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RESOLUTION NO.1/47-E
ON
AGRICULTURE, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Further recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Recalling the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Taking note of the Report of the Secretary General on coordinating activities of subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions of the OIC in line with the Resolution No. 6/18-AF adopted by 18th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13-16 March 1989,

Reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IsDB Group, IOFS, ICCIA and SMIIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

A. AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

Reaffirming the Resolutions on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural Development in OIC Member States, especially those adopted by the Seventh OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 April 2016,

Recalling Resolution 1/4-MFSAD on the OIC Food Security Reserve, adopted by 4th Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran on 14-16 January 1995,

Also recalling the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), **including** those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Stressing the importance of the agricultural sector in addressing food security challenges and poverty as well as providing job opportunities, in particular for youth and women in rural areas,

Bearing in mind the need to bring together OIC Member States' expertise for agriculture and rural development,

Considering the need to harness the benefits of OIC Member States' agriculture endowments through development of value chains, increased trade in agricultural commodities and investment in agriculture sector,

Taking note of the outcome of the Second Session of General Assembly of Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 27-29 August 2019,

Commending the generous support of the Government of Kazakhstan for facilitating the establishment of the Secretariat of IOFS, through financing the budgets of the latter for three years with effect from 2016 and for executing the Headquarters Agreement with IOFS in this regard,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Second Session of IOFS General Assembly in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 27-29 August 2019 and for the decision to donate of US\$ 2 million for the activities of IOFS,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for its offer to host the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development (MCFSAD) on 16-18 June 2020 in Istanbul, consecutively with the Third Session of the IOFS General Assembly;

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group and COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Taking note with appreciation IsDB's agriculture financing approvals in 2018, which amounted US\$653 million for financing 31 projects in the agriculture sector in OIC Member States,

Paying tribute to the Islamic Development Bank for its support to the Member States that have incurred losses due to locusts which pose a threat to the farming crops in Member States including Somalia,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the domain of agricultural development and food security,

1. **Calls on** Member States to implement the various programmes of IOFS geared towards scaling up intra-OIC action for increased food security, productivity and resilience in OIC Member States;
2. **Invites** Member States and the relevant OIC organs/institutions to participate actively in the High-Level Expert Forum for Development of Strategic Agricultural Commodities scheduled for 2021, aimed at the adoption of the OIC Plans of Action for selected strategic agricultural commodities as mutually agreed by the Member States;
3. **Also invites** Member States to submit their comments on the Draft Protocol of the OIC Food Security Reserve, aimed at galvanizing intra-OIC humanitarian action on combatting hunger, deprivation and food insecurity in OIC member states;
4. **Calls on** Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS, the new OIC specialized institution based in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan, at their earliest convenience;
5. **Also calls on** all Member States and the relevant OIC organs/institutions to actively participate in the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development (MCF SAD) scheduled for Istanbul, Republic of Turkey 2021;
6. **Urges** Member States to create an enabling environment designed to promote public and private investment, including foreign, in sustainable agriculture and rural development in order to increase agricultural productivity as well as develop food value chains in Member States;
7. **Encourages** Member States to attach special importance to the development of R&D and the implementation of relevant joint research programmes, and to special training activities, exchange of information and knowledge among the Member States for sustainable agricultural development and enhanced food security in Member States.

B. LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

Bearing in mind the provisions of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, which was adopted at the Second Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers (ICLM), aimed at promoting intra-OIC cooperation on labour, employment and social protection,

Taking note of the report of the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers, which was held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 10-11 March 2019,

Emphasizing the need for expeditious implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection and Resolutions of Islamic Conferences of Labour Ministers, particularly the new Executive Programme for the implementation of this Framework approved by the Third Meeting of the Steering Committee,

Also emphasizing the need to implement OIC Labour Market Strategy, which outlines the main areas of intra-OIC-cooperation in the domain labour, employment and social protection,

Welcoming the signing of the Statute of OIC Labour Centre by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of Benin during 2019,

Being conscious of the fact that as of 2017, unemployment rate of OIC countries was measured at 6.8%, which was higher compared to the world average of 5.5%, thus emphasizing the need to create new employment opportunities and implement the provisions of OIC Framework on Labour, Employment and Social Protection,

Underscoring the effectiveness of intra-OIC collaboration on labour and employment matters, including the implementation of: 1) OIC Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of Skilled Workforce; 2) OIC Standard Bilateral Agreement on Exchange of Manpower; and 3) OIC Labour Market Strategy,

Taking note of the Resolution of the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held on 21-22 February 2018, in Saudi Arabia, on Turkey's proposal to establish an OIC Occupational Safety and Health Center in Ankara in the framework of the proposed OIC Labour Center in Baku;

Welcoming the offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the Fifth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in 2021,

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group and COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Expressing appreciation to the various OIC institutions for the implementation of capacity building and technical assistance projects in the field of labour, employment and social protection,

1. **Welcomes** the offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the Fifth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in 2021, and **urges** all Member States and OIC institutions/organs to actively participate in the said Conference;
2. **Requests** Member States, which sponsored specific projects under the new Executive Programme for the Implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection, to support the effective and speedy implementation of these projects;

3. **Underscores** the need for the Member States to undertake necessary measures towards implementation of: 1) OIC Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) of Skilled Workforce; 2) OIC Standard Bilateral Agreement on Exchange of Manpower; and 3) OIC Labour Market Strategy, respectively;
4. **Recognizes** the importance of creating an enabling environment to promote exchange of labour flow particularly experts and specialists among Member States as an opportunity to increase capacity building, eradicate poverty and providing services among OIC members and invites members to do so;
5. **Reiterates** its earlier request on Member States to sign and ratify the Statute of OIC Labour Center, as the case may be, and at their earliest convenience, so as to enable early take-off of the Centre;
6. **Encourages** Member States to increase intra-OIC cooperation to facilitate sharing of models, best practices, and experiences on policies and initiatives in the domain of employment and social protection.

C. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/47-E
ON
INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Further recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Recalling the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IsDB Group, ICCIA and SMIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

A. INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Reaffirming the Resolution No.2/46-E adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1-2 March 2019, with regards to intra-OIC trade and investment,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC and the resolution adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Bearing in mind the general principles governing the international trading system and trade policies for development contained in relevant resolutions, rules and provisions of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization,

Gravely concerned that the use of unilateral coercive economic measures adversely affects the economies and the development efforts of developing countries in particular and has a general negative impact on international economic cooperation and on worldwide efforts to move towards a non-discriminatory and open multilateral trading system,

Being conscious of the need to enhance public-private participation towards promoting intra-OIC investment,

Expressing deep concern on the negative impacts of economic and financial sanctions on economic cooperation, the freedom of trade, the free flow of capital at the regional and international levels and the full enjoyment of human rights,

Inspired by the OIC trade and investment facilitation measures, including the implementation of the TPS-OIC and its protocols,

Also recalling the decision of the Joint General Assembly of Subsidiary Organs, particularly with regard to the activities of ICDT and SESRIC on trade and investment-related issues,

Taking note of the Annual Report of ICDT, 2018 on “Trade among the OIC Member States”, and **noting** the increase of the Intra-OIC Net Trade volume from USD 322.2 billion in 2017 to USD 381.4 billion in 2018,

Expressing satisfaction at the increase of the share of intra-OIC Trade in the overall foreign trade of Member States by 7%, from 19.8% in 2017 to 21.2 in 2018,

Taking note of the fact that 31 OIC countries have already attained 25% intra-OIC trade target set-up in the OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

Commending the steady increase of trade financing and business insurance by relevant OIC organs, which featured cumulative trade approvals by International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to the tune of US\$ 3.7 billion at the end of Q3 2018, and the various business insurances by Islamic Corporation for Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) amounting to US\$ 6.79 billion in the first 10 months of 2018,

Emphasizing the need for reflection of national trade priorities in the Work Programme of ICDT in line with the Resolution No.1/45-E (B-1) adopted by the 45th CFM,

Commending the successful staging of the 16th OIC Trade Fair, held in Baghdad, Iraq, on 7-13 April 2019,

Also commending the successful staging the 1st Exhibition and Forum on Transport and Logistics, held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco, on 9-11 April 2019,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for convening the World Halal Summit (WHS) and the 7th OIC Halal Expo, in cooperation with ICDT and SMIIC, in Istanbul, Turkey on 28 November -1 December 2019,

Also expressing appreciation for the successful outcome of the 14th General Assembly Meeting of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 5 November 2019, with particular reference to the approval of the membership applications of the Republic of Indonesia and the State of Kuwait, which has increased the number of SMIIC member states to 39,

Welcoming the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia to host the Halal Industries Summit (HIS) 2020 which will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia in November 2020 and calling for participation of OIC Member States delegations at the highest possible level,

Taking note of the successful launching of Astana International Financial Center (AIFC) in Kazakhstan and encouraging all Member States to take advantage of the facilities of AIFC, namely AIFC Stock Exchange (AIX), Islamic Finance, Green Finance, and etc.

Expressing appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the OIC High Level Public and Private Investment Conference in Istanbul, on 8-9 December 2019, in line with the paragraph 5 of the Resolution No.2/46-E (A), and **taking note** of the outcome of this Investment Conference,

Also commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Trade Working Group and COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

1. **Reiterates** its invitation to Member States, which have not yet signed or ratified Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC), PRETAS and Rules of Origin, to do so at their earlier convenience, including the submission of their list of products and schedule of concessions;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to submit their national inputs to the Annual Work Programmes of OIC Subsidiary Organs in order to enhance inclusiveness, dynamism and ownership of OIC programmes and projects;
3. **Also calls upon** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to consider the conclusions and recommendations as well as the Istanbul Declaration of the OIC High Level Public and Private Investment Conference, and encourages Member States to indicate their desire to host the future editions of the Conference;
4. **Further calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with IsDB and other relevant OIC institutions, to organize an Investment Forum in Africa in 2021 under

the theme of “Unleashing Africa’s Investment Potential” and **requests** OIC African Group members to host the said Forum;

5. **Urges** all Member States to participate actively at the “EXPO Dubai”, scheduled to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 01 October 2021 to 31 March 2022 under the theme of “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”;
6. **Calls on** ICDT and IsDB Group to continue their efforts in raising awareness of Member States on the importance of the WTO agreements and trade negotiations and their impacts on their economies, and **invites** them to pool resources and coordinate their efforts to reinforce the human and institutional capacities of the OIC Member States in WTO related matters;
7. **Urges** ICDT, SESRIC and IsDB Group, in cooperation with other relevant OIC institutions/organs, including COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), to develop capacity building and experience-sharing programmes to be implemented through and effective networking among the national Investment and Trade Promotion Agencies (IPAs) in the OIC Member States;
8. Also urges SESRIC and IsDB Group to prepare an Investment Outlook Report outlining the comparative situation of Member States, the trends in the investment ecosystem, priority sectors for investment, and the impacts of investment funds.

B. PERMANENT OIC INVESTMENT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT MECHANISM

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981 and entered into force on 25 February 1988, particularly the Article 17 on the establishment of an organ for the settlement of investment disputes under the Agreement,

Noting that Article 17 of the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments contemplates the establishment of a permanent organ for the settlement of disputes arising out of the Agreement,

Recalling the Resolution No. 1/43-E adopted by 43rd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October 2016, which mandated the Secretary General in consultation with Member States and relevant OIC organs/institutions to propose modalities for the creation of a permanent body for the settlement of disputes arising under the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States,

Also recalling the Resolution No. 2/46-E adopted by 46th Session of CFM, held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1-2 March 2019, which noted the Concept Note regarding the

Establishment of a Permanent Mechanism for the Settlement of Disputes arising out of the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the Member States of the OIC, submitted by the General Secretariat,

Noting the Recommendation of the Forum of Investment Promotion Agencies of the OIC Member States, held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 24 May 2016 on the creation a permanent body for the purpose of arbitration of investment disputes among investors or corporate bodies operating in OIC Member States,

Expressing appreciation to the gracious support of IsDB by assigning an expert to facilitate the creation of the mechanism,

Being conscious of the utmost importance of aligning the Agreement with modern international investment law, sustainable development objectives, and Member States modern investment policies and strategies,

Commending the successful organization of the Sensitization Meeting for OIC Member States on Proposed Permanent OIC Investment Dispute Settlement Mechanism by the OIC General Secretariat and the IsDB, held at the UN Headquarter in New York on 1 April 2019 on the sidelines of the UNCITRAL Working Group III Meeting.

Recognizing that the establishment of a permanent organ for the settlement of investment disputes arising out of the Agreement should contribute to the above-stated objective,

1. **Requests** the General Secretariat in cooperation with ICDT and IsDB Group to submit the Concept Paper and the Draft Protocol on the Establishment of a Permanent Mechanism for the Settlement of Investment Disputes to an open-ended Intergovernmental Experts Group Meeting, and then to COMCEC for its information, to enable further discussions among Member States and relevant OIC institutions with a view to determining the appropriate modalities towards fulfilling the requirements of the above Agreement;
2. **Emphasizes** that all legal steps and processes should, in the first instance, be discussed and agreed upon among the State Parties to the said Agreement.

C. **TOURISM SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

Reaffirming the Resolution on Tourism Development in the OIC Member States, adopted by the 10th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers, held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh on 5-7 February 2018,

Recalling the Resolution on Tourism Development adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1-2 March 2019, with regard to tourism development in OIC Member States,

Also recalling the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Reaffirming the Strategic Roadmap for development of Islamic Tourism in OIC Member States, adopted by the 10th ICTM, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 6-7 February 2018,

Expressing satisfaction at the increased number of intra-OIC tourist arrivals from 18.4 million in 2000 to 67.7 million in 2017,

Also expressing satisfaction at the outcome of the Training Workshop on Developing Muslim-Friendly Tourism in Suriname and Guyana, organized by ICDT and funded under the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding in Paramaribo, Suriname, on 15-17 July 2019,

Welcoming the celebration of Dhaka as OIC City of Tourism for 2019, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 11-12 July 2019,

Expressing satisfaction at the outcome of the “International Seminar on Development of Muslim Friendly Tourism in the Dhaka City” and “the Award Ceremony”, organized by SESRIC in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 15 October 2019,

Encouraging all Member States to take advantage of their participation at the various commemorative ceremonies and activities in respect of Gabala (Azerbaijan) as the OIC City of Tourism 2020 with the objective of promoting intra-OIC tourism,

Also commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States especially through the COMCEC Tourism Working Group and COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Further commending the contributions of the various OIC Institutions in the development of Tourism Sector,

1. **Calls on** all Member States and OIC Institutions to take advantage of their participation at the various commemorative ceremonies and activities in Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan as the OIC City of Tourism 2020/2021 to promote intra-OIC Tourism;
2. **Urges** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to implement the provisions of the Strategic Roadmap for Development of Islamic Tourism, and organize annual events on Islamic tourism in order to promote intra-OIC tourism flows, through visa facilitation, investment promotion, branding and standardization, and capacity building;
3. **Calls on** OIC Member States to support the staging of OIC Tourism Fairs with the full participation and involvement of the Private Sector establishment and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);

4. **Urges** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions/organs to actively participate in the 11th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2021.

D. PRIVATE SECTOR

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.2/46-E adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1-2 March 2019,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the area of private sector development especially through the COMCEC Working Groups and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Recognizing that the private sector is the key driver of employment, growth, investment, trade and innovation and that it has a central role to play in achieving poverty reduction, sustainable development and inclusive growth,

Expressing satisfaction with the fact that by the beginning of 2019, the cumulative private sector approvals of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD) had reached US\$ 6.4 billion in support of 400 projects in OIC Member States,

Also expressing appreciation with the successful outcomes of the 28th Session of the Board of Directors and the 35th General Assembly Meeting of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 2-4 March 2019 respectively, and **welcoming** the approval of Statute of OIC Arbitration Center,

Taking into account the report on activities of ICCIA, especially in the area of trade promotion, organization of specialized trade fairs and business forums, as well as capacity building workshops,

1. **Calls on** all Member States to actively participate at the OIC Private Sector Forum to be held in 2021, for the purpose of mainstreaming the role of Private Sector in socio-economic development;
2. **Reiterate its request** to Member States to designate their umbrella Chambers of Commerce as accredited member of the ICCIA, in order to strengthen the membership of ICCIA as well as consolidating support for this important corporative representative of the OIC.

E. TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT

Recalling the Resolution on Cooperation in the field of Transportation among OIC Member States adopted by the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey on 7-10 September 1987,

Reaffirming the Resolution No. 2/46-E adopted by the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019, with regard to cooperation in transport,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC and the resolution adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Recognizing the crucial role of transport in sustaining and promoting the economic and social development of OIC Member States;

Further recognizing the challenges and opportunities that transportation development presents to OIC Member States and the need for more cooperation and exchange of best practices in this direction,

Emphasizing the need for the implementation of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway Project as a multimodal transport corridor, as well as other cross-border transport connectivity projects in OIC Member States,

Recognizing the importance of intra-OIC transport connectivity in facilitating access to markets, economic opportunities and social services to a number of countries spanning across OIC region, as well as contributing to economic development and poverty alleviation in OIC countries,

Being conscious of the fact that transport networks among OIC Member States remain poorly connected, and the need to strengthen cooperation efforts in the transport sector through formulation and execution of joint projects,

Mindful of the need to increase the public and private investments in the development of transport infrastructure, and enhance efficiency in transport systems, which would contribute to economic growth and employment in OIC Member States,

Commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the OIC Member States, especially through the COMCEC Transport and Communication Working Group and COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Taking into consideration the on-going studies on constraints to connectivity among OIC Member States as well as main challenges of Landlocked Countries of OIC (LLDCs) in the area of transportation,

Taking note of the ongoing measures to convene the Second OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation,

Taking note with appreciation the efforts of the relevant institutions of the OIC, in particular the IsDB, within their respective mandates, to support development of transport infrastructure in OIC Member States,

1. **Encourages** Member States to develop stronger partnerships amongst themselves that focus on transport, in particular development of transport corridors and networks aimed at enhancing connectivity and facilitating trade and investment in OIC region;
2. **Reiterates its request** to Member States and respective OIC development agencies to assist project owners in securing external financial and in-kind support to fast-track the implementation of the various segments of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor, including Dakar-Bamako-Sikasso-Bobo-Dioulasso Railway project;
3. **Encourages** Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the future editions of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation;
4. **Invites** Member States with comparative advantages to take initiatives aimed at capacity-building, exchange of best practices, raising awareness, and enhancing intra-OIC transport dialogue for the benefit of all Member States.

F. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/47-E
ON
POVERTY ALLEVIATION

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Pursuant to the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on intensification of intra-OIC cooperation in the socio-economic domain,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which, among others, prioritizes the poverty alleviation,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Further recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among Member States of the OIC, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Reaffirming the Agreement for Promotion, Protection and Guarantee of Investments among the OIC Member States, which was adopted by the Twelfth Session of CFM held in Baghdad, Iraq on 1-5 June 1981,

Recalling the Resolution No.3/46-E adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019,

Commending the various initiatives launched by OIC Member States towards strengthening economic cooperation among the OIC Member States and their respective support for the implementation of relevant OIC resolutions,

Also commending the efforts of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States especially through the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Calls for** boosting the OIC's coordinating role in implementing and following up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, by elaborating the OIC 2030 Strategy for Sustainable Development, while focusing

on human and social development objectives, which are to be identified in coordination and consultation with the Member States;

2. **Calls for** preparing the OIC Anti-poverty Strategy in the Muslim world, while commissioning experts to develop it, as well as for conducting a study visit to a Muslim state with successful poverty reduction initiatives, and welcomes Tunisia's proposal to host this visit to learn about its innovative social aid management practices;
3. **Commends** IsDB's study on "Developing National Ecosystems for South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC) to Achieve Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development" and IsDB's initiative resulting from this study, namely the "Capacity Development Programme for Enhancing National Ecosystems for SSTrC in OIC Member States" which will support the Member States to fully benefit from the SSTrC modality and use it as one of the key instruments to achieve their national development objectives as well as contribute to the achievement of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and urges the Member States to benefit from this capacity development program.

A. ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT (ISFD):

Recalling the relevant provisions of Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019, with regard to the need to mobilize resources for the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD),

Reaffirming its relevant Resolutions on the mobilization of funds for the ISFD, particularly the Resolution No. 3/46-E adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Noting that a total of 49 OIC Member States and IsDB Group have made pledges to ISFD amounting to US\$ 2.7 billion, which represents only 27% of the approved target capital of US\$10 billion,

Also noting that 29 OIC Member States and IsDB Group have paid their pledges in full, while 9 OIC Member States paid their pledges partially, and other 11 OIC Member States have yet to pay their pledges,

Further noting that the ISFD is still constrained by the low level of mobilized resources, compared to its approved target capital of US\$ 10 billion,

Commending the allocation of a plot of land each by Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros and Cote d'Ivoire to ISFD under the Waqf Programme,

Noting that the cumulative value of the various interventions on poverty alleviation projects through ISFD amounted to US\$ 1.2 billion in 2019,

Recognizing that the main mandate of the ISFD is to contribute to development of a sustainable infrastructure and fostering community-led development in OIC Member States,

Emphasizing the need for further mobilisation of funds in order to make-up for the funding gap of US\$ 7.3 billion to ISFD, as a crucial way of expanding its activities towards alleviating poverty, improving social services and infrastructures in OIC Member States, through diversification of resources,

1. **Renews its call on** OIC Member States, which have not done so, to redeem fully their respective pledges to ISFD and to consider making additional commitments on a voluntary basis, including allocation of Waqf in favour of ISFD, so as to achieve its target capital of US\$ 10 billion;
2. **Also calls upon** OIC Member States, which have not made any commitment to ISFD, to make their respective pledges to ISFD in the spirit of solidarity and mutual assistance;
3. **Further calls on** OIC Member States to support relevant OIC institutions towards enhancing partnership with the Private sector establishments in OIC Member States with a view to mobilizing additional funds to ISFD;
4. **Invites** the Secretary General to continue to report on the activities of ISFD.

B. DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCE

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which, among others, prioritizes the development of Islamic financial products,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Also recalling the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Being conscious of the fact that 31% of OIC Member States total population are still living below the income poverty threshold of US\$1.25 a day, thus emphasizing the need to mobilize additional sources to support the programmes relating to poverty alleviation,

Recognizing that Islamic social finance can potentially meet the resource gap for poverty alleviation and addressing the problem of financial exclusion in OIC Member States,

Taking note of the outcome of the Forum on Islamic Social Finance, held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, on 12-13 November 2019,

Acknowledging that Islamic social finance tools, such as waqf and zakat, can effectively support the social-economic development programs in OIC Member States when it is properly developed, managed and utilized with transparency, accountability and efficiency;

Commending the continuous efforts of IsDB Group, particularly IRTI towards developing Islamic social finance sector in OIC Member States as well as documenting national experiences in this direction,

1. **Requests** Member States to create necessary legal and regulatory environment and supporting infrastructure in order to promote development of Islamic social finance, so as to increase its impact on economy and realize its full potential in addressing poverty;
2. **Invites** Member States, which have developed an effectively functioning Islamic social finance sector, to share their experiences and best practices with other Member States with a view to promoting the development of this sector in these countries;
3. **Also invites** the relevant OIC institutions to provide necessary training and technical support to OIC Member States on the development of Islamic social finance, including its mainstreaming into the national poverty alleviation strategies;
4. **Welcomes** the intention of the Republic of Indonesia to host OIC Central Banks Forum meeting in Indonesia in the coming years;
5. **Encourages** Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the international seminars to create awareness and offer opportunities for discussing issues among the stakeholders on how to further promote the development of Islamic social finance sector in OIC Member States.

C. GENERAL PROVISION

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 4/47-E
ON
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES AND
MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NON-OIC
COUNTRIES WITHIN THE OIC MANDATE

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of Organization of Islamic Cooperation on enhancing and strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among Member States,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Reaffirming the Resolution No.4/46-E adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019, with regard to Economic Assistance to the OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in Disputed/Occupied and non-OIC countries within the OIC mandate,

Believing that the over-all objective of the economic assistance is to increase the capacity of needy OIC countries to pursue their development,

Also recognizing that the effective use of development assistance is central to a partnership for development in support of the achievement of the OIC development goals, including OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

Desirous of contributing to the creation of conditions for the promotion of the economic and social progress of OIC Member States, especially its least developed countries,

Being concerned about the obstacles OIC Member States face in mobilizing the resources needed to finance their sustainable socio-economic development,

Welcoming the establishment of Indonesian Agency for International Development and its development cooperation fund as part of Indonesia's commitment to economic and technical assistance to developing countries, including but not limited to OIC Member States,

Bearing in mind the requests for assistance on the part of the needy OIC Member States,

Commending the OIC Member States, which provided financial and technical assistance in support of the various development projects in the needy OIC Member States and other non-OIC countries,

1. **Calls on** OIC Member States and other potential donors to continue to assist the needy OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries in their efforts to

achieve sustainable economic growth in line with the ideals of partnership, mutual assistance and solidarity among OIC Member States;

2. **Commends** the initiatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by cancelling debts owed by Least Developed Countries to the tune of US\$6 billion based on humanitarian considerations;
3. **Invites** well-endowed OIC Member States to develop capacity-building and technical assistance programmes for the benefit of needy OIC Member States, especially Least Developed Countries as well as facilitate technology transfer to develop and implement national development strategies;
4. **Renews its earlier calls on** OIC Member States to submit, on an annual basis, information on their respective assistance pursuant to the present and previous resolutions on this matter.

A. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN:

Confirming full solidarity of the OIC Member States with the Government and people of Azerbaijan at this very critical time of the country's history,

Referring to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions regarding the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan,

Deploring the aggression and occupation by Armenia of about 20 percent of Azerbaijan territories which resulted in violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people from their homes, which, as such, resembles the terrible concept of ethnic cleansing,

Being conscious of the fact that economic damage inflicted upon Azerbaijan as a result of decades-long aggression by Armenia already exceeds US\$60 billion,

Welcoming and appreciating the financial and humanitarian assistance extended by some Member States, Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic Institutions, as well as United Nations institutions and international organizations over past years,

Expressing satisfaction on de-occupation of the territories of Azerbaijan which will allow to eliminate severe humanitarian problems concerning the existence of more than one million displaced persons in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan through enabling them to return to their homes in safety, honor and dignity,

1. **Appeals** to the Member States, Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic Institutions, as well as all other States to extend their assistance to the Government and People of Azerbaijan in their efforts to rehabilitate and reconstruct the de-occupied territories severely suffered from consequences of aggression by Armenia with a view to enabling the safe and dignified return of the displaced persons;

2. **Calls upon** the International organizations to continue to support economic and social development activities of Azerbaijan.

B. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MUSLIM MINORITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NON-OIC COUNTRIES WITHIN THE OIC MANDATE

*i. **ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR:***

Recalling all previous resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on assistance to the Kashmiri people, particularly Resolution 23/30-E of the Thirtieth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers,

Expressing deep sympathy for the people of Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IOJ&K), who have suffered tremendous loss of life and livelihood, which according to some estimates exceeds US\$ 1 billion as a result of the Indian Government's illegal and unilateral actions of August 5, 2019,

Also expressing gratitude to all Member States, which have been supportive of the Kashmiris and their legitimate struggle for self-determination in this difficult time,

Acknowledging the interest shown by the Secretary General's erstwhile Special Representative on Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Abdullah Alim in extending financial assistance for development projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) during his visit to the region in May 2016,

Welcoming the Secretary General's offers of financing development projects in AJK during his visit to Islamabad in 2014,

Further expressing deep appreciation for the assistance extended to the Kashmiris by some Member States and relevant OIC bodies,

1. **Calls** for expeditiously implementing the recommendations contained in the report of OIC Secretary General's Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir on his visit to Azad Jammu and Kashmir in May 2016;
2. **Encourages** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Development Bank to finance through grants/soft loans, development projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir;
3. **Appeals** to Member States and Islamic institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people;
4. **Encourages** the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations from the Islamic World to continue to provide necessary fund and assistance to support the ongoing efforts for economic uplift of Azad Jammu and Kashmir;

5. **Appeals** to Member States and the Islamic institutions to grant scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries.

C. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/47-E
ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Reaffirming the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation that encourage activities for the increasing intra-OIC socio-economic cooperation,

Recalling the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation among the OIC Member States, adopted as per Resolution No.1/8-E of the Eighth Session of CFM held in Tripoli, Libya on 16-22 May 1977,

Also recalling the Final Communiqué and the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016,

Further recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Reiterating the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, in particular the COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009,

Taking note of the resolutions of the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019, and resolutions of the 36th Session of the COMCEC, held virtually on 25-26 November 2020,

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Turkey, as the host country of the COMCEC, for its continued support for COMCEC activities and for successful implementation of the COMCEC Strategy through its mechanisms, namely COMCEC Working Groups and COMCEC Project Funding for the benefit of the Member States,

Commending COMCEC for its efforts for enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States in the fields of trade, agriculture, transport and communications, tourism, finance, poverty alleviation and private sector development in the light of the COMCEC Strategy coordinated by COMCEC Coordination Office and in collaboration with various OIC Institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IsDB Group, IOFS, ICCIA, OISA and SMIIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Renews** its request to the Member States to further their efforts for the implementation of COMCEC's Resolutions, including the resolutions of the 35th Session of the

COMCEC No. OIC/COMCEC/35-19/RES and 36th Session of the COMCEC No. OIC/COMCEC/36-20/RES as annexed hereto, in a manner consistent with the OIC Charter;

2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.6/47-E
ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RELEVANT OIC INSTITUTIONS
WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC DOMAIN

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (United Against Terrorism for Peace and Development) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020 (12-13 Rabi al Thani 1442H).

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on follow-up of the implementation of OIC decisions, resolutions and recommendations, including coordination and harmonization of the work of relevant OIC organs,

Recalling the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019,

Reaffirming the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019,

Also reaffirming the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 35th Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 25-28 November 2019 ,

Recalling the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, particularly the role of OIC institutions working in the economic domain towards attaining the goals of the Programme in the economic domain,

Taking note of the outcome of the Fifth Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 4-5 December 2019,

Taking into account the reports on activities of the various OIC institutions in the economic domain, namely: SESRIC, ICDT, IOFS, ICCIA and SMIIC,

Having considered the Report of the Secretary General as well as the report of the Joint General Assembly of the Subsidiary Organs,

A. STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC)

Recalling the Resolution No.2/8-EC adopted by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Tripoli, Libya in May 1977, with regard to the creation of the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC),

Conscious of SESRIC's role in preparing background reports and studies on the various agenda items of the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings,

Acknowledging the noticeable increase in the number and themes of the reports and studies as well as the training and capacity building programmes of the SESRIC in the recent years,

Bearing in mind the continuous efforts of SESRIC towards initiating and implementing a wide range of capacity building programmes and training courses in different fields and areas of interest to the Member States with a view to enhancing the capacities and quality of their national institutions and human resources,

Taking note of the outcome of the 42nd Meeting of the Board of Directors of SESRIC, held in Ankara, Turkey on 21 October 2019,

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General as well as the report of the Joint General Assembly of the Subsidiary Organs,

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to endeavour for the implementation of the recommendations and project proposals contained in the reports and studies of SESRIC submitted to the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings;
2. **Invites** SESRIC to continue conducting joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on developmental issues of interest to the Member States with a view to generating proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
3. **Calls upon** SESRIC to initiate research projects on new socio-economic developmental issues, which are challenging the efforts of the Members States towards achieving the SDGs, particularly those which are also stipulated in the OIC-2025: Programme of Action;
4. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in, and support, the activities of SESRIC through designating their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET Programme) and activating the role of these NFPs in the process of the implementation of the various projects and activities of the Programme;
5. **Urges** SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group to enhance and increase their cooperation to facilitate the implementation of a wide range of activities such as joint research, trainings, workshops, study visits and so on within the framework of the OIC Vocational Education and Training Programme (OIC-VET) as well as all other SESRIC OIC Capacity Building Programmes (OIC-CaBs) for the benefit of the Member States;
6. **Commends** the efforts of SESRIC on the implementation of the Reverse Linkage Projects together with IsDB with a view to increasing the capacities of the Member States through the transfer of knowledge, technology and best practices, and **calls**

upon the Member States to actively participate in these projects either as a beneficiary or provider;

7. **Appreciates** the recently initiated Bina Incubator with a view to empowering entrepreneurs, start-ups, and SMEs through facilitating new sustainable businesses creation and growth, providing highly-integrated business development services and match-making facilities in partnership with the SMEs ecosystem, and stimulating entrepreneurial spirit and growth in innovative start-ups and micro enterprises;;
8. **Commends** the continuous efforts of SESRIC in cooperation with the Member States towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistics Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member States within the framework of the Centre’s Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) and **calls upon** the NSOs of the Member States to actively participate in the annual sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);
9. **Appreciates** SESRIC’s efforts to conduct a one-day commemoration programme for Dhaka, the OIC City of Tourism 2019, on 15 October 2019 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, which included an international seminar on “Development of Muslim Friendly Tourism in the Dhaka City” and an “Award Ceremony for the best Tour Operators in Dhaka” where three best tour operates in the city of Dhaka have been awarded for their remarkable contribution to the development of tourism in the city;
10. **Urges** the Member States, which have not done so thus far, for the on-time and regular payment of their annual mandatory contributions to the budget of the Centre, and to act for the settlement of their outstanding arrears, if any, at the earliest.

B. ISLAMIC CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (ICDT)

Recalling the Resolution No.2/3-E (IS) adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 25-28 January 1981, with regard to the creation of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT),

Bearing in mind the outcomes of the Fourth Meeting of the ACMOI Trade and Investment Sub Committee, which was held in Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco on 1 April 2019,

Pays tribute to ICDT for organizing specialized exhibitions on Health, Halal Industry, Agribusiness Industries, Green Economy, Furniture and Decoration and other future events to be held in 2020 such the 17th OIC Trade Fair in Pakistan/Senegal, Tourism and Handicraft; Agribusiness in Saudi Arabia, 5th OIC Health Expo in Dakar on June 2020 and the 2nd OIC Organic Expo in Tunisia,

Pays tribute to ICDT for organizing seminars and workshops on TPS-OIC, Single Window, Exports and investment strategies, Dispute settlement, online webmarketing for women entrepreneurs, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Non-Tariff Barriers,

Also noting with satisfaction the organization by ICDT, in collaboration with SESRIC and SMIIC, of the Workshop on Developing Muslim Friendly Tourism in Suriname and Guyana in Paramaribo on 15-17 July 2019 under the COMCEC Project Funding,

Further noting with appreciation the organization by ICDT and SESRIC of the Training Workshop for the benefit of the Parks and Protected Areas Managers in Ankara, Turkey on 5-7 November 2019,

Taking note with appreciation of monitoring reports on the World Trade Organization (WTO) matters submitted by ICDT and IsDB,

Noting with satisfaction the outcomes of the Workshops on “Post-WTO Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11)” organized in Casablanca on 26-27 June 2019 and on “Current WTO Negotiations for the benefit of the OIC Member States’ Permanent Missions in Geneva” organized by ICDT in cooperation with IsDB Department of Country Strategy and Cooperation in Geneva on 14-15 November 2019, respectively,

Also noting with satisfaction the implementation by ICDT of the OIC Trade Map and MacMap, the TPOs and NTBs Observatory websites in order to enhance trade facilitation tools for the benefit of the OIC Member States and contributing to the development of the intra-OIC trade,

Taking note with appreciation the ICDT’s 2019 Annual Report on “*Trade among the OIC Member States*” which shows an enhancement of the Intra-OIC Net Trade volume by 18.4%, increasing from USD 322.2 billion in 2017 to USD 381.4 billion in 2018; while, the share of intra-OIC Trade in the overall foreign trade of Member states increased by 7.1% from 19.8% in 2017 to 21.2% in 2018,

Taking note of the outcomes of the 37th Meeting of ICDT’s Board of Directors, which was held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 16-17 October 2019,

Having considered the activity report submitted by the ICDT,

1. **Calls on** ICDT to continue extending the technical assistance to the Member States in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations and coordinating the positions of Member States within the WTO in close cooperation with IsDB Group;
2. **Encourages** ICDT and IsDB to jointly organize a consultative Expert Group Meeting during the first quarter of 2021 in preparation of the WTO Ministerial Conference (MC12) including all OIC Member Countries and also an OIC Consultative Ministerial Meeting before the WTO MC 12;
3. **Calls upon** the WTO members of the OIC to assist non-WTO members of the OIC in their accession process to WTO;

4. **Calls on** ICDT and IsDB to carry on their efforts in raising the awareness of Member States of the importance of the WTO agreements and trade negotiations and their impacts on their economies and **requests** them to pool together and coordinate their efforts to reinforce the human and institutional capacities of the OIC Member States in WTO related matters, in particular, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, GATS and Trade remedies measures, so as to facilitate their full integration into the multilateral trading system on an equitable and fair basis;
5. **Invites** ICDT to carry on holding more sector-specific exhibitions and to keep on utilizing professional expertise in these activities, especially in the area of Tourism, Halal Industry, Agribusiness, Green Economy, Health products and services, Higher Education Services, Maritime Economy, Social and Solidarity Economy, Cotton, textiles and garments, Furniture, Interior Decoration and Building, logistics and transportation and to submit regularly progress reports to the relevant OIC fora;
6. **Also invites** ICDT, in cooperation with the CCO, as the Co-Secretariats of the Trade Negotiating Committee of the TPS-OIC (Turkey), to carry on providing technical assistance and organizing Training and Awareness raising Seminars on the TPS/OIC and its Protocols in the different regions of the OIC in a bid to sensitize the Member States to complete their membership to the TPS/OIC;
7. **Further invites** ICDT to disseminate the guidelines for setting up Single Windows in the OIC Countries and the outcomes of the NTBs survey with aim to facilitating intra-OIC trade;
8. **Invites** the Member States to keep on providing the ICDT with data relating to trade and investment statistics and regulations and entrusts ICDT to follow up the issue of the expansion of intra-OIC trade and report to the COMCEC and to other OIC fora;
9. **Calls on** ICDT and other relevant OIC institutions to draw a new integrated programme on Women Empowerment and Youth for the benefit of the OIC Member States particularly for the Most SMEs capacity building programs;
10. **Calls on** ICDT and IsDB to conduct workshop and analytical studies on new issues of WTO such as electronic commerce, MSMEs, trade information sharing and investment facilitation for development;
11. **Requests** ICDT in cooperation with SESRIC to carry on monitoring with World Tourism Organization the project on “the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa“ and **invites** UNWTO, the IsDB Group and other OIC and international institutions to support this project, notably the mission of formulation of bankable projects and the organization of the Second Donors Conference;
12. **Takes note** of the appeal made by the Director General of ICDT to Member States to grant voluntary contributions to ICDT in order to finance the new initiatives to be launched by the Centre like the Afro-Asia Business Initiative, the Single Window, the

OIC HelpDesk and the management fees of the OIC Pavilion during the Expo Dubai to be held in Dubai on 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022 and **encourages** OIC Institutions to organise events in collaboration with ICDDT on the side-lines of Expo Dubai;

13. **Calls on** Member States to actively participate in the Regional Investment Forum to be held in Azerbaijan in 2021;
14. **Endorses** the ICDDT draft work programme for the year 2021, which was adopted by the 37th Meeting of ICDDT's Board of Directors held in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on 16-17 October 2019.

C. ISLAMIC ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY (IOFS)

Pursuant to the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31 May 2019, which welcomes the consolidation of the structures of IOFS,

Recalling Resolution 1/46-E of the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abu-Dhabi, State of United Arab Emirates on 1-2 March 2019, urging member states to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS,

Giving effect to the provisions of the Statute of IOFS, approved by 40th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea on 9-11 December 2013,

Taking note of Resolution 1/4-MFSAD adopted by the 4th OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran from 13-15 Shaaban 1415H (14-16 January 1995) on OIC Food Security Reserve,

Congratulating the newly elected members of the Executive Board of IOFS and the Director-General of IOFS, wishing them successful tenures of service respectively,

Commending the generous support of the Government of Kazakhstan for facilitating the establishment of the Secretariat of IOFS, through financing the budgets of the latter for three years with effect from 2016 and for executing the Headquarters Agreement with IOFS in this regard,

Also commending the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Second Session of IOFS General Assembly in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 27-29 August 2019 and for the special donation of US\$ 2 million for the activities of IOFS,

Further commending the Government of the Republic of Turkey for its offer to host the 3rd General Assembly of IOFS in June 2020,

Further commending IsDB and other OIC institutions for supporting the activities of IOFS, thereby ensuring synergy and effective allocation of resources,

Conscious of the need for IOFS to proceed with the expeditious implementation of the various OIC resolutions, decisions, plans and programmes in the domain of food security, particularly the development of strategic commodities, advocacy for addressing post-harvest losses through the proposed Islamic Food Processing Association, and the creation of a Food Security Reserve within the various regions of OIC,

Emphasizing the importance of implementing the STI 2026 Agenda, through leveraging on modern scientific and technological methods to promote inclusive and resilient food security systems as well as better farming, harvesting and irrigation practices,

Taking note of the Progress Report on the activities of IOFS pursuant to CFM resolutions on agriculture, rural development and food security,

1. **Calls on** Member States to implement the various programmes of IOFS geared towards scaling up intra-OIC action for increased food security, productivity and resilience in OIC member states, including the creation of Food Security Reserve and a Grain Fund under the IOFS;
2. **Requests** Member States to support IOFS Plan of Action 2020 for the implementation of STI Agenda 2026 in the domain of food security and water use management.
3. **Calls on** Member States, which have not done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS, the new OIC specialised institution based in Nursultan, Republic of Kazakhstan;
4. **Invites** Member States to make special contributions to IOFS, with a view to accelerating the consolidation of its structures.

D. ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE (ICCIA)

Emphasizing the role of ICCIA, as a business and investment engine, for undertaking different initiatives for the benefit of the Member States and **encouraging** the Chambers of Commerce to be actively involved in the ICCIA's activities,

Taking note of the outcome of the 29th Board of Directors (BoD) meeting of ICCIA, which was held in Karachi, Pakistan on 15-16 November 2019,

Noting with appreciation the role of ICCIA in the International Foras as a spokesperson for the Private Sector, promoting the Agenda of South-South & Triangular Cooperation, OIC-2025: Programme of Action and COMCEC Strategy, and highlighting the role of the Private Sector as a major contributor in economic cooperation,

Welcoming the initiative of the Islamic Chamber in the establishment of the OIC Arbitration Centre in collaboration with the Union of Turkish Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) in Istanbul, Turkey, as ICCIA's affiliated organ, and taking note of the signing of the Headquarters Agreement of OIC Arbitration Center, between the Ministry of

Commerce of the Republic of Turkey and Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA),

Having considered the activity report submitted by the ICCIA,

1. **Commends** the efforts of ICCIA in setting-up the (a) Halal Company and (b) Company for Establishment and Management of the Cross Border Gates (GTI in collaboration with the Union of Turkish Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB));
2. **Also commends** ICCIA's initial investment in these companies and calls upon the Private Sector of the Member States to consider partnership in the above mentioned projects;
3. **Welcomes** the efforts of ICCIA in organizing the activities to develop strategies and policies in the domain of Microfinance, Agriculture and Digitization covering Digital Economy for the Member Chambers and **calls upon** the relevant stakeholders to support ICCIA towards this end;
4. **Takes note** of the following activities to be organized by the ICCIA and **calls upon** the private sector of the Member States to actively participate in the following activities in the year 2021:
 - 1) Workshops on Strategic Commodities (Cassava, Wheat, Rice, Sugar, Dairy products);
 - 2) Training Program on Digital Transformation in Istanbul, Turkey;
 - 3) Forum on "Invest in Digital Economy", Amman, Jordan;
 - 4) Chamber Academy Program for OIC Countries, in Istanbul, Turkey;
 - 5) Forum on Traditional Handicraft, Kingdom of Morocco;
 - 6) Forum on Entrepreneurship and Start-ups;
 - 7) Investment Forum in Islamic Tourism and Medical Tourism Forum;
 - 8) Investment Forum in Higher Education;
 - 9) Halal E-Commerce;
 - 10) Investment Forum in Organic Agriculture;
 - 11) Sports Investment Forum;
 - 12) Businesswomen and Women Executives Forum.

E. STANDARDS AND METROLOGY INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SMIIC)

Commending the activities of Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in the area of standardization, metrology and accreditation and their impact on trade facilitation and capacity building projects for Member States,

Welcoming the membership of Republic of Indonesia, State of Kuwait and Russian Federation to SMIIC, which has increased the number of SMIIC Member States to 39 along with 3 Observers to be effective from 1 January 2020,

Noting with satisfaction the signing of MoU between SMIIC and Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) on 30 July 2019 to enhance and facilitate cooperation and collaboration between both institutions,

Expressing its appreciation to SMIIC for supporting the organization of the 7th OIC Halal Expo and Istanbul World Halal Summit 2019 (WHS) in Istanbul, Turkey on 28 November-1 December 2019, which was aimed at raising awareness of halal products, engaging in halal production and services in all fields and bringing together market leaders and halal product experts,

Acknowledging the Capacity Building activities of SMIIC for OIC Member States in the fields of quality infrastructure elements,

Also acknowledging the role of SMIIC for the achievement of goals defined in the OIC-2025: Programme of Action to promote trade exchanges among the OIC Member States, increase production and competitiveness of products as well as to increase intra-OIC trade,

Noting with satisfaction the organization of the 6th and 7th SMIIC Technical Committee Week Meetings and SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (SMIIC/CCA) meetings held on 15-20 April 2019, and 23-28 September 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey,

Welcoming the publication of latest editions of the OIC/SMIIC halal standards upon the completion of a comprehensive revision process conducted in SMIIC Technical Committee 1 and SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (SMIIC/CCA) with the participation of its members and liaison organizations and **noting** that the following editions of OIC/SMIIC halal standards are now available for the use of OIC Member States:

- OIC/SMIIC 1: 2019, General Requirements for Halal Food;
- OIC/SMIIC 2: 2019, Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Halal Certification;
- OIC/SMIIC 3: 2019, Conformity Assessment - Requirements for Halal Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Halal Conformity Assessment Bodies.

Acknowledging the OIC/SMIIC 1 - Foundation Training that was held on 28 September-1 October 2019 in İstanbul, Republic of Turkey with the support from the International Islamic Finance Corporation (ITFC), a member of the International Islamic Bank Group (IsDB), with the objective to give the necessary foundation knowledge of the OIC/SMIIC 1 and encourage the harmonization of Halal Standards used in the OIC and internationally by aiding in the adoption and use of the OIC/SMIIC Halal Standards,

Welcoming the “Foundation Training for OIC/SMIIC 1-Halal Food Guidelines” which was organized in the Bishkek and Osh cities of the Kyrgyz Republic on 29 April - 3 May 2019 in coordination with Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) to raise awareness on the OIC/SMIIC standards as well as to encourage the Member States for the use of the said standards in the conformity assessment activities,

Having noted the report on the activities of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC),

1. **Urges** the Member States to accede to the membership of SMIIC, which works on the specialized areas of the standardization, metrology and accreditation activities under the mandate of OIC as the sole intergovernmental organization;
2. **Requests** the Member States to actively participate in SMIIC Technical Committees (TCs) and other technical activities of SMIIC Councils;
3. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to officially adopt all published OIC/SMIIC standards according to SMIIC adoption guidelines to aid the harmonization of standards and eliminate the technical barriers to trade among OIC Member States and to be included in the SMIIC database as well as to encourage the implementation of the standards by the manufacturers, certification and accreditation bodies;
4. **Invites** the Member States to engage in close cooperation with SMIIC and OIC Institutions in order to improve the quality infrastructure systems of the OIC Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in the 8th OIC Halal Expo and Istanbul World Halal Summit to be held under the auspices of the Presidency of the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul in 2021, which is organized in coordination with SMIIC General Secretariat and Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT);
6. **Calls upon** the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to support SMIIC and provide it with any necessary fatwa and advice, particularly regarding halal issues;
7. **Requests** the Member States to participate and contribute to the various training programs conducted by SMIIC, including OIC/SMIIC Standards and OIC/SMIIC 1 Halal Food auditors training programmes;
8. **Invites** IsDB Group and related OIC institutions to support SMIIC with training and programmes in the fields of standardization and improvement in quality infrastructure as well as to include in the programmes related to the activities in the mandate of SMIIC;
9. **Urges** the Member States to consider SMIIC as the common platform of OIC for the quality infrastructure related activities such as OIC Global Halal Quality Infrastructure system and **requests** the Member States to forward all subjects related to the standardization, metrology, accreditation and conformity assesment to be evaulated within SMIIC.

F. GENERAL PROVISION:

Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
