emphasize, protect and promote the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society" and the importance accorded by the OIC Member States to empower the marriage and family institution and maintain its values;

**Recalling** the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its Seventy-Fifth Session (December 2015), and the need to pay more attention in the sustainable development literature to highlight the central role of the family in achieving sustainable development;

**Taking note** of the lack of attention to the family in the United Nations post-2015 agenda and the erosion of the marriage institution in some regions of the world, which calls for according the utmost importance to the marriage and family institution of in Member States, and the need to achieve SDGs through human-oriented development methodology;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the status of marriage and family institution in the OIC Member States in general, and the efforts of the General Secretariat to face the moral, intellectual and cultural challenges that threaten the security and cohesion of marriage and family institution in the Muslim World;

**Invites** the General Secretariat to continue promoting cooperation with regional and .1 international organizations related to the issues of empowerment of the family and Preservation its values.

**Requests** the General Secretariat and relevant organs, i.e. the IPHRC, and institutions, .2 especially ISESCO, IDB, SESRIC, IIFA and IRCICA, to prepare a joint paper on what the OIC Member States should target in the area of empowerment of family and associated indicators as part of their efforts to achieve SDGs.

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and .3 report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the second session of this Conference.

### **Resolution 3/1-F**

#### **On Welcoming Resolution 4/43-C of the Conference of Foreign Ministers on Rejection of the Human Rights Council Resolution on Sexual Orientation**

The First Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in the OIC Members States held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 8-9 February 2017 (12-13 Jumada Awwal 1438 AH), under the theme “Towards an OIC Approach for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in Member States”;

**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC conferences, especially the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016) and the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Makkah, 2005);

**Recalling** the other resolutions of the various sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers, especially the Forty-Second (Kuwait, 2015) and the Forty-Third (Tashkent, 2016);

**Commending** the efforts of the Islamic Group in New York, Geneva and Brussels to defend the values of marriage and family institution;

**Welcoming** the mandate of the OIC-IPHRC to prepare a comprehensive study to refute the notion of “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity” on the basis of Islamic and international human rights framework to be presented to the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM.

**Proceeding** from the OIC Charter, which stipulates the need to "emphasize, protect and promote the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society" and the importance accorded by the OIC Member States to empower the marriage and family institution and maintain its values;

**Recalling** the third paragraph of Article (16-3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states, "the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State";

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the status of marriage and family institution in the OIC Member States in general, and the efforts of the General Secretariat to face the moral, intellectual and cultural challenges that threaten the security and cohesion of marriage and family institution in the Muslim World;

**Invites** the General Secretariat to push forth the efforts for the implementation of the .1 CFM Resolution 4/43 regarding rejection of Human Rights Council resolution No. 27/32 on "Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity", and rejection of all resolutions issued by the HRC in this regard, especially resolution No. 17/19, dated 17 June 2011, on “Human Rights, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity”, and resolution No. 32/2 adopted by the Human Rights Council on 30 June 2016 on “Protection against Violence and Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity”.

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution .2 and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the second session of this Conference.

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**Resolution 4/1-F**  
**On the Frequency of Holding the OIC Ministerial Conference**  
**on Family Empowerment**

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**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC conferences, especially the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016) and the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Makkah, 2005);

**Recalling** the other resolutions of the various sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers, especially the Forty-Second (Kuwait, 2015) and the Forty-Third (Tashkent, 2016);

**Referring** to Article (10) of the OIC Charter that stipulates that the CFM may recommend convening other sectoral Ministerial meetings to deal with the specific issues of concern to the Ummah. Such meetings shall submit their reports to the Islamic Summit and the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**Decides** to convene an ordinary session of the Ministerial Conference on the .1  
Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution once every two years and  
the second ordinary session in 2019, with the possibility of convening a  
special session of the Conference whenever the need arises according to the  
OIC applicable procedures.

**Requests** the OIC relevant organs, i.e. the IPHRC, and institutions, especially .2  
ISESCO, IDB, SESRIC, IIFA and IRCICA, to support the General Secretariat  
in preparing for the convention of the Conference sessions.

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution .3  
and report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,  
and the second session of this Conference.

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**Resolution 5/1-F**  
**On the Follow-up Mechanisms of the Conference Resolutions**

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**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC conferences, especially the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Istanbul, 2016) and the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit (Makkah, 2005);

**Recalling** the other resolutions of the various sessions of Council of Foreign Ministers, especially the Forty-Second (Kuwait, 2015) and the Forty-Third (Tashkent, 2016);

**Having perused** the rules of procedures of the OIC General Secretariat;

**Decides** to form a monitoring committee composed of seven members, including the .1  
Chair of this session to follow up on the results of this Conference, especially the preparation of the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of the Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation its Values in the Muslim World (Resolution 1/1 - F) and review of SDGs (Resolution 2/1 - F). The Secretary General or his representative will be, ex officio, a member of the Committee.

**Decides** also to select two members from each of the three geographical groups .2  
according to the rules established in the General Secretariat in this regard.

**Requests** the General Secretariat to prepare a paper on the best practices and success .3  
stories in relation to the empowerment of marriage and family institution and preservation of its values, along with a paper on ways for media to contribute to the empowerment of marriage and family institution and preservation of its values.

**Decides** also that the Chair of the Conference shall be the head of the committee. The .4  
Committee meets once a year hosted by its Chair and may hold additional meetings according to the rules established in the General Secretariat in this regard. The Chair shall bear the operation costs of the Committee. Member States may attend Committee meetings and participate in the discussion without the right to vote.

**Decides** that the OIC relevant organs, i.e. the IPHRC, and institutions, especially .5  
ISESCO, IDB, SESRIC, IIFA an IRCICA, can be invited to attend, participate and contribute on the invitation of the Chair of the committee.

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and .6  
report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the second session of this Conference.