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RESOLUTION NO. 1/47-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

Recalling the principles of The Tehran Declaration adopted in December 1997 by the 8th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in mind** Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at the enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of The OIC-2025 called on the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard,

Recalling the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly 73/128 of 12 December 2018 on Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance, initiated by the Republic of Uzbekistan, co-sponsored by 50 States, including 32 Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Bearing in mind that States have the primary responsibility to promote human rights, including the human rights of persons belonging to religious minorities, including their right to exercise their religion or belief freely,

Recognizing the valuable contribute on of people of all religions or beliefs to humanity and the contribution that dialogue among religious groups can make towards an improved awareness and understanding of the common values shared by all humankind,

Underlining the importance of promoting peace, respect on human rights, tolerance, harmonious coexistence, and friendship,

Seriously concerned by intolerance and the existence of discrimination on account of religion or belief, and by the ongoing violence in the world, in which terrorist groups have targeted people for their religion or beliefs,

Convinced that promoting religious tolerance will contribute to the fulfillment of the goals of universal peace, social justice, friendship, the protection of human rights and the elimination of ignorance and practices of violence,

Welcoming the valuable role of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in contributing towards a more peaceful, more socially inclusive world by promoting greater understanding and respect among civilizations, cultures, religions and beliefs,

1. **Commends** the initiative on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue propounded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colors, races and cultures.

2. **Commends** the convening of the high level Consultation of World Muslim Scholars on Wasatiyyat Islam, held in Bogor, the Republic of Indonesia, on May 2018 by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia

3. **Welcomes** the “Bogor Message” containing the principal points on “moderation” for promoting peace, tolerance, and harmonious life within the Islamic World as well as among religions.

4. **Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), whose headquarters were established in Vienna, and **calls on** the Member States to actively contribute with ideas, suggestions, and recommendations of making the Center an effective institution for promoting interfaith and inter-civilization dialogue.

5. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat for having implemented programs and activities to materialize its cooperation with the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), including through joint-events of interreligious talks on “The role of religious and community leaders in the implementation of the peace agreements in Central African Republic, held in Dakar, Senegal in December 2017; and also through join-project to improve Muslim-Buddhist relationship in East and Southeast Asia, notably the Strategic Workshop of interreligious dialogue held in Bangkok, the Kingdom of Thailand, in December 2017 and Welcomes the Plan of Action resulted from the Round-table event in Dakar, Senegal on 8-11 December 2017 which was aimed at promoting peace and reconciliation in the Central African Republic (CAR) and, Encourages Member States to provide technical as well as financial supports to the implement points enlisted in the aforementioned Plan of Action.

6. **Commends** the outcomes of the Strategic Workshop on “Religious Coexistence in South Asia: Addressing the contemporary challenges related to Buddhist-Muslim relationships” held on 18-20 December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, in cooperation with KAICIID, Interreligious Council of Thailand (IRC)/Religions for Peace (RfP), the Mahidol University, and Fatoni University; and encourages the General Secretariat to continue implementing similar programs and activities to promote peaceful coexistence among religions living in the South and Southeast Asia region.
7. **Welcomes** further activity with KAICIID aimed at finding innovative solutions which may manage and mitigate violent fault lines affecting societies in the South and Southeast Asia, including the ‘Buddhists and Muslim tensions’, through Interreligious Dialogue being held in December 2019 in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia.
8. **Calls** the General Secretariat and relevant OIC Organs to continue developing the scheme of ‘rapprochement’ by taking measures to increase the relations between the Muslim World and multiple cultures and civilizations, mainly through inter-civilization and inter-cultural dialogues with Sino, Russia, Western Societies, Buddhist, and Hindu Civilizations.
9. **Commends** the outcome of the Washington Conference on the “Alliance Religions” organized by the Forum for Promoting Peace on 5-7 November 2017, with the participation of religious leaders representing different divine religions, and influential academics and researchers from the US, Muslim countries and other countries; which culminated in the establishment of the global “Alliance of Virtue for the Common Good”, for the good of all humanity.
10. **Commends** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates through the Peace Promotion Forum which was established in 2014 under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah and held three sessions in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, and Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco; It also made significant efforts to promote sound Islamic thought and the civilized image of Islam in dealing with others and protecting non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries.
11. **Pays tribute** to the extensive efforts made by the United Arab Emirates through the Muslim Council of Elders, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates, which was established in 2014 under the chairmanship of Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and has made considerable efforts through dialogue of civilizations between East and West in both Italy and France. Several meetings with the Elders of the West were held to bring together the Islamic and Christian perspectives through the common denominators that unite Islam, Christianity and other monotheistic religions for the sake of peaceful coexistence and cooperation among civilizations to the benefit of mankind.
12. **“Commends** the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, signed by Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and Chairperson of the Council

of Wise Muslims, and Pope Francis of the Catholic Church, under the patronage of the UAE, on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates.”

13. **Commends** the UAE’s efforts in sponsoring the new Hilf al-Fudul (League of the Virtuous) for religious coexistence, peace and harmony, which was signed by the representative heads of various religions on 10 December 2019 in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, and **praises** the Emirati efforts to organize a forum for peace.

14. **Commends** the High Patronage conferred by His Majesty King Mohammed VI on the Conference on the Rights of Religious Minorities in the Muslim World held in Marrakech in January 2016, during which the Marrakech Declaration was adopted as a cornerstone in the promotion of dialogue and interaction among various religions.

15. **Commends** the great efforts of the UAE through the launch of the Award for World Peace of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, which recognizes individuals and organizations that make outstanding contributions to world peace, the biggest world award of USD 1.5 million, as well as the efforts of the Government of the UAE in promoting moderate Islamic culture in the country and beyond.

16. **Commends** the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, The World Interfaith Harmony Week, which has been observed in every first week of the month of February since the year of 2011.

17. **Reiterates** the OIC’s support to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative by the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, and **appreciates** all religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community who have participated and actively contributed to the VI Congress held in Astana on 10-11 October 2018 under the slogan of “Religious Leaders for a Secure World”.

18. **Invites** OIC Member States and International community to participate to the VII Congress to be held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan in 2022.

19. **Commends** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in promoting tolerance among peoples and nations through the World Tolerance Summit held which was held again in Dubai on 13-14 November 2019 with the participation of more than 3000 participants, including government leaders, academic peace experts, etc. It aimed to highlight the values of constructive co-existence conducive to a world characterized by tolerance. The UAE efforts also included holding Hilf Al-Fudul Conference (League of the Virtuous) held in the capital city Abu Dhabi on 9-10 December 2019, with the participation of over 1000 participants.

20. **Commends** the United Arab Emirates, which announced the year 2019 as the Year of World Tolerance. The celebration ceremony will take place in Abu Dhabi on 3-4 February 2019 in the presence of the Pope, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Chairperson of the Muslim Council of

Elders, and all prominent leaders of various religions. This year will include prominent events on tolerance among civilizations.

21. **Calls upon** Member States to maintain a common stance in supporting the application of the principles and purposes of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief;

22. **Urges** Member States to step up their efforts to protect and promote freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief through education and other means, mutual understanding, tolerance, non-discrimination and respect in all matters relating to freedom of religion or belief;

23. **Calls on** Member States to support various types of intercultural engagement and peace-building at the national and international levels;

24. **Requests** the relevant OIC institutions to support research activities on enlightenment and religious tolerance;

25. **Expresses** deep concern about all attacks on religious places, sites and shrines that violate international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including any deliberate destruction of relics and monuments, including those carried out in connection with incitement to national, racial or religious hatred;

26. **Invites** Member States to implement appropriate communications strategies, such as wide-scale awareness-raising campaigns in national and international media, as well as through the Internet, and to disseminate educational information on tolerance, non-violence and freedom of religion or belief.

27. **Commends** the outcomes of the international symposium on “Promoting the Values of Peace and Dialogue”, held on 18-20 April 2016 in Sousse in Tunisia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Tunisia, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

28. **Commends** the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.

29. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide with possible financial support for the success of these dialogues.

30. **Commends** the active role of the Republic of Azerbaijan in promoting intercultural and interreligious dialogue through hosting numerous international events, especially biennial World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, held within the “Baku Process”, as well as the Seventh Global Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations held on 25-27 April, 2016 in Baku, and 1st and 2nd Baku Summits of World Religious Leaders held in 2010 and 2019”.

31. **Applauds** the initiatives, programs and activities taken by the General Secretariat and those by the relevant OIC Specialized and subsidiary bodies in particular the ISESCO and IRCICA for celebration of 2010 as the International Year for Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for peace.

32. **Calls** upon all Member States to give necessary assistance and support to the Dialogue and Outreach Department in implementing its mandates, considering the important role that the OIC plays in boosting dialogue, outreach and openness with all other cultures and civilizations, as described in the Secretary General’s Report at the 45th CFM.

33. **Commends** the International Conference held by Al-Azhar Al-Shareef and the Council of Muslim Elders on 17-18 January 2018 in Cairo, under the patronage of President Abdulfattah Al-Sisi, which reaffirmed the Arab and Islamic character of Al-Quds and the invalidity of all measures taken by the US President to relocate the US Embassy to Al-Quds.

34. **Welcomes** the United Nations’ “Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites: In Unity and Solidarity for Safe and Peaceful Worship” launched by the UN Secretary General in September 2019,

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

Cognizant of the need to promote greater harmony and understanding between and among different cultures and civilizations,

Referring to the OIC-2025 Vision and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilization dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), launched jointly by Turkey, Qatar and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC’s Ten-Year Action Plan,

Remembering its resolutions 1/38-C, 1/39-C, 1/40-C, 1/41-C, 1/42-C, 1/43-C, 1/44-C, 1/45-C, 1/46-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th and 46th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various AoC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization

between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

Emphasizing the importance of membership in the Group of Friends of Alliance of Civilizations to effectively contribute to Alliance's noble goals,

Noting the Alliance's adoption of a Regional Strategy for Southern Europe, the Mediterranean, and Latin America,

Also noting the recent adoption of UNAOC Action Plan 2019-2023 presenting an overview of the Alliance of Civilizations' vision and priorities during the upcoming 4-years period.

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the **General** Secretariat of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, and also for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.

2. Commends the General Secretariat for the decision to form a bilateral consultation with the UNAOC on regular basis, as well as for the establishment of joint OIC-AOC team to follow-up and review the annual progress of the implementation of the MoU between the OIC and the UNAOC.

3. Calls on Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations.

4. Calls on Member States Members of the Group of Friends to reaffirm support to the UNAOC and expressed conviction that UNAOC plays an important role as a global platform for sharing good practices for living together in inclusive societies. (Proposed by the GS)

5. Calls upon Member States of the OIC to actively participate in the work of the Alliance, particularly the development and adoption of the Alliance's regional strategies and related guiding documents, and the implementation thereof.

6. Encourages all Member States to utilize their participation at UNAOC's activities to call for wider implementation of Resolution 16/18, as the best way forward for combating incitement to hatred, violence and discrimination based on religion.

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

Taking note of the reports of the Consultative Council on Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Muslim World (CCICS) adopted at its earlier meetings and the importance of the protection of intellectual and cultural heritage against external threats:

1. Calls upon the ISESCO to develop a comprehensive action plan to ensure the implementation of the revised Cultural Strategy of the Muslim World adopted at the 10th Session

of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Culture in Khartoum, Republic of Sudan, on 21-23 November 2017.

2. Takes Note the adoption of the amended Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world that was adopted by the 10th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan, on 21-23 November 2017, and calls upon ISESCO to develop a comprehensive plan of action to ensure the effective implementation of the Strategy.

3. Calls upon the Member States to implement cultural programs and projects in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO in line with the amended Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World.

4. Commends the activities carried out by ISESCO and cultural capitals since 2011, and expresses deep gratitude to Member States that actively participated in these events.

5. Calls for the activation of the Council of the ambassadors of the OIC Member States in Europe and the America to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to convey the true message of Islam, aiming to improve the image of Muslims, spread Islamic values and cultures to confront hatred and Islamophobic sentiments and serve joint Islamic causes in these countries.

6. Calls upon the Member States for taking up a plan of action on the updated OIC Cultural Strategy with a view to enhancing and projecting the cultural values and strengths of the Muslim world and especially in mitigating and dispelling Islamophobia.

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

Taking into account the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri Calendar which will reflect the unity of Muslims during the feasts and celebrations;

Taking note of the conclusions of the scientific symposium on unifying the Hijri Calendar held in Tunis on 11 June 2009 in presence of the OIC General Secretariat, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Member States, which include the following:

- **Need to** rely on vision while making use of astronomical calculations and observatories and to take into account scientific facts and fixed and accurate astronomical calculations.
- **Make** use of Al-Shahid System of the Tunisian Scientist Mohamed Al Awsat Al-Iyari.

Taking also note of the International Conference of the Unity of Hijri Calendar, hosted by the Turkish Administration of Religious Affairs (Diyanet) in May 2016 in Istanbul to which scientists, astronomers and officials from around 50 countries attended.

Recalling all previous resolutions supporting *Dar Al-Iftaa* in implementing the satellite project in cooperation with Cairo University and the Center for Aerospace Studies and Consulting in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and stressing the importance of implementing the project proposed 15

years ago with the aim of unifying the Hijra calendar in Islamic countries as an embodiment of their unity;

1. **Calls on** OIC Member States and institutions and civil society organizations to financially contribute towards the establishment and manufacturing of the Islamic satellite.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures in this regard in coordination with Dar al-IftaaAl-Misriyah with a view to starting the effective implementation of this project.
3. **Calls upon** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and through cooperation with Turkish Administration of Religious Affairs (Diyamet).
4. **Takes into consideration** the efforts exerted by the United Arab Emirates to achieve the unity of Muslim countries through the two meetings of the sharia scholars and astronomers held in (1438/2016– 1439/2017) that agreed to the unification of the Hijri calendar."
5. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Also recalling the Security Council Resolution 2334 (2016) which stipulated, inter alia, “that it will not recognize any changes to the 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem”; while **stressing** the importance of this resolution in creating better prospects for achieving comprehensive, lasting and just peace;

Taking into consideration the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israel’s attempts to obliterate and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, including their history and heritage, and its continued practices to malign the Islamic civilization, distort historical and geographical facts, in addition to the ongoing policy of colonial expansionism and racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitute a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

Condemning the aggression perpetrated by Israel in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif including the construction of colonies and the racist annexation and expansionist wall around the city for its Judaization;

Recalling the Jakarta Declaration adopted by the 5th Extraordinary Islamic Summit, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6-7 March 2016 on Palestine and Al-Quds Ash-Sharif;

Stressing the importance of empowering the Palestinian people and the OIC Member States’ support to all efforts aiming to promote and develop quality education in Palestine and provide training to all Palestinian people, both in Palestine and in the Member States;

Expressing deep concern at the incessant Israeli threats and attacks against the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and Islamic and Christian holy places in the territory of the State of Palestine;

Recalling the Final Communique of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit, held in Istanbul, on 13 December 2017 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey, to consider the situation in the wake of the U.S. Administration’s recognition of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the so-called capital of Israel, the occupying power, and the relocation of the US Embassy to Al-Quds.

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on the following matters:

A) TWINNING OF PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITH UNIVERSITIES IN OIC MEMBER STATES

- 1. Calls on** Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students in all areas of study; **expresses** appreciation to Member States that have already given more scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce tuition fees for Palestinian students;
- 2. Recommends** lending all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities to enable them to play their national and educational role; **calls upon** the League of Islamic Universities to coordinate with the League's member universities to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between Palestinian universities and member universities of the League with a view to fostering cooperation between; **calls upon** these universities to send and receive training and academic missions to and from Palestinian universities; and calls for a conference of universities from the Member States and Palestine to support the Palestinian universities in all fields;
- 3. Calls upon** Member States, Islamic funds, the IDB and other OIC organs to contribute effectively and generously to the establishment of the university, which is considered an important national achievement for the Ummah at large;
- 4. Calls on** Member States to boycott Israeli universities for their subversive role in misrepresenting and distorting facts and providing support for the colonial regime that Israel is creating and its illegal occupation, until Israel, the occupying power, ceases all its violations against the Palestinian people in general and the Palestinian university and school students in particular;

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

- 1. Condemns strongly** the attempts of Israel, the occupying power, to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds to replace Arab Palestinian curricula, as an attempt by Israeli occupation authorities to impose its version of history on Al-Quds citizens as a prelude to Judaize the city and obliterate its Arab identity, which constitutes a blatant violation of international laws and instruments; and **calls** for an international appeal to counter those measures and for the OIC Group at the relevant UN fora to act promptly to compel Israel, the occupying power, to stop its egregiously colonial and racial policies;
- 2. Condemns** the occupation authorities' decision to close the UNRWA schools and other schools in Al-Quds Ash-Sharif, which through these measures seek to Judaize the city, undermine the Palestinian presence therein, and prevent Palestinian refugees from benefiting from the UNRWA services in general.
- 3. Calls upon** Member States to implement its previous decisions to find the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan and to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to secure the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the East

Jerusalem, in particular, and to work to actualize the educational aspect of the Strategic Plan for the development of East Jerusalem adopted by the 4th session of the Extraordinary Islamic summit, and subsequent summits in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities to impose their own educational curricula, prevent the construction of schools or refuse their expansion and restoration, impose high taxes on schools reporting to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, close down schools outside their control, and erect security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students and prevent access to their places of work, schools and universities. They are also subjected to harassment and attacks by settlers. **Calls on** the Secretary General to set up a fund, under the supervision of the OIC, to support schools in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

4. **Condemns** the Israeli measures and policies that target the cultural sector in Palestine in general and the occupied Al-Quds in particular. These include the occupation authorities' procedures towards banning the activities and functioning of the Maqdisite cultural institutions and closing them under flimsy allegations, imposing high taxes thereon to restrict their scope of work, targeting the Palestinian intelligentsia, precluding the organization of cultural events, refusing the issuance of the required permits for Arab intelligentsia to enter Palestine, all forming part of the cultural blockade, along with other procedures that target the cultural and holy sites in the Holy City through falsifying their history and stealing them.

5. **Calls** for the support of the cultural institutions in the occupied Al-Quds City to enable them to continue their functioning and implement their cultural programmes aimed at protecting the identity of the city and countering the incessant Israeli attempts to Judaize and Israelize the City, falsify its history and change its idiosyncratic landmarks.

6. **Invites** Member States to introduce an academic subject about the history of the city of Al-Quds into the Member States' curricula, so as to acquaint generations of the Muslim Ummah with the religious significance of the city of Al-Quds and Al Aqsa Mosque and the coexistence between followers of revealed faiths, show the Palestinian people's suffering under occupation and identify their inalienable rights in their land. The Conference also calls on the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and with the State of Palestine, to prepare such materials and translate them into the OIC official languages, and hold in 2020 a symposium of experts to prepare this academic subject.

7. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of human rights, including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly those related to human rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and **calls upon** the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, to implement the measures adopted by the successive conferences of High Contracting Parties, according to the first article of the treaty, and take the necessary steps to end the violations and crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian civilians measures, and work collectively to hold the perpetrators of these crimes accountable,

8. **Stresses** the importance of organizing, in cooperation with the State of Palestine, cultural symposia, lectures and such activities as may address the Palestinian cause and its significance to the Muslim countries, the aim being to sensitize future generations to the importance of the Palestinian cause;

9. **Reiterates** its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national, and Arab identity, and appeals to the United Nations and to specialized international bodies and institutions, particularly UNESCO, to counter these Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions;

10. **Calls for** support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and proclaims its support for the preservation of the Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of their educational and cultural materials;

11. **Condemns** the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

C) THE ISRAELI AGGRESSIONS AGAINST ISLAMIC HOLY SITES AND CULTURE IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC CHARACTER, HUMAN HERITAGE, AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS OF AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF

1. **Reiterates** the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and calls on the Member States to respect these resolutions, including through supporting and voting relevant resolutions at international institutions;

2. **Affirms** that all practices through which Israel, the occupying Power, seeks to change the character and status of the city and its demographic composition null and void and should be abolished, and **calls upon** Member States to take all appropriate measures to counter the recognition by States of the illegal annexation of Israel, the occupying Power, of Al-Quds or the relocation of their embassies and representative offices to the Holy City.

3. **Calls for** continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to compelling Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; reaffirming the City's Arab-Islamic character; and rejecting its annexation or Judaization, in line with the relevant Resolutions of international legality, particularly United Nations Security Council Resolutions No. 465 (1980) and 478 (1980); while exerting all efforts in order to implement these two resolutions in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations and international legality.

4. **Condemns again** Israel's illegal decision to add the Mosque of Elibrahimi in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list. **Considers** the Israeli act as looting of Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. Also **Calls upon** the international community and UNESCO to show their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions and, in this regard, calls on Member States to support the efforts of the State of Palestine in its quest for the inclusion of a group of Palestinian positions, including the old city in Hebron and the Cremisan Valley in Beit Jala, in the World Heritage List;

5. **Condemns** in the strongest terms the ongoing campaign launched by the illegal occupation authorities to steal and distort the Islamic and Christian monuments in Palestine, including those that target heritage and religious sites in historical Palestine, which have affected a number of important historical sites including the Mercy Gate and Mamilla Cemetery, the largest Islamic cemetery in Al-Quds.

6. **Condemns** the systematic and the continuous Israeli attempts to plunder and falsify Islamic and Christian heritage in Palestine as well as its Arabic historical heritage.

7. **Calls on** the ISESCO and IRCICA to organize a campaign to restore cultural, heritage, historical and religious holdings stolen since 1947, including books and manuscripts, and **calls on** Member States to support this campaign, and not to cooperate with institutions that contribute to the theft and distortion of the cultural heritage of the Palestinian people, including the Simon Wiesenthal Foundation and the Rockefeller Museum.

8. **Strongly condemns** Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to Judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks. It also insists on the implementation of the advisory opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice on 9 July 2004 concerning the legal consequences of the construction of a wall in the occupied Palestinian territory; and **condemns** all states and entities that encourage this illegal behavior, including those states that opened diplomatic and commercial offices in Al-Quds.

9. **Strongly denounces** and decries the continued aggression perpetrated by Israel, the occupying power, against the Al-Aqsa Mosque, along with the Israeli attempts to install its temporal and spatial division by allowing settlers to enter and pray in the Mosque's compound; decries the continued excavations carried around and under the Mosque which led to the fall of a large section of the Mosque's fence on the Western Gate and endangered the Palestinians' houses.

10. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue working with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to restore the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnels constructed by Israel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and counter any designs aimed altering and obliterating the Islamic character of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

11. **Calls on** Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its Palestinian residents in order to counter Jewish colonialist settlement attack in the city; and urges Member States to import Hebron's beautiful and famous pottery pieces in support for its people's steadfastness;

12. **Calls on** Member States to support the establishment of a cultural center in Hebron and develop the city in terms of its cultural infrastructure that has been subject to systematic and continuous Israeli campaigns that aim to Judaize and control the city.

13. **Calls on** Member States to support the establishment of cultural facilities in the remote and marginalized areas and those targeted by the Israeli occupation authorities through confiscation of lands to build and expand the Israeli settlements and build new sections of the Apartheid Wall, notably in Salfeet and Qalqilya Governorates and Al-Aghwar to solidify the steadfastness of the citizens in these area through the activation of the cultural life in these governorates that lack the infrastructure required by cultural action.

14. **Requests** Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to counter the attempts of Israel, the occupying power, to alter the religious and historical character of Islamic and Christian sanctuaries, and also to counter the partitioning of Mosque in Hebron and the settlement campaign at the heart of the city;

15. **Demands** Member States to support the resolutions related to Al-Quds Ash-Sharif in international fora, while taking part in relevant sessions; **expresses** in this regard its regret at the failure of a number of Member States to support decisions related to Al-Quds Ash-Sharif and the Palestinian cause; **Requests** the General Secretariat to devise a plan of action to promote religious tourism in the city of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif in coordination with Member States with a view to raising awareness of Israeli violations in East Al-Quds; and **calls** for practical steps to organize cultural weeks in member states, including photo exhibitions, seminars and the projection of documentaries on the city of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif;

16. **Requests** the General Secretariat to constitute an ad-hoc committee of legal and heritage experts from Member States to propose an action plan to face the grave violations perpetrated by Israel, the occupying Power, in the vicinity of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavations and threat to the Mosque's foundations, make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif and other parts of Palestine, and ensure follow-up at international forums; and **invites** the General Secretariat to conduct a workshop to accomplish this task;

17. **Calls on** the Member States to boycott all individuals, governments, companies, or institutions that contribute to the imposition of Israeli colonial occupation in the State of Palestine and the judaization of Al-Quds city, such as holding formal meetings in the city of Al-Quds, relocating its embassies in the city, installing projects as part of the Israeli colonial pattern in the State of Palestine, or adopting the fake Israeli narration of the city's history and religious standing. It also **calls** for circulating a nominal list of international companies and individuals contributing

to the imposition of the Israeli control over the city of Al-Quds to Member States, in order to boycott of them in line with the relevant OIC resolutions.

18. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/47-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Recalling the objectives of the OIC, which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights;

Affirming those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage;

Also recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No. 3/6-C (IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;

Recalling the Resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of the Sacred Muslim Places:

A) DESTRUCTION OF THE BABRI MASJID IN INDIA AND PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

Noting that the Babri Masjid with its history spanning five centuries was the object of veneration and respect of Muslims all over the world;

Regretting that the 27th Anniversary of the attack on Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Recalling also that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.

2. Expresses deep regret over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.

3. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.
4. **Condemns** the failure of the Government of India to resolve the dispute, to provide safety and security to the Muslim minority in India and using Babri Masjid for political gains in favour of BJP and its ideological base RSS by inflaming the Hindu extremism.
5. **Expresses deep concern** at the recent decision of the Indian Supreme Court regarding the historic Babri Masjid that allowed the construction of a Hindu temple at the very site where the Babri Masjid stood for about five centuries until it was demolished in an act of bloody political vandalism unparalleled in the modern world.
6. **Notes** that the verdict contained several contradictions and failed to uphold the demands of justice and India's obligations to protect its minorities and their places of worship.
7. **Further** condemns the demolition of Babri Masjid, Gujarat riots, repugnant schemes like 'Ghar Wapsi' 'Love Jihad', Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) as well as rising incidents of lynching against minorities, resulting in the deaths and injuries to many Indian Muslims, as part of an extremist Hindutva ideology to convert India into a "Hindu Rashtra".
8. **Further expresses deep concern** at the provocative statements of BJP leaders about Taj Mahal of having been built on the site of a Hindu temple, and views such statements as reflective of sinister plans to desecrate this historical site.
9. **Strongly** believes that such statements are totally against historical facts and are only aimed at humiliating Muslim minority in India, and urges the Indian government to ensure the protection of this great historical site.
10. **Calls** on OIC Member States to raise the case of Babri Mosque at the UNESCO and the Islamic group at UNESCO to follow it up in a result-oriented manner in order to prevent occurrence of incidents of desecration of Islamic sites in India in future.
11. **Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39th CFM, Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40th CFM, Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41st CFM, Resolution 3/42-C adopted by the 42nd CFM and Resolution 3/43-C adopted by the 43rd CFM which call upon the Government of India to:
 - a) **Ensure** the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

b) **Take** immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.

c) **Take** effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.

d) **Take** immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

12. **Condemn and express** deep concerns on all forms of terrorist attacks on religious places, mosques, shrines, and public places in Afghanistan.

13. **Call on** OIC Members State to support peace process in Afghanistan.

B). **DESTRUCTION OF THE CHARAR-E-SHARIF ISLAMIC COMPLEX IN KASHMIR AND OTHER ISLAMIC SITES THEREIN**

Deeply concerned that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Dargah Hazratibal in 1993 and 1995, the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramulla district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Qur'an on 14 December 2002, Khanqah-e-Faiz Panah Tral in 2012, Dastger Sahab in 2012, Zarith Zain Shah Wali Ashmaqam in 2013:

1. **Strongly deplors** the destruction of the 542 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.

2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.

3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.

4. **Also condemns** the continuing intensified Indian atrocities against Kashmiries including desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious and human rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

5. Urges the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

C) THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF ISLAMIC HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RELICS AND SHRINES IN THE OCCUPIED AZERBAIJANI TERRITORIES RESULTING FROM THE AGGRESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

Gravely concerned over the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan, which resulted in the occupation of about 20 percent of the territory of Azerbaijan,

Concerned about the loss, destruction, removal theft, pillage, illicit movement or misappropriation of Islamic historical and cultural relics and shrines in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan and acts of vandalism or damage directed against such objects,

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography located in its remaining occupied territories, including those in its Nagorno-Karabakh region are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), and 884 (1993), which call on the Armenian forces to withdraw immediately, completely and unconditionally from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming also that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijani territories occupied by Armenia for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a war crime and a crime against humanity;

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors on the Islamic heritage in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

Stating that such actions by the Republic of Armenia constitute a serious violation of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and 1954 and 1999 protocols thereto;

Fully sharing the anguish of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this regard:

1. **Strongly** condemns the barbaric acts committed by Armenia with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic historic and cultural heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.
2. **Express** also its strong condemnation of the humiliation and desecration by Armenia of the Mosques located in recently de-occupied territories of Azerbaijan by using them as animal stables,
3. **Vigorously demands** the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), and 884 (1993).
4. **Stresses** the need to ensure the protection of cultural heritage, cultural property and sacred sites in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, including, inter alia, the prohibition and prevention of any illicit export, other removal or transfer of ownership of cultural property, any archaeological excavation, as well as any alteration to, or change of use of, cultural property which is intended to conceal or destroy cultural, historical or scientific evidence;
5. **Demands** that Armenia cease any attempts to introduce Azerbaijani historical and cultural heritage as its own, including at tourism fairs and exhibitions.
6. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.
7. **Reaffirms** also Azerbaijan's right to claim appropriate reparation for the damages it has sustained, and **affirms** Armenia's responsibility to provide such reparation.
8. **Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.
9. **Thanks** the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also **thanks** those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
10. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.4/47-CUL
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

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).

Proceeding from the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, particularly the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Secretary General to study the rules and mechanisms regulating the work of the various sectoral Ministerial Conferences in order to enhance the effectiveness of their work, the resolutions 4/45-CUL and 4/46-CUL adopted by the 45th and 46th sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers respectively on holding OIC Sectorial Meetings of Ministers of Social Affairs in Member States, the resolutions of the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on the role of women in development in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 1st session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and the preservation of its values in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports; and the resolutions of the 5th Ministerial Conference on Child Welfare and Protection in OIC Member States;

Affirming the importance of deepening the authentic Islamic teachings on the marriage and family institution to preserve its safety and cohesion in order to face the ethical and ideological challenges threatening its identity and existence;

Taking note that the United National Sustainable Development Goals do not include any specific family-oriented goals;

Having considered the resolution of the UN Human Rights Council on “Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity” and the statement of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) on the matter;

Commending the decision taken by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, which rejects this resolution, and the position of OIC Member States and other non-member states, which opposed the resolution at the Human Rights Council because it includes many unacceptable issues that are in total contradiction with the teachings and values of Islam and other divine religions and with the human common sense;

Affirming the need to accord utmost attention to preserving the marriage and family institution in Member States;

Recalling the provisions of the OIC Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which emphasize the importance of the rights of the child;

Recognizing that family assumes the prime responsibility in caring for children, protecting them and developing their personality;

Aware that OIC Member States lack effective policies to promote and preserve the welfare and social security of the elderly and people with special needs in the Islamic world;

Recognizing also the increasing number of older persons in Member States thanks to the improvement of health services and other facilities in recent decades;

Emphasizing the need to promote the participation and integration of the elderly and people with special needs, including their role in educating the next generations;

Seeking to ensure that the elderly and people with special needs are not discriminated against because of their age of condition;

Reaffirming the need to strengthen the laws, regulations and policies on the rights and treatment of the elderly and people with special needs, and support institutions in charge of ensuring a healthy life to family and society;

Taking into consideration that the elderly, women, children and people with special needs are the most vulnerable categories among refugees and IDPs;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General on social affairs:

A) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat for the successful organization of First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in OIC Member States, hosted by the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul on 7-9 December 2019; **Welcomes** the outcomes of the Conference and its resolutions; and **takes note of** the Istanbul Declaration, and **calls** for the implementation of all the Conference outcomes.
2. **Confirms** the offer made by the Arab Republic of Egypt to hold the 2nd session of the Ministerial Meeting on Social Development, and emphasizes the principle of equitable geographical rotation in holding the next sessions of the said conference, particularly the offers made by Niger, Afghanistan and Qatar to host the next sessions of the Meeting.
3. **Takes note** of the outcomes of the open-ended meeting of intergovernmental experts group to prepare the OIC strategy to empower marriage and family institution and safeguard their values in the Muslim world held on 1-2 October 2019 at the General Secretariat headquarters and **commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and other relevant OIC institutions to prepare the draft strategy and its executive action plan; and invites OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions and organs to implement it.
4. **Reaffirms** its rejection of the HRC Resolution on Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject; **provides** full support for the position of the ambassadors of the OIC Group in Geneva that would neither recognize or cooperate with this new mandate; **commends** the declaration it prepared titled: Condemnation of the Human Rights resolution "protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;" **also commends** the efforts of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in preparing the study on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

Calls on Member States and relevant OIC institutions to provide the required support to Member States facing pressure in this regard.

5. **Requests** Member States to spread the Islamic values relevant to women, the child and family in general, in order to project the true image of Islamic and improve the conditions of children in the Muslim world, and **Requests** the relevant OIC institutions in this regard to draw up, with the coordination of the General Secretariat, a document on the Islamic values vis-à-vis women and children, the aim being to build knowledge of these values and to counter the dissemination of misconceptions of Islam.
6. **Urges** Member States to improve the conditions and welfare of children, especially those living in different conditions in conflict-affected regions, and to provide the physical and emotional needs of displaced and refugee children by providing educational and health assistance and helping them return to their normal life; and **commends** the efforts exerted by a number of Member States in this field, and calls for an appropriate level of assistance to these countries.
7. **Urges** Member States to improve the living conditions and welfare of children affected by economic blockade and sanctions imposed on their countries.
8. **Requests** Member States to take necessary measures to protect children from the dangers of harmful media programmes and to support programmes that promote the cultural, moral and ethical values of children and families, and to elaborate and implement strategies to prevent child abuse on the internet. and asks the Member States to explore ways to protect children from various forms of violence against them, by combining efforts, mechanisms and approaches towards a joint preventive strategy.
9. **Commends** the substantial role of Bangladesh in advocating the provision of ideal care and protection to children suffering from autism by adopting national policies, mechanisms and programmes and holding international symposia and activities on the sideline of various international for a and conferences, including UN conferences; and **appeals** to Member States to demonstrate their support for these advocacy efforts.
10. **Urges** Member States to take measures to ensure retention of girls in the educational system and providing education on privacy to children and their families.
11. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and the ISESCO to prepare a guiding framework for the OIC Strategy in the field of child care and welfare in the Muslim world, which was presented to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development; **invites** the ISESCO to prepare the draft strategy in cooperation with the General Secretariat and relevant OIC organs; and mandates the General Secretariat to hold an intergovernmental group of experts' meeting to discuss the draft strategy in coordination with the ISESCO.
12. **Welcomes** the convening of the first meeting by the IPHRC in the framework of the revision and update process of the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam, in line with international human rights instruments; and renews its request to accelerate the revision process taking into consideration the views of the General Secretariat, the ISESCO, the IIFA and other relevant OIC organs, as well as the developments and contemporary challenges facing Member States in the area of promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

13. **Also requests** the General Secretariat to convene, after the said revision process, a meeting of intergovernmental experts to discuss and review the recommendations of the IPHRC and submit the recommendations of the meeting to the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration and adoption.
14. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat, SESRIC and other relevant OIC institutions to elaborate the OIC Strategy for the Welfare and Social Security of the Elderly adopted by virtue of the comprehensive resolution of the First Ministerial Conference of Development held on 7-9 December 2019 in the Turkish Republic; and **calls on** all relevant OIC organs and institutions to implement this strategy and endeavor to promote the participation of the elderly in the aspects of development in OIC Member States.
15. **Invites** the General Secretariat in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions, especially ISESCO and SESRIC to study the different types of programmes of the Social Safety Net in place in the Member States in order to encourage the sharing of best practices in the area of the welfare of the elderly and people with special needs and the protection of their social security.
16. **Requests** the General Secretariat to coordinate with relevant OIC specialized institutions, particularly ISESCO, IIFA, IPHRC, SESRIC, and IDB in order to organize specialized workshops to address the challenges facing Member States in the area of the protection of the elderly and people with special needs.
17. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions to prepare a draft OIC Plan of Action for the protection of people with special needs and disabled persons; **thanks** the Republic of Guinea for hosting a high-level experts panel discussion to discuss ways to integrate disabled people and enrich the OIC action plan in the area, held on 23-24 December 2019 in Conakry; and **invites** the General Secretariat and OIC specialized institutions to implement the outcomes of the discussion panel.

B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OIC FAMILY COMMITTEE:

Recalling the Article 1 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, which sets two of the objectives of the Organization as to promote and to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the preservation of Islamic family values, and to emphasize, protect, and promote the role of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society;

Recalling the Final Communique adopted by the 14th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 31 May 2019 in Mecca, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia **welcoming** the development and implementation of the OIC Strategy for Empowerment of Marriage and Family Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Muslim World;

Referring to the priority area of the OIC 2025 Programme of Action on Advancement and Empowerment of Women, Family Welfare, and Social Security, which **encourages** policies for promotion of family and development of effective and reliable social services for family;

Welcoming the outcomes of the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development held in 7-9 December 2019 in Istanbul;

Welcoming the adoption of the “OIC Strategy to Empower the Marriage and Family Institution and Preserving its Values in the Muslim World” which **urges** to consider, as a strategic goal, establishment of a Steering Committee at OIC level to support Member States and track and monitor progress of the implementation of the family empowerment strategy;

Referring to the paragraph 24 of the Report of the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development held on 7-9 December 2019 in Istanbul, which states that the Republic of Turkey would submit a detailed draft Resolution to the 47th CFM in light of the comments made at the Conference;

Taking note of the Resolution (A/HRC/26/11) of the UN Human Rights Council on the “Protection of the Family”;

Acknowledging the role of family as the natural, elementary and fundamental social unit in modern societies and particularly its traditionally central role in Muslim societies;

Commending the SESRIC report on “Safeguarding Family Values and the Institution of Marriage in OIC Countries” and its policy recommendations therein;

Expressing concern over the current challenges and trends highlighted in the SESRIC report, that affect family and marriage in the OIC countries, such as decrease in fertility and marriage rates as well as increase in divorce rates and ageing population;

1. **Welcomes** the establishment of the OIC Family Committee, to work under the authority of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, so as to deliberate on the protection and support of the family institution in OIC member states, to promote the Islamic family values and conduct follow-up activities in line with the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference and to monitor progress of the implementation of the OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of the Family and Marriage Institution (2020-2025);
2. **Decides** to establish an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts under the chair of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, currently Turkey, which will convene as it deems necessary with the participation of the bureau to finalize the internal and financial rules of the committee with the understanding of completing the work of this IGGE for adoption by the next Ministerial conference on social development in Egypt and the CFM.
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Social Development.

C) PROMOTING WOMEN’S STATUS AND EMPOWERMENT IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

The Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Recalling the provisions of the OIC Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of human rights for all, as well as other relevant international conventions and instruments;

Welcoming the outcomes of the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 30 November to 1 December 2018;

Taking note of the enactment by Member States laws and regulations to enable women and to protect and enhance their role in the political, economic and social life;

Reiterating the OIC's commitment to addressing a range of difficulties facing women and reducing the lack of equity and quality between men and women, and among poor and disadvantaged women in the OIC Member States;

Stressing the importance of the international humanitarian law particularly the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women, children, and elders;

Stressing the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, improvement of health, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process;

Recalling resolution No. 2/37-Org on the Establishment of a specialized Organization for Women Development in OIC Member;

Recalling the adoption of the Statute of the OIC Women Development Organization at the 37th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan in 2010, which is headquartered in the Arab Republic of Egypt; and **urging** all Member States that have not signed or ratified the statute to accelerate its ratification as soon as possible in order for the statute to enter into force and thus endow the OIC with a body working on women empowerment:

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the headquarters of the Women Development Organization, and Burkina-Faso, Chair of the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on Women, and the General Secretariat for holding the first and second meetings of the interim working group of experts to discuss and enrich the first draft of the constitution of the Women Development Organization hosted successfully by the Arab Republic of Egypt on 16 June 2019; and 12-13 January 2020 at the General Secretariat headquarters and **invites** the General Secretariat to hold meetings of the interim working group to set up the administrative and financial regulations of the Women development Organization in preparation for their submission to the latter's organs, in coordination with the Egypt and Burkina Faso.
2. **Commends** the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt in holding a ministerial round-table on women empowerment in the Muslim world on 17 June 2019 in Cairo, with the participation of many ministers responsible for women in OIC Member States and representatives of UN Women and the African Union.
3. **Calls** on the Member States to implement the provisions of the updated OPAAW that was adopted under "Resolution 3/6-W (Conference on Women) on Adoption of the amended OPAAW and its annexed implementation Mechanisms", during the 6th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, held

in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, in coordination with the General Secretariat, through the approved mechanisms and in line with the indicators of evaluation of achieved progress in this area;

4. **Urges** the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with a comprehensive role in the sustainable development of Member States;
5. **Invites** the General Secretariat to continue cooperation with all OIC Member States in order to promote and implement the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in the Member States (OPAAW) and the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in OIC Member States, and to submit a report thereon to the 47th Session of the CFM.
6. **Invites** the IDB to cooperate with SESRIC and the General Secretariat in implementing OPAAW, particularly in the areas of economic empowerment of women and combating poverty in order to ensure decent living to women and girls in conflict zones and in refugee camps.
7. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in holding a training session on 17-18 September 2019 at SESRIC headquarters on the use of guidelines to standardize ways and norms of elaboration and presentation of national reports on the implementation of OPAAW, with the participation of many national institutions working on women empowerment and relevant OIC organs and institutions.
8. **Calls on** Member States to prepare their progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW and submit them to the General Secretariat and to SESRIC in order to measure the progress made in the field of women empowerment and advancement in Member States.
9. **Calls upon** the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat trafficking, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them;
10. **Calls** for alleviating poverty among women in order to promote their status in the Muslim world, and for the formulation of a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women;
11. **Requests** the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unity, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls;
12. **Urges** the governments of the Member States that are yet to do so to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literacy programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process;
13. **Encourages** the OIC Member States to hold expert meetings to prepare recommendations aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts and economic blockades and sanctions, and recommends that the results of these meetings be submitted to relevant international organizations;
14. **Commends** Tunisia for its experience in combating all forms of violence against women, catering for women with special needs and addressing economic and social empowerment of

women and girls in rural areas, and welcomes Tunisia’s readiness to share its experience with willing member states;

15. **Calls for** the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodshed perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces against women and children in Palestine, especially in Al-Quds and the Gaza Strip;
16. **Welcomes** the Tehran Declaration of the Third Ministerial Conference on the Women’s Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women; and **endorses**, in this context, the implementation of the recommendations therein;
17. **Reiterates** the urgent need to adopt the “Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam” and the review of the OIC “Declaration on Human Rights in Islam”;
18. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat and Burkina Faso for the successful holding of the Seventh Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Ouagadougou on 30 November and 1 December 2018; **welcomes** its resolutions and Ouagadougou Declaration; and calls on Member States and relevant institutions to implement the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat, **COMMENDS** the efforts of the General Secretariat and Burkina Faso, Chair of the 7th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference, for convening the meetings of the Women Advisory Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women; **TAKE NOTE** of the reports on the activities of the Council; and **CALLS on** the General Secretariat and the Member States to continue to provide support for the Council to enable it to perform its assigned tasks, **ENCOURAGES** the Council to continue its work in accordance with its mandate that has been stipulated in the Internal Rules of the Council and **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat to continue to support the consultative work of the Council.
19. **Calls on** OIC institutions concerned, particularly the IsDB, ISESCO, SESRIC, ISFD, ICCIA and the ICDT to work for the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat and Burkina Faso, the Chair of the Conference;
20. **Welcomes** the bid offered by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the 8th session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in Member States in 2021; takes note of the offer made by the Republic of Mali and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 9th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women and calls on the General Secretariat to coordinate with the authorities concerned in order to fix the date and venue of the Conference;
21. **Commends** the efforts of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), in coordination with the General Secretariat and in cooperation with Burkina-Faso, Chair of the 7th Ministerial Conference on Women, in holding a workshop on 19-20 January 2020 at the General Secretariat headquarters on the promotion of the concept of family bank in the G-5 Sahel countries; and calls on relevant OIC organs and institutions, particularly the IDB and the ISF to support the ICCIA’s initiative.
22. **Commends** the initiatives of Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of Turkey for the successful organization of the second edition of the “ALLY for Future” a leadership program for young Muslim women held with the participation of young women leaders from the OIC countries and Muslim communities and minorities, on 13-20 December 2019 in Istanbul.

23. **Calls on** OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the statute of the specialized Organization for Women Development, based in Cairo with the view to activating its role in the promotion of women, and follow up on the implementation of OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW);
24. **Welcomes** the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the “Protection of the Family”, which was issued over the past three years with the initiative of Egypt and with the support of the vast majority of the OIC Member States; and **invites** all the OIC Member States to join the Family Friends Group in Geneva and New York and to support the UNHRC resolution;
25. **Appeals** to OIC Member States, which suffer from all forms violence of against women, including domestic violence, underage marriage and female genital mutilation and cutting, to take appropriate measures to prevent and criminalize such practices, and **calls** on the Member States to make the necessary efforts to exonerate Islam from false claims linked to all forms of violence against women and family;
26. **Approves** the designation of H.H. Princess Lalla Meryem, daughter to the late King Hassan II, as Goodwill Ambassador of the OIC for family institution empowerment and combating female minors’ marriage; **thanks** His Royal Majesty Mohammed VI for acceding to this role entrusted to Her Highness the Princess; and calls on the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to provide support for the Princess to succeed in her mission;
27. **Encourages** the General Secretariat to cooperate with philanthropic societies in supporting poor and needy families, as well as with civil society in taking an active role in gender and family well-being;
28. **Invites** OIC specialized institutions and subsidiary organs that are yet to do so to establish a social affairs and family section to carry out the role in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat;
29. **Takes note** of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Women and calls for the implementation of the terms of the agreement in order to boost cooperation and implement the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW).

D) **PROMOTING YOUTH BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD**

The Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Emphasizing the role of the youth in building the future of the Islamic world and member state, in promoting dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions, in highlighting the true image of Islam and in the dissemination of its eternal values which call for moderation, dialogue, tolerance, peaceful coexistence and the respect of the other;

Reaffirming the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation between all the youth of the Islamic Ummah;

Affirming the need for Member States to create events appropriate for the youth of the Muslim World to follow the OIC activities closely with a view to contributing to its development;

Taking note of the need for Member States to encourage media and social networks to promote family values and traditions among youth;

Reaffirming further the importance of the institution of marriage in Islam in terms of preserving youth and their psychological stability, which requires developing approaches by Member States to facilitate marriage among youth in the Islamic Societies;

1. **Underscores** the importance of the youth and their role in the society and **calls** for raising their awareness through building youth capacity by further training, promotion and empowerment, and promoting them in all fields to play positive roles in the renaissance of their respective countries.
2. **Calls** on Member States to work on using adequate methods for the education of Muslim youth to enhance their role in comprehensive development with a view to meeting future challenges.
3. **Welcomes** the working paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing their status in the society.
4. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the 4th Islamic Solidarity Sports Games in 2017 and to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for a good organization of the games, and thanks the states that participated in this important sports show.
5. **Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to host the 5th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya in 2021.
6. **Welcomes** the outcome of the Ministerial Brainstorming Session on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held on 11 July 2017 on the sidelines of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, and **invites** Member States, General Secretariat and relevant institutions to implement the initiatives proposed during the meeting.
7. **Appreciates** the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st Youth Forum held by the ICYF in Dhaka on 04 May 2018 on the sideline CFM, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM, in implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session at the Ministerial level on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held during the 44th CFM in Abidjan.
8. **Welcomes** of made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), **takes note** of the offer made by Libya, the Republic of Indonesia and the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the next three sessions of the Conference respectively; and **also takes note** of the will of the State of Libya to implement the programme of the Islamic Youth capital in concomitance with its hosting of the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports in Tripoli in the same year.
9. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat, SESRIC for the preparation of a draft implementation plan of the OIC Youth Strategy; and **calls on** Member States and institutions concerned to implement the plan in coordination with the General Secretariat.
10. **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chair of the 4th ICMYS, to hold meetings of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports on 13 February and 3 October 2019 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat, in implementation of the

resolution of the said conference; and **thanks** the member states and the institutions which participated in the meetings of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports for their efforts to ensure the success of the Meeting.

11. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Youth Section in the OIC General Secretariat and **invites** Member States and relevant institutions to support, cooperate and coordinate with it to reach its desired goals for youth in the Muslim World and beyond. The General Secretariat shall adequately partake in organizing the sessions of the OIC Islamic ministerial conference on the youth and sports, and coordinate all the OIC sectoral ministerial meetings, reports of which are submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit. The General Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of all the subsidiary organs as well as specialized and affiliated institutions, without prejudice to the OIC Charter and regulations, to avoid duplication and to streamline work, in fulfillment of the duties entrusted to it by the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit.
12. **Calls on** OIC Member States to actively participate in the Samarkand Forum on Human Rights (May 2020), within which will be discussed the initiative of Uzbekistan on the Development of the international Convention of Youth Rights, voiced at the 72nd session of the UN General Assembly on September 2017.
13. **Urges** all OIC Member States and relevant institutions, including the IDB and the ISF, to reinforce coordination with the General Secretariat in order to activate the Youth Section to enable it to carry out its functions, including the follow-up of implementation of the executive plan of action of the OIC Youth Strategy.
14. **Welcomes** the accession of SESRIC to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the OIC institutions in the area of youth, and calls on all relevant institutions to further cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in order to achieve the aspired objective in the interest of the youth in the Muslim world.
15. **Requests** Member States to intensify their efforts to raise awareness among young people on the dangers of drug abuse by strengthening the role of the family institution, the media institution, youth centers and non-governmental organizations in spreading awareness, and promoting a spirit of cooperation, recognition, citizenship and positive participation in society. **Welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experiences and information in the field of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.
16. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to ensure the provision of equal opportunities to young people with special needs and those who are socially and economically underprivileged to participate effectively in the development process.
17. **Calls on** the OIC institutions active in the field of youth to provide training and learning opportunities for OIC youth and initiate events to promote youth capacity building, awareness, participation and a culture of moderation.
18. **Wishes** success to the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation in the preparations of the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games to be hosted by Turkey in Konya in 2021, and calls upon the Member States and their National Olympic Committees to provide support for ensuring high participation in this major sports event."

19. **Takes note** of recent developments leading to major changes affecting, in large part radicalization, and in follow-up on the declarations of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers concerning safeguarding and protecting youth from social illnesses and extremism, and **calls upon** the OIC institutions Active in the field of youth to take action on the following items:

- a. Developing further youth platforms for learning, growth, interaction, and sharing of experience;
- b. Sustaining safe environment for youth development and improvement of diverse youth empowerment programs;
- c. Providing youth with the knowledge base and positive experience required for the fine shaping of their character and values, healthy lifestyle, intellectual competence and social responsibility;
- d. Equipping youth with social and professional skills alongside character development, with the goal of strengthening their personal and professional contribution to society;
- e. Engaging youth in social work, volunteerism, development and environment; and
- f. Empowering youth to complete tertiary education and motivate them to further excel in their academic and professional careers.

20. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 48th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/47-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial year 2016, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its budgets and implementing its annual programs;

Emphasizing the need for all relevant subsidiary organs to submit their work programmes and annual report of their activities to the General Secretariat by the month of November of each year with a view to allowing work complementarily and avoiding duplication of activities;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General and reports submitted by IRCICA, IIFA and ISF on following the matters:

A) THE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC HISTORY, ART AND CULTURE (IRCICA)

1. **Notes with appreciation** the production of a number of research works and reference books and holding of congresses on subjects relating to history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries, history of culture, multicultural coexistence and intercultural dialogue, cultural and architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world, in the context of the Centre's various programs and projects.

2. **Commends** the program of Studies on The Holy Quran involving historical and orthographical research and scholarly and reference publications about early copies of the Holy Quran which serve academic objectives and at the same time underscore the clear evidence against unfounded claims of some Orientalists about the authenticity of the Quranic text; takes note of the studies done in this context on the issues of orthography and calligraphic script and reproductions of earliest copies printed by the Centre; expresses its appreciation of the cooperation with the Member States in these fields, in particular the Agreement signed between IRCICA and the Cabinet of the President of Palestine H.E. Mahmoud Abbas (on 21 December 2018) for IRCICA to coordinate the preparation for printing of the copy of the Holy Quran to be published by the State of Palestine known as "Masjid al-Aqsa Mushaf".

3. **Takes note** of the academic congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries and intercultural relations which help progress of research in these fields by diffusing

objective and scholarly information and highlight experiences of advancement in culture, arts and scholarship that represent at the same time Islam's contribution to world civilization in various domains, and *lauds* in particular, the international congresses organized on the following themes: "Saduqaqas Ghilmani and the Great Steppe Scholars" jointly with Eurasian National University and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Astana, 15 February 2019); "Manuscript Funds of Uzbekistan: Preservation, Cataloguing and Personnel Training" with Imam Bukhari International Scientific Research Center (Samarkand, 21-22 June 2019); "Islamic Studies in Uzbekistan: Achievements and Perspectives" with the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (Tashkent, 24 June 2019); "Topical Issues of Studying History, Art and Culture in Tajikistan" with the Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan (Dushanbe, 13 September 2019); "Islamic History and Civilization in the Caucasus" with Azerbaijan Institute of Theology under the State Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic for Work with Religious Associations and Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS) Institute of Oriental Studies (Baku, 11-12 July 2019); "Academic Islamic Studies in the Russian Federation: Current State and Perspectives" at the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, Russian Academy of Sciences (Saint-Petersburg, 27 June 2019); "Islamic History and Civilization in West Africa" with Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey (Niamey, 14-15 March 2019); "Islamic History and Civilization in Central Africa" with the Ministry of Higher Education of Chad and King Faisal University of Chad (N'Djamena, 13-14 December 2019); the Fourth International Congress on "China and the Muslim World: Cultural Encounters" with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the National Archives of Oman (Muscat, 23-24 December 2019); *also*, IRCICA's contributions to meetings for inter-faith and intercultural cooperation including those of the Group of Strategic Vision "Russia-Islamic World" lastly its annual meeting devoted to the theme of "The 50th Anniversary of the OIC: Interfaith Harmony – Experience of Russia and OIC Member States" (28-30 November 2019) and earlier the Third International Forum of Writers and Intellectuals "Aitmatov Readings for the Dialogue of Cultures" (Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia, 25 October 2019); also including the conference on "Islam in the Global World: Muslim heritage and intercultural dialogue" organized by the Religious Board of Muslims of the Russian Federation (Moscow, 23-24 September 2019) and the Second Baku World Summit of Religious Leaders organized by the Government of Azerbaijan, Caucasus Muslims' Board and Baku International Centre of Interfaith and Inter-Civilizational Cooperation (Baku, 14-15 November 2019), as well as the Centre's contributions to various academic congresses taking place in the member countries on subjects corresponding to the fields of its mandate.

4. **Expresses its appreciation** of the research projects on the history of al-Quds and Palestine based on first-hand archive documents which result in publications on administrative, cultural, educational and social life in al-Quds and Palestine in recent centuries, including publication in 2019 of 3 new volumes up to the 9th inclusive and preparation of subsequent volumes, all based on Registers of the Ottoman State dating from the 18th and 19th centuries and besides, 7 new volumes in the series on Sharia Court Registers of al-Quds, relating to the 16th-18th centuries, which brought the total number of volumes published in this series to 28, to be continued.

5. **Takes note** of the activity program on Islamic Heritage of al-Quds that includes organization of various architectural and opinion-building activities and continuing projects aiming to improve life standards in Al-Quds and Palestine and preserve their Islamic heritage.

6. **Commends** the pioneering research projects and publications on history of different regions of the Muslim world and the studies on history of Islamic scholarship in specific regions all based on first-hand sources which make those sources and their studies known to researchers including: the series on the history of The Arab Countries in Ottoman Documents of which Volume 8 published in 2019 is related to the history of Algeria in the 16th century and the research that continues on the history of Morocco and Andalusia in the same period; the project completed and book published in 2019 consisting of an analytic study of Islamic scholars' tombstones in Central Asia recording biographic information on scholars of the region between the 10th-14th centuries; and *praises* the academic cooperation projects, particularly the opening of the IRCICA Chair at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, and signing of memoranda of understanding with universities and cultural institutions of the Member States.

7. **Expresses its appreciation** of the research projects, academic congresses and other activities in the field of preservation of cultural and architectural heritage, particularly the International Congress on "Islamic History, Culture and Heritage of Kashmir" jointly organized with the National History and Literary Heritage Division of the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and opened by H.E. Arif Alvi, President of Pakistan (Islamabad, 4-5 April 2019); the international conference on "Urban Artistic Heritage in the Islamic World" organized jointly with the Ministry of Culture of Tunisia, the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Tunisia, the Tunisian Association of Architectural Studies and Research and the University of Tunis (Tunis, 14-17 November 2019); the "Prince Sultan bin Salman Islamic Architectural Heritage Database" sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Abdullatif Alfozan Award for Mosque Architecture and Chairman of the Saudi Space Commission; the training programs on "Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management" conducted by IRCICA in Istanbul (19-27 April 2019) and Konya (30 June-5 July 2019), Turkey; as well as maintenance of archives, organization of exhibitions and publication of albums that serve as references on the cultural and architectural heritage of the sacred cities and historical sites of the Muslim world.

8. **Takes note** of the research and international cooperation projects relating to cultural and architectural heritage and undertaken jointly with the Member States concerned, in particular the project on Islamic heritage of Azad Jammu and Kashmir conducted jointly with the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the project on Islamic heritage in Karabagh undertaken jointly with the Republic of Azerbaijan, and the project on recording and preservation of historical manuscripts of Timbuktu in the Republic of Mali; *takes note as well* of the projects concerning the study of cultural and architectural heritage destroyed and damaged in conflict zones, including Syria and Iraq.

9. **Welcomes** international cooperation between OIC related Organs, including IRCICA, with Non-Aligned Movement, based on an MOU to be negotiated and signed in 2020, to held joint cultural and educational international events, with the objective of promotion of culture and history of OIC and NAM Member States.

10. **Praises** the promotion of Islamic arts by organizing workshops, training programs, competitions and exhibitions in various countries, in particular, successful finalization of the 11th International Calligraphy Competition and announcement of its winners on 20 April 2019 and continual training programs and exhibitions conducted in various geographical regions.

11. **Commends** the multidimensional events implemented in the context of the Craft Development Program, particularly, in 2019, the “Baku International Festival for Crafts in Action” organized jointly with the State Historical – Architectural Reserve Icherisheher attached to the Cabinet of Ministers of Azerbaijan (29 September-3 October 2019) and comprising the “Baku International Congress on Prospects for Developing Arts and Crafts of the Muslim World” (29-30 September 2019), exhibitions, and the “Baku International Award for Innovators in the field of Handmade Products - Awards worth US\$20.000” with participation from 30 countries, and the “Fourth Tabriz International Festival of Handicrafts” on the theme “Tabriz International Festival for Women Artisans” jointly with Tabriz Islamic Arts University (Iran, 13-20 June 2019) which included the “Tabriz International Congress on Contribution of Women in the Field of the Crafts Sector”, exhibitions, and the “Tabriz International Award for Women Artisans - worth US \$40.000” with participation from 26 countries.

12. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the Member States, in particular the Republic of Turkey, host country of IRCICA, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, host country of the OIC General Secretariat, for their continuous support extended to IRCICA.

13. **Expresses its thanks** to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA’s budget and calls upon the other countries to do so and settle their arrears due to IRCICA’s budget.

B) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

Recalling the resolutions issued by the different sessions of the Islamic Summit conference and other Islamic conferences, in particular, the 14th session of the Islamic Summit, the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the 42nd session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

After examining the report submitted by the International Islamic Fiqh Academy:

- 1) The Commission expresses its great gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and to all Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, leaders of the OIC Member States, for their support to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in its active role in clarifying the values of tolerance, temperance, and moderation in Islam, while underlining that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is the reference of the Ummah.
- 2) It has been noted with appreciation that the Secretariat of the Academy presented new topics consistent with practical and contemporary life during the 24th session of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy held in Dubai on 07-09 Rabi al-Awal 1441, corresponding to 04-06 November 2019, which included the following topics: smart contracts, achievement of food and water security, the most important problems facing Muslim countries and their effects on the future challenges of the Ummah, the human genome and genetic engineering.

- 3) Takes note of the joint activity between the Academy and the OIC institutions in the implementation of the 2015-2025 Ten-Year program, in particular, the seminar which should be held on the importance of heritage and its impact on social progress, in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Center for Research on Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)
- 4) Takes note of the meeting of the Foundation Board and the Supervisory Board of the IIFA Waqf Fund, and invites the OIC Secretariat General, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to do their utmost to support the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in the activation of its Waqf Fund in accordance with its appropriate statute as it was established.
- 5) Urges States, organizations and the private sector to donate to this important Fund through its institutions, as it is a project that contributes to serving the causes of the Ummah, and which seeks to resolve its contemporary jurisprudential issues, and to study the emerging questions in a genuine manner through the prevailing schools of law, and following methodological balance as well as intellectual moderation, taking into account that the Academy represents the jurisprudential reference of the Ummah.
- 6) Thanks the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Research and Training Institute for their continuous support to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and urges them to accelerate the publication of the translation of the Academy resolutions, as these resolutions represent utmost importance for Muslim countries.
- 7) Takes note of the draft amendment of the Academy statute, and it thanks the OIC Secretariat General for submitting the draft amendment of the Academy statute, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Academy, and in application of the resolution issued at the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Muslim Countries, while requesting the Council of Foreign Ministers to approve it.
- 8) Urges governments of Muslim countries to translate the resolutions of the Academy into the languages of their people so they could benefit from them. These resolutions concern economics, medicine, law, family, politics, society, education and other areas.
- 9) Thanks the Government of Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, for having kindly hosted the 24th session in November 2019, by the grace of Allah - Praised be Him.
- 10) Thanks the countries that hosted the previous sessions of the Academy including : the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (9 sessions), the United Arab Emirates (4 sessions - one in Abu Dhabi, two in Dubai, and one in Sharjah), the State of Kuwait (3 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), Brunei Darussalam, Bahrain, Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia and Algeria (each one session), which is considered a great contribution and support from these countries towards the Academy.

- 11) Calls OIC Member States to host future sessions of the Academy which shall help achieve the purposes and objectives for which the Academy was founded.
- 12) Thanks the Member States that have settled their mandatory contributions towards the Academy budget and renews its appeal to the Member States, that have not yet settled their contributions, to hasten the payment process. The Commission recommends that all Member States shall continue to support the Academy by funding its projects so it can carry out its tasks in the service of Islam and Muslims; and urges Member States to activate the statute of the IIFA Waqf Fund through voluntary donations to the fund.

C) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF (ISF)

HAVING considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial year 2019, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its budgets and implementing its annual programs;

- 1) **EXPRESSES** its keen interest to preserve this important Islamic organ which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of Islamic solidarity.
- 2) **EXHORTS** Member States to commit themselves to make annual donations - within their available means - in favor of the ISF budget and contribute to raising ISF Waqf capital.
- 3) **EXPRESSES** its profound thanks and gratitude to governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates which made donations to the Fund and its Waqf during the fiscal year 2018-2019.
- 4) **APPROVES** the Report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council to the 43rd Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
- 5) **ADOPTS** the Permanent Council's approval of the ISF Closing Accounts for the financial year 2018.
- 6) **APPROVES** the Permanent Council's adoption of the ISF budget estimates for projects, of US\$ 20 million, for the financial year 2021.
- 7) **CALLS** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the ISF operational budget for the financial year 2020, which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.

- 8) **CALLS ON** the Islamic Solidarity Fund to submit, to the 65th Session of the Permanent Council, a comprehensive study on funding and self-funding for projects financed by the ISF.
- 9) **INVITES** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistance to projects as well as cultural, Islamic, educational, health-related and social centers in the Muslim world.
- 10) **EXPRESSES** thanks and gratitude to the Emergency Committee for its prompt response, by providing relief during catastrophes and calamities that afflict some of the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to make donations to provide the Fund with resources that enable it to strengthen action of this important body.
- 11) **EXPRESSES** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the OIC Secretary General for his efforts, distinct sponsorship and continued attention towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.
- 12) **ALSO EXPRESSES** thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman, to the Executive director and the Executive Bureau for their efforts in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.
- 13) **REQUESTS** H.E the OIC Secretary General to follow up this matter and submit a report to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/47-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Stressing on the need for the Secretariats of OIC Institutions to always adhere to the principle of impartiality and disinterestedness and to abstain at all times from political influence or interfering in or giving opinion about Member States' affairs without being duly authorized or mandated by Member States concerned.

Taking note of the Report of the 34th Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Tunis- Republic of Tunisia on 28-29 January 2020.

Emphasizing the need for all relevant specialized institutions to submit their work programmes and annual report of their activities to the General Secretariat by the of month of November of each year with a view to allowing work complementarily and avoiding duplication of activities;

Having considered with appreciation the reports submitted by ISESCO on the activities carried out between the two sessions of the Council and by ICIC:

A) THE ISLAMIC WORLD EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

- 1. Commends** the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its fields of competence, namely education, science, culture, social affairs and communication; **praises** the efforts of its Director General, **Dr. Salim Mohammed AlMalik**, for developing the Organization's action and expand its scope; **commends** the contents of the new vision and the orientations of ISESCO's Medium Term Strategic Plan for 2020-2030 and the content of its future Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2020-2021; **lauds** ISESCO's outstanding contribution to implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme to Counter the Challenges of the Islamic Ummah in the Twenty First Century approved by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference; and **expresses** appreciation for the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.
- 2. Welcomes** ISESCO's signing of new cooperation agreements and action programmes with several Arab, Islamic and international organizations; **commends** the joint activities implemented in this connection, particularly the international conferences and symposia and developmental projects that have added impetus to the invaluable

initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations which yielded numerous programmes with parallel organizations and institutions, thus highlighting the true positive image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. **Expresses** support and appreciation for the continued efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by ISESCO Director General to urge the international community to exert pressure on Israel to abide by the international resolutions concerning the protection of religious landmarks, cultural and civilizational heritage, and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and counter any unilateral decisions in this regard in accordance with the relevant international resolutions; and **supports** ISESCO's efforts to document the war crimes and crimes against humanity which were and are still perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif and all the Palestinian territories.
4. **Take notes**, with appreciation, of the content of the strategies of joint Islamic action and their implementation mechanisms devised by ISESCO in the areas of education, science, culture and communication; and **invites** Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies in cooperation with the relevant regional and international organizations.
5. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to develop the programmes of traditional education; promote the status of Arabic language in its Islamic environment; build the capacities of Member States and the institutions of Muslims outside the Islamic world in the fields of authoring textbooks, and digital production and publication of materials on Quranic education, Islamic education and teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers; improve the educational competence of the traditional education staff; and help them in theory and practice to keep up with the educational developments and benefit from the educational technology.
6. **Hails** ISESCO's important roles in supporting Member States to adopt Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in their policies and integrate ICT into their educational systems through proposing initiatives and implementing new programmes aiming to achieve technical empowerment of the competent parties in such a way as to optimally use such technologies, enhance the quality of the educational services and disseminate them in the formal and non-formal education, literacy programmes, technical and vocational training, and youth rehabilitation, and promote national production of knowledge and digital contents reflecting the cultural specificities of Muslim countries.
7. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts and achievements in the vocational empowerment and socio-economic support for newly literate women through its programmes dedicated to a number of African Member States by building their capacities and developing their skills in the management of income-generating micro-projects.
8. **Hails** ISESCO's role in correcting misconceptions and publicizing the true teachings of Islam so as to counter extremism and violence; prevent conflicts and clashes through education on social peace and security which are among the bases of human dignity and sustainable development; promote education on citizenship and human rights in the educational curricula; and align the training programmes in the university institutions

with the development requirements; **and commends** the activities implemented to upgrade the joint educational action so as to develop the educational systems in Member States, promote learning, quality and the equality of opportunities in basic education, and activate the joint Islamic and international educational action to promote governance and innovation in higher education and youth employment.

9. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to improve higher education systems in Member States and establish the High-Level Quality and Accreditation Committee to ensure follow-up to the implementation of the **Key Performance Indicators (KPI)** in the OIC Member States; **thanks** the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its support for the Committee; **expresses** support and appreciation for the launch of ISESCO's "**Tafahum**" **Project of Student, Faculty and Researcher Exchange among Universities of the Islamic World** and the establishment of the **Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN)** likely to ensure cohesion and combine efforts to promote cooperation between universities and research institutions in the Islamic world; and **urges** ISESCO to enhance partnerships among prestigious universities and schools, and share expertise and knowledge, with the ultimate aim of fostering peace, understanding and mutual respect among Member States and with the Other.
10. **Thanks** ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated every year as capitals of Islamic culture and **invites** it to pursue such support; **commends** the efforts put by Member States in hosting the Capitals of Islamic Culture for 2019, namely Al-Quds Al-Sharif as Permanent Capital of Islamic Culture, as well as Bissau, Bandar Seri Begawan and Tunis; **welcomes** the selection of Cairo, Bukhara and Bamako as the Capitals of Islamic Culture for 2020; and **invites** ISESCO and the competent parties to bring this key cultural programme to a successful conclusion.
11. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to hold the 8th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (ISESCO headquarters - Rabat, October 2019) under the theme "Role of cultural and religious factors in the protection of the environment and sustainable development", in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, which adopted the strategy on the promotion of cultural and religious factors, launched the programme of the environmentally-friendly capitals of the Islamic world, adopted the executive work plan for natural disaster risk reduction and management in the Member States 2020-2022, recommended the project of the establishment of the Islamic network for environmental action and sustainable development, and invited Member States to contribute to the activation of the Conference's recommendations, particularly the executive plan of the Organization's relevant strategy.
12. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to coordinate with the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Morocco to follow up the necessary practical procedures to establish "**the Islamic Academy for Environment and Sustainable Development**"; and **commends** the efforts of ISESCO on taking charge of the General Secretariat of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management (KSAAEM), and granting the Award to its winners at the opening session of the 8th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers.

13. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to cooperate with the General Secretariat to coordinate joint action in the field of water and boost the action of the "OIC Water Council" emanating from the "**Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water**", in light of "**ISESCO Strategy for the Management of Water Resources in Islamic Countries**" and its **implementation plan**, and the "**OIC Water Vision 2025**", in such a way as to achieve water security in Islamic countries; **and commends** its efforts at the 4th session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-4, Nairobi, March 2019) as joint activities with the Faith for Earth Initiative, affiliated to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), so as to present the Islamic world's vision on various relevant topics.
14. **Welcomes** ISESCO's initiative to set up a number of specialized prizes in the fields of education, scientific research, human and social sciences, environment, communication and volunteerism; and **thanks** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates for sponsoring a number of these prizes.
15. **Hails** the efforts of all Member States, since their accession to the Convention on Children Rights, in promoting children issues and ensuring their best interest and their rights to survival, growth and protection from all forms of violence; and **calls for** consolidating these efforts through the development of national action plans on countering all forms of violence against children in various environments, guided by the relevant national, regional and international instruments.
16. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts on the preparation of the two documents on "Forms of violence against children" and "Child Labor in the Islamic World and ways to counter it", which were adopted by the 5th Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood (Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco, 21-22 February 2018); and **calls upon** Member States and Islamic organizations and bodies to consider them as reference documents in addressing all issues relevant to the protection of children from violence, exploitation and abuse.
17. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts in the field of upgrading the professional skills of media professionals in Member States and the activities it performed in a number of European capitals as part of countering, extremism hate speech and racial discrimination in Western media through legal, professional and human rights avenues in light of its reference documents namely "the Course for Training Journalists to Redress Stereotypes on Islam and Muslims in Western Media", "the Scientific Study on Western Media Contents on Islam in Light of International Law" and "the Reference Framework on the Legal Procedures on Submitting Complaints and Grievances against the Promoters of Speech of Hatred and Racial Discrimination in the Media" in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat and the specialized Islamic and international institutions concerned.
18. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts and achievements in the protection of tangible and intangible heritage in Member States and **calls upon** Member States to make more efforts to protect this heritage as part of ISESCO's initiative on the proclamation of 2019 as the year of heritage preservation in the Islamic world.
19. **Praises** the efforts deployed by the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) in establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies, and implementing activities, programmes and projects adopted by the FUIW's 7th General

Conference (Rabat, 13-14 February 2017) to promote higher education; and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation ties with Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives which have earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic higher education action.

20. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to hold the 11th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Tunis, 17-18 December 2019) in cooperation with the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat; and **hails** Tunis Declaration: "**Toward the Development of Current Cultural Policies in the Islamic World**", issued by the Conference; and calls upon Member States and the Islamic specialized organizations and bodies to activate its contents and orientations.
21. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to hold the 10th Meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee in Charge of Preparing Technical Reports on Israeli Aggressions against Al-Aqsa Mosque and its vicinity (ISESCO headquarters, 3-4 April 2019); and **calls on** ISESCO to share the report issued by this meeting with the relevant regional and international organizations and parties.
22. **Thanks** the United Arab Emirates for hosting the 40th session of the Executive Council (Abu Dhabi, 29-30 January 2020), **commends** the resolutions taken at this session, and **thanks** ISESCO's General Conference and Executive Council, the two statutory bodies of ISESCO, for their constructive efforts to promote ISESCO's action and enable it to discharge its functions in the best possible conditions.
23. **Expresses** sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, and to their Majesties, Excellencies, Highnesses Kings, Presidents and Emirs of Member States, for their generous support to ISESCO and for financing several educational, scientific and cultural programmes and activities.
24. **Expresses** sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for his high patronage of ISESCO's conferences and for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to it to fully discharge its mission.

B) ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT (ICIC)

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Summit and Foreign Ministers especially the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC)

Having examined the report presented by the president of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) on its activities

1. **Urges** OIC member States which have not yet ratified the Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives.

2. **Calls on** all the Member States, along with the Islamic organizations and institutions concerned, to assist and support the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC), both materially and morally, to help it to achieve its programs and to perform its role vis-à-vis humanitarian crises within the Muslim countries. Agreed between Libya and Saudi Arabia.
3. **Calls** on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to exert efforts regarding the victims of natural disasters, victims of armed conflicts, refugees, displaced people and prisoners of war; and provide humanitarian assistances, care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner`s Office for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross/ Red Crescent, the National Societies of Red Cross /Red Crescent and other relevant regional and international organizations.
4. **Expresses** its profound thanks to Libya (hosting State) for extending support and facilities to the ICIC Administration.
5. **Calls** upon OIC Member States parties to the ICIC agreement, who have not yet done, to pay their contributions to the ICIC budget for the years 2009 to 2019.
6. **Expresses** its profound appreciation to the ICIC president, members and its administration for the humanitarian activities and assistances executed in different regions of the Islamic world.
7. **Expresses** its deep thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, for its support to the ICIC and calls upon them to continue offering more assistance to it.
8. **Expresses** its full appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent, the Qatar Red Crescent, the Red Crescent of Iraq, the Tunisian Red Crescent and the Red Crescent of Kuwait for their cooperation with the ICIC to implement permanent bilateral programs.
9. **Calls** upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the ICIC humanitarian programs, in Palestine, Somalia , Syria , Niger, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Chad, Bangladesh and Central Africa, Kosovo, North Cyprus Turkish Republic and Sera Leon.
10. **Calls upon** OIC member States and financing Islamic institutions to deliver part of their humanitarian assistances through the channel of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) to strengthen partnership in the framework of the OIC.
11. **Calls upon** Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the Contribution program in facing the irregular migration, hosted by Tunisian Red Crescent in the framework of cooperation and partnership on the irregular migration in concerned African countries, adopted by the third consultation meeting of the ICIC and the Red Crescent/Red Cross National Societies in OIC Member States held in Tunis.
12. **Calls** upon Member States and concerned Islamic Institutions to support the Social peace Centre established in virtue of the decision adopting its strategy of work, by of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) in its 30th session, and hosted by the Iraqi Red Crescent Society as joint programme of cooperation with the ICIC in accordance with the Memorandum of understanding signed by both sides on 27/5/2017.

13. **Calls upon** Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the Islamic Forum for International Humanitarian Law, the joint program hosted by the Qatar Red Crescent Society, and in cooperation in the areas of the promotion of international humanitarian law, particularly the revival of the national day of international humanitarian law on May 9 of each year, in accordance with Resolution no. 41/1 adopted by 42nd Session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Islamic Countries in Kuwait in 2015.
14. **Expressing** appreciation for the efforts made by the ICIC administration through its regional representative for Asia and Europe which is hosted in Ankara with the support of the Turkish Red Crescent Society, in implementing projects of relief, humanitarian assistances and development in Kosovo, Gazza, Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, Palestine, Tunisia, Mozambique and Libya, and expressing thanks and appreciation to the Red Crescent Society of Bahrain and Bahraini Social Societies and Kuwaiti Red Crescent for the financial support they offered to some of these projects.
15. **Welcomes** the results of the 4th consultation meeting between the ICIC and National Societies of Red Crescent/Red Cross in OIC member States held in Istanbul on 30 January 2019.
16. **Welcomes** holding the second meeting of the Group of Friends of the Red Crescent Society of North Cyprus Turkish Republic with the participation of 41 National Society in OIC member States during the period 24-25 September 2019; and calls upon them and the international organs of the international movement of RED crescent/RED cross to exert more efforts to offer humanitarian and development assistances to the capacities of that society and to recognize it as member of the international movement.
17. **Welcomes** the convening of the first workshop of national coordinators of the programme of irregular migration, with the participation of national societies from the sending, transit and receiving states, held in Tunis, and expresses thanks and appreciation to the Tunisian Red Crescent and to the participating national societies.
18. **Welcomes** readiness of the Red Crescent Society of Kuwait to chair the special Committee of the National Day of the International Humanitarian Law in cooperation with the ICIC to revive the National Day of International Humanitarian Law which corresponds to 9 May each year as adopted by Resolution 1/42 of the 42nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC member States held in Kuwait in 2015.
19. **Welcomes** election of Dr. Mohamed Ben Abdullah Al Kasim (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) as a member of Islamic Committee of International Red Crescent (ICIC), for the current membership year.
20. **Welcomes** the election of Dr. Nci Yorulmaz (Turkey) as member of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC), in replacement of Dr. Mehmet Gulluoglu to complete his membership term.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/47-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Having taken note of the decisions adopted by the 9th and 10th sessions of the ISSF General Assembly Meeting as well as those of the 25th, 26th and 27th ISSF Executive Committee Meetings; **(ISSF)** Emphasizing the need for all relevant affiliated institutions to submit their work programmes and annual activity reports to the General Secretariat by the month of November of each year to ensure complementarity of action and avoid duplication;

Having considered the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), and Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF), International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) and The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic –Schools (WFIAIS):

A) Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)

1. **To express** thanks and appreciations to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz, Crown Prince for hosting the Headquarters of ISSF and for the material and moral support of ISSF out of the Kingdom's full faith of the necessity of caring for all issues related to Youth of Muslim Nation.
2. **To congratulate** HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Alfaisal on his unanimously election as the president of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation during the extraordinary meeting of ISSF General Assembly held on Monday, Sha'ban 3, 1440 (H) that corresponds to April 8, 2019 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, wishing His Highness all the best to deal with the substantial tasks entrusted to him to implement the objectives of ISSF for the benefit of Muslim Youth.
3. **To express** thanks and appreciations to His Excellency Counselor Turkey bin Abdulmohsen Al-Alsheikh former President of ISSF for the services, support, follow-up and directives he has rendered to the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to implement all its programs & activities to the high standard befitting the position of ISSF and for his keenness to implement the goals of ISSF targeting at the benefit of Muslim Nation.

4. **To welcome** the decision of ISSF General Assembly of the Federation adopted during its tenth meeting to approve hosting of the “Fifth Islamic Solidarity Games” by the Republic of Turkey in 2021, and to thank the Government of the Republic of Turkey, represented by its Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Board of the National Olympic Committee of Turkey for their interest in hosting and organizing the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya. 2021.
5. **To urge** the Member States of ISSF to participate actively in this edition of Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya to achieve the aspired goals of accomplishing solidarity & brotherhood among Muslim youth on the territory of the Republic of Turkey.
6. **To commend** the joint efforts/work taken place between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and the Organizing Committee of the 5th ISG, 2021, appreciating their keen interest to avail participation of all Islamic countries.
7. **To assign** the General Secretariat of ISSF to follow up the implementation of the Resolution of the Council of Foreign Ministers taken at its 46th Session held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, during the period February 28 to March 3, 2019 to confirm the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth & Sport to invite the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its affiliated bodies to provide a fixed financial support (\$ 1 million) to the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation once every four years to contribute to accomplish good preparation of the Islamic Solidarity Games and to support all Islamic countries to participate in those Games.
8. **To welcome** the hosting of the 5th Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers of Islamic Countries in 2020 by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia represented by the Saudi Arabia's General Sports Authority (GSA).
9. **To commend** the successful organization of the 3rd International Solidarity Archery Championship held during the period 22-27 February 2019 in Dhaka, and to express its thanks to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh represented by the National Olympic Committee of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Archery Federation for their outstanding efforts in hosting and organizing the championship and for including the championship in the official competition program of the World Archery Federation.
10. **To thank** the Republic of Uzbekistan represented by its National Olympic Committee and its National Weightlifting Federation for hosting and organizing the 6th International Solidarity Weightlifting Championship during the period from 7 to 15 February 2020 in Tashkent, and for adoption the championship as one of the qualifying event for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and to commend the cooperation of the Federation with the International Federation as well as the continental federations of this sport which will Help to include the ISSF championships in the program of the International Federation.

11. **To commend** the efforts of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, its National Olympic Committee and the Bangladesh Archery Federation and the Bangladesh Archery Federation for their cooperation & support for holding the 4th International Solidarity Championship during the period 22-28 February 2020 in Dhaka, with the need to work together and to coordinate to urge the National Olympic Committees of the Member States of ISSF to participate in such competitions being one of the competitions adopted in the International Rankings of the players and the importance of building a closer relationship between the ISSF and the sports family of archery through the World Archery Federation, the Asian, African and Arab Archery Federations arrows and those who express their full readiness to cooperate with the ISSF any future activities.
12. **To welcome** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Sports Federation of Islamic Solidarity and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) to enhance cooperation between them in the fields of physical education and sports games based on mutual respect and sovereign equality and to strengthen friendly relations between athletes and sports' representative of Member States of ISSF to promote mutual understanding between the ISSF & ANOCA on the basis of mutual respect and common interests.
13. **To appreciate** the efforts exerted by the Executive Board & Secretariat General of ISSF by signing Agreements of Cooperation with the National Olympic Committees of the Members States of ISSF as well as with the relevant sports' organizations to strengthen Islamic solidarity among athletes of Member States of ISSF and to enhance Muslim personality in the field of sports fields and to maintain the sports' principles to promote sport and Olympic movement in Islamic countries and to strengthen ties of Unity, love and fraternity among Muslim youth in the Member States of ISSF and to urge the Olympic Committees of the Federation to participate actively in these activities that will help in accomplishing the objectives of ISSF in all fields of sports to serve the largest segment of youth in the Islamic countries and to organize competitions & games to qualify outstanding players in various sports with the importance of adhering to the joint Islamic action.
14. **To commend** the coordination & cooperation existed between the ISSF & the Sharjah Women's Sports for organizing activities in Sharjah under the umbrella of ISSF to accomplish one of the most important objectives of ISSF (i.e. to pay attention and to encourage women to practice sports, that goes along with the Islamic teachings and to raise the technical standards of women sort to enable her strong presence in international competitions and to promote women ports' personality.
15. **To appreciates** the decision of ISSF Executive Board taken at its 30th meeting in regard to establishing the new committees of ISSF, namely, the committees of (competitions, athletes, women sport, anti-doping, auditing, media & marketing committees) and to establish a working group and workshops to support and implement the sport strategy for Islamic countries as approved by the Youth and Sports Minister in Muslim countries.

16. **To welcome** the decision of ISSF Executive Board to approve the request of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the National Olympic Committee of the State of Palestine to nominate Jerusalem to be the Islamic Sports Capital in 2020 and to express thanks to the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and the Olympic Committee in the State of Palestine for the excellent file they have submitted to the ISSF for that purpose and for their keen interest to host this event In the city of Jerusalem, and also to also extend thanks to Secretariat General of ISSF for activating this program in implementation of the approval of this program by the Youth and Sports Ministers in Islamic countries and to assign the Secretariat General to start implementing the program in coordination with officials in charge of the file of the city of Jerusalem.
17. **To welcome** the candidacy of the city of Konya to host the program of the Islamic Sports Capital in 2021 to be synchronized with the activities of the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games to be hosted by the city of Konya in August 2021, and to thank the Government of the Republic of Turkey represented by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Turkey and the officials of the city of Konya for their keen interest to activate the program and to urge all Ministers of Youth & Sports and the Olympic Committees at the Member States of ISSF to interact with the program and to continue the implementation of hosting the program of the Islamic Sports Capital in Muslim countries and to instruct the Secretariat General of ISSF to communicate with Muslim countries to arrange for hosting this program in future.
18. **To assign** the Secretariat General of ISSF to follow up the implementation of the strategy of the development of sport in Muslim countries as adopted by the 3rd session of the meeting of Youth and Sports Ministers held in the Republic of Turkey and set out mechanism/tools to implement the programs adopted by the 4th session of the meeting of Youth and Sports Ministers held in Azerbaijan in accordance with the requirements and capacities of ISSF and to urge Youth & Sports Ministers and the NOCs at the member States to cooperate with the ISSF to carry out the following projects:
 - The “NEET” project (for youth not enrolled in education, work or training) of 16 -24 years old who will be directed to several different programs, including sports.
 - The Project health caring of children, elimination of obesity, sports & health and educational programs for children and their families in schools, which will increase the number of participants in community sport
 - Implement a complete system of discovering and patronizing talented athletes.
 - The project of taking care of street children emphasizing the importance of working together to put a plan and the need to work together to develop a plan to benefit from these wasted energies and take away from the hotspots of corruption and delinquency and to direct them to the benefit of society.
19. **To affirm** the importance of coordinating with the Secretariat General of OIC, the Ministers of Youth and Sports of the Member States of OIC, the NOCs of ISSF and all OIC-affiliated, specialized and subsidiary institutions and bodies to cooperate and to implement the Projects

and to avail appropriate financial support to the projects through the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and the governments of the OIC Member States.

20. **To commend** the efforts of HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki Alfaisal, President of ISSF, for his unlimited support to the ISSF to enable it to achieve its objectives and future plans for the promotion of youth and sports in the Member States of ISSF.
21. **To express** its thanks to the Secretariat General of ISSF for preparing the process of implementation of all various activities of ISSF which will contribute to the achievement of ISSF objectives.

B) THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION YOUTH FORUM (ICYF)

1. **Acknowledges** ICYF as the OIC youth institution and its mandate is endorsed by the 3rd and 4th Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM); **appreciates** important activities carried out by ICYF in various fields pertaining to youth development; **calls upon** the member States and the OIC Institutions to coordinate with ICYF, to realize the Recommendations of the *First OIC Young Leaders Summit*, successfully organized by the ICYF in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat on 11-13th April 2016 and approved by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference as an important guideline for Joint Youth Policy by the Member States; **Notes** in this context the “*OIC Joint Youth Action Plan*” setting the strategic projects for the development of the youth of OIC Member States for the next 2 years and **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF towards the implementation of the projects envisaged by the *Joint Youth Action Plan*;
2. **Commends** the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the excellent organization of the 4th Session of ICYSM on 17-19 April 2018, in Baku, in cooperation with Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat as per their relevant mandates; **welcomes** the decisions of the 4th Session of the ICYSM, marking a milestone in adopting the OIC Youth Strategy as well as relevant youth policies and actions; **calls upon** the Member States to exert necessary efforts in the successful implementation of these decisions and to coordinate their work in this regard with ICYF in particular, by considering the signing of relevant MoUs between the responsible Ministries and ICYF; **wishes** success to the Republic of Azerbaijan as the Chair of the 4th Session of the ICYSM and Permanent Ministerial Council on Youth issues;
3. **Approves** the annual “OIC Youth Capital” international programme executed by ICYF as an implementing agency of the programme under the JYAP; **Congratulates** the city of Doha (State of Qatar) on the successful implementation of the programme as OIC Youth Capital for 2019, implemented according to the mandated decisions of the 43rd Council of Foreign Ministers, **applauds** the selection of Dhaka as the OIC Youth Capital of 2020; **calls upon the** OIC Member States and Institutions to actively cooperate with ICYF as the Programme’s Implementing Agency; and **encourages** active participation of their youth in the programme and support the concerned authorities of the Bangladesh with a view to successfully implementing the programme through

arranging various activities including “Bangabandhu-OIC Youth Art Exhibition-2020”; **encourages** the applications of OIC Member States to host the forthcoming OIC Youth Capital Programs in their respective countries

4. Welcomes the holding of the first “Diplomacy Academy” , Academic Training and Diplomatic Simulation Programme; Welcomes the second edition of the ICYF Diplomacy Academy in Istanbul on the 8th of November 2019 to 3rd January 2020; invites Member States to organize forthcoming sessions of Diplomacy Academy in their respective States; Welcomes also the ICYF initiated Model OIC project for training students in the field of international relations, diplomacy and decision making mechanism and its successful implementation on the sidelines of 3rd Pan-African Youth Conference organized by Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Gambia and African Youth Commission which took place on 24-25 March 2019 in Banjul, The Gambia. Noting with satisfaction ICYF collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, first time in its history, in organizing a side event within the context of Model OIC in Commonwealth Youth Dialogue Forum held on 1-5 April 2019 in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia. Appreciates the successful implementation of the 1st National Model OIC Conference Pakistan held on 21-23 December 2018 in Karachi, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as **Commends** the convening of the second Model OIC for High Schools, a sub event of the Model OIC international program under Joint Youth Action Plan, co-organized by ICYF and Beyoglu Education and Cultural Foundation; **Welcomes** holding of the “Youth Media Camp” in Samsun (Turkey) on 15-29 September 2019 co-organized by ICYF, Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and Anadolu Agency and its outcomes; **welcomes** ICYF’s Youth Economic Empowerment initiatives under the umbrella program “Young Business Hub (YBH) including Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, organized under the patronage of the President of Republic of Tatarstan (RF) and **Welcomes also** Takeoff Istanbul Startup investment summit organized by ICYF and Turkish Technology Team Foundation; **invites** IDB, ICCIA and the relevant public and private institutions of Member States to extend support towards the work of Young Business; **Expressing satisfaction** with the organization of the Diplomacy Training Session as part of the 2nd Young Leaders Forum organized by Turkic Council on 22-25 April 2019 in Turkistan, Kazakhstan; **Congratulates** ICYF for successfully hosting the celebration of the OIC Youth Day on the 3 September as the OIC Youth Day as proposal by H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimeen, the OIC Secretary General; and **calls upon** the Member States to actively cooperate with ICYF towards the successfully organization of the annual OIC Youth Day Celebrations; and also **calls** Member States to celebrate this day in their respective states and encourages member states to host main celebrations on a rotative basis in close cooperation with ICYF;

5. Appreciates the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st *Youth CFM* held by the ICYF in Dhaka on 04 May 2018, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM in the implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session of the Ministerial meeting on “Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity”, held during the 44th CFM on 11th July 2017 in Abidjan, **commends** the Government of the Republic of Niger for facilitating the holding of the 3th edition as part of the 47th CFM **calls** on hosts of future CFMs to consider organizing the follow-up editions of the Youth CFM in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, ICYF and national youth institutions of Member States;

6. Appreciates the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF and Global Forum for Moderation, which is an affiliated organization of OIC, to further strengthen and consolidate the

existing close and friendly relations between both parties towards ensuring joint cooperation in a bid to achieve common objectives with regards to the promotion and support of youth empowerment and sustainable development. **Welcomes** the ongoing cooperation between ICYF and Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan which is leveraged by the official visit of H.E Dr. Mohammed Suleiman Aburman, Minister of Youth & Minister of Culture Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to ICYF Headquarters on 27 August 2019 as well as appreciates the Efforts of H.E Mr. Ahmad Taleb Al Ubaidi, Minister of Youth & Sports of the Republic of Iraq on supporting ICYF by paying an official visit to its headquarters on 24 October 2019

7. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the relevant institutions, in particular IDB and ISESCO to support the implementation of the Joint Youth Action Plan (JYAP) and to fulfill their commitments in this regard as required by the resolutions on youth adopted by the 4th ICYSM Session; **requests** the OIC Women Consultative Council (WCC) to participate and contribute in ICYF activities under the issue of Girls and Young Women Development Programme of JYAP; and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in the International Workshop on “Empowerment of Young Women and Girls in the Conflict Zones” to be organized by ICYF in 2020 with the participation and contribution of WCC; **commends** ICYF and SESRIC for the publication of the 2ND Report on the State of Youth in the OIC Member States and **calls upon** the Member States to closely cooperate with ICYF for the 3rd edition of the Report in 2022; **welcomes** ICYF on the successful organization of the International Muslim Intellectuals Forum, on annual basis in cooperation with the relevant academic institutions
8. **Welcomes** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Islamic Development Bank (June 2015) and **calls upon** IDB to cooperate in its youth related activities with the ICYF programmes and projects; **welcomes also** Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and SESRIC (March 2019), Memorandum of Agreement signed between ICYF and IIUM (April 2016); Letter of Understanding signed between ICYF and ISESCO (April 2016) and its Programme of Cooperation signed in October 2017; Strategic Framework for UNOSSC – ICYF Cooperation signed on 31 October 2016; and **calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat and ICYF to develop coordination mechanism on implementation of the ICYSM decisions on youth issues; **Welcomes also** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Ministry youth and Spots of Republic of Mali on 12 November 2019 on establishing Vocational&Educational Training and Entrepreneurship Development Center in Mali and **Applauds** H.E Arouna Modibo Toure, Minister of Youth and Sport of Republic of Mali for his continuous support to ICYF initiative projects. **Appreciates** Republic of Uzbekistan for hosting the 1st OIC Robotics Competition in Uzbekistan which is organized by Comstech in cooperation with ICYF between 27-31 October 2019 in Tashkent Uzbekistan.
9. **Expresses** profound appreciation to the Patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Vice-President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ISESCO towards international activities serving the enhancement of friendly relations among the nations, strengthening of inter-cultural dialogue and global peace at large; **welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban

Aliyeva; applauds the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNAOC;

10. **Applauds** the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between relevant bodies of UN including UNDP, UNOSSC, UNAOC, UNFPA, UNEP, UN Women, ECOSOC and UNESCO in particular in ICYF initiative to establish a platform in Europe to monitor and counter Islamophobia and violent radicalization; and **commends** ICYF's efforts and actions to raise awareness among youth about Islamophobia at global level; welcomes effective cooperation between ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain in establishing joint initiatives towards the economic empowerment of youth through the joint projects under the field of Entrepreneurship Development, Vocational Educational Training and startup development and welcomes also the Young Business Entrepreneurship Summit organized by ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain between 11-13th of November 2019 as part of World Entrepreneurship Investment Forum organized under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, The King of Bahrain.
11. **Appreciates** the activities of ICYF in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and **calls upon** the Member States to actively take part in the program; invites the Member States to actively support the ICYF campaign #SaveRohingyaNow; Welcomes “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, ICYF General Coordinator for Inter-cultural Dialogue and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the genocide of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992; **commending** the activities of the Campaign towards raising awareness internationally on the Khojaly genocide, **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the activities of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and international levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity as well as for bringing to justice its perpetrators; **welcomes** also ICYF programme aiming to raise awareness among the European youth on the history of Muslim sufferings in Anatolia in 1915;
12. **Appreciates** the support and contribution by the Government of the Republic of Turkey as host of the ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul; **welcomes** support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF; **calls upon** the Member States to support the activities of ICYF by also enabling their national youth institutions to participate in the Forum and its activities;
13. **Expresses** its deep appreciation and gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their devotion to the cause of the development of the youth of OIC Member States and their personal support towards ICYF activities as well as the mandatory contributions by the Governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan to ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul and ICYF Euroasian Regional Center in Baku in order to accomplish its mission effectively;

14. **Thanks** H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General for the efforts resulted in increasing efficiency of cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat with ICYF on a whole range of youth issues as the major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action in the field of youth;
15. **“Welcomes** the initiative of ICYF in successfully implementing the first year program of Intellectual Heritages of Islamic World to the Humanity Project organized in close cooperation with OIC Member states and **calls** relevant OIC Institutions, including IRCICA, SESRIC, ISESCO and IDB, to closely cooperate with ICYF to leverage the implementation of the program
16. **Welcomes** the decision of ICYF to establish and finance the ICYF Youth Values Award to promote moral values of OIC Member States among the youth and to grant the first award in 2020; invites the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF for the success of this initiative.
17. **Commends** the World Ethno-sport Confederation on successful implementation of international festivals towards the promotion of deep rooted cultures of OIC Member States; invites Member States and OIC institutions, including Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to closely cooperate with World Ethno-Sport Confederation through their relevant bodies to contribute the activities of the Confederation and welcomes outstanding collaboration between ICYF and the Confederation towards developing brotherhood and among the youth of the OIC through joint programs in their benefit.
18. **Emphasizes** the significance of Zero Wastage Project, an environment protection project of ICYF on struggling against wastage, implemented in coordination and cooperation with the “Zero Waste” Project, organized within the framework of United Nations’ “Act now climate Campaign, by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Republic of Turkey under auspices of H.E. Emine Erdogan, First Lady of the Republic of Turkey.
19. **Welcomes** ICYF in successfully maintaining the ongoing process of merging ICYF entrepreneurship projects—and Youth economic empowerment initiatives into ICYF Young Business Hub international program, including those mentioned in Joint Youth Action Plan, requests OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to review accordingly and update previous agreements for the successful implementation of all ICYF entrepreneurship programs”
20. **Welcomes** the empowered functions of the Regional Center of ICYF for Eurasia (ICYF-ERC) hosted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku and having the status of Regional Center mandated to act on youth issues within its regional outreach; **welcomes** the support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF-ERC, and international projects and programmes implemented by ICYF-ERC in the framework of this support and its mandate, including the 5th Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum in Kazan, the Republic of Tatarstan – RF (20-26 April 2019), the 2nd Executive Model – OIC in Baku (15-18 June 2019), “From Nasimi to Fuzuli: Thinkers of of the Azerbaijan Classical Poetry international conference”

held in Baku in the framework of the “Year of Nasimi” in Azerbaijan (21 June 2019), and the 1st International Model OIC – Eurasia held in Kazan under the patronage of H.E. Rustam Minnikhanov, the President of the Republic of Tatarstan – RF and devoted to the 50th anniversary of the OIC and the 25th anniversary of the State Youth Policy in the Republic of Tatarstan (24-29 November 2019); **applauds** the declaration of 2020 as the “Year of Volunteers” in Azerbaijan by the relevant order of H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and **calls upon** the ICYF to implement the relevant activities through ICYF-ERC in this framework in Azerbaijan; **requests** the concerned Member States to support the ICYF-ERC through ICYF and **encourages** Member states, to facilitate necessary actions, in accordance with ICYF’s regional center establishment procedures, to launch ICYF Regional Centers in their respective countries.

21. **Welcomes** also holding of the “volunteering themed photography context” co-organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and ICYF, and its outcomes;
22. **To urge** ICYF and ISSF to mobilize several campaigns in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat for raising awareness of the importance of Al Quds al-Shariff among the youth of OIC Member States and Muslim youth in the non-Member States.
23. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit the report of the Forum’s activities to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. **Bless** future activities IUMS decided to do within his plan 2020/2021 and urged Members to hosting effective in these activities and participation in order to make it a success and give him every possible material and moral support.
2. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to embrace the headquarters of the IUMS in Jeddah and moral and financial support in terms of full faith interest in all issues related to the youth of the Islamic nation.
3. **Expresses** its thanks to The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support to the activities and programs of IUMS.
4. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and gratitude to H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimen Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to support the activities and programs of IUMS executed by through the World Medal projects (I’m a Muslim Scouts and cooperating) and Muslim youth programs.
5. **Blends** the Plan of Action for the implementation of the OIC Youth Strategy and affirms its keenness to achieve the Strategy.

6. **Expresses** its thanks to the Minister of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support for the activities and programs of IUMS and international trips for youth and university students.
7. **Expresses** its thanks to Mr. Ahmad Al-Hindawi, Secretary General of the World Scout Organization, and to HE Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif, IUMS President in the implementation of the activities and programs of the IUMS and calls for further cooperation between the IUMS and Scout Societies in all countries of the world.
8. **Expresses** gratitude to the directors of scout regions of the World Scout Organization for their cooperation and support to young Muslims in the world and the work of the scout teams for young people is recognized and recorded in the Scout associations recognized countries by the World Scout Organization and invite them for further cooperation with IUMS.
9. **Expresses** his thanks for the Scout associations that cooperated in the implementation of the medal projects: (literacy), (Removing harmful from the road) and (Green World).
10. **Calls upon** the Ministers of Higher Education and Ministers of Education of the OIC Member States to emphasize the universities to participate in international trips and educational and scientific meetings for young and talented university students organized by the IUMS in order to achieve the wishes of kings and presidents of Islamic countries at the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah 2005 At the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, which aims to strengthen national unity and instruct university administrators to participate in these activities.
11. **Invites** banks in Saudi Arabia to support IUMS activities from their role towards social responsibility and service to the youth of Saudi Arabia.
12. **Bless** the IUMS starting in the training of the youth of the Islamic nation in the media and qualify for the courses in the media and the graduation of qualified media generation of universities Member States are required to higher education ministers directing university administrators to share their students in this important activity, and implemented in collaboration with the Islamic Organization for Education, Science of Culture and ISESCO.
13. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank to support projects and activities of the IUMS in the past and hopes to re-support.
14. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to Ambassador Nasser Al Zaabi, head of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mr. Ibrahim bin Abdullah AlKhozim Executive Director of the Fund for their support for the projects and activities of IUMS.
15. **Bless** the signing of the construction project Cooperative Waqf Muslim Scouts agreement and who donated their land, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, God bless his soul and the IUMS built to house him and Scouts Muslims during their visit to the

performance of rituals, and thank Dr. Bandar Hajjar President of the Islamic Development Bank, and Fund property Endowments Bank for their support and cooperation in the construction of this entity, which serves the Muslim Scouts.

16. **Recommends** supporting the preparation Scout leaders Muslim courses for access to wood to create a badge scout team leaders under the auspices of the Muslims do Muslim children and explain the religion of Islam to non-Muslims.
17. **Invites** OIC Institutions Active in the Field of Youth, to coordination and cooperation in youth affairs through activating the memorandum of understanding to establish the activities and programs in collaboration with the IUMS.
18. **Expresses** its thanks to the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and of Culture (ISESCO), headed by Director General Dr. Salim M. AlMalik its support for the programs of the IUMS and the signing of a cooperation agreement with the Union of Islamic universities in the world and bless their efforts in joint activities carried out by the Union with ISESCO in the field Media and special programs for agents universities and all other activities.
19. **Bless** IUMS as an advisory body for training and international activities and programs organized by universities and Islamic countries in collaboration with ISESCO and asks Excellences, Ministers of Higher Education and directors of universities to cooperate with them in this area.
20. **Request** member States, through the Ministers of Youth and Sports or relevant authorities, to urge Scout Associations and Youth Organizations to participate in the 14th IUMS World Conference.
21. **Congratulates** Mr. Amr Hamdy on his victory as Director of the Arab Scout Region and calls for further cooperation between IUMS and the Arab Scout Region.
22. **Congratulates** the Arab Republic of Egypt on its success in organizing the World Scout Conference 41 and calls for cooperation with it in the success of the conference.
23. **Ask** member States, through Youth and Sports Ministers or concerned bodies, are urged to encourage scout associations and youth organizations to participate in the World Youth Forum to be held in Saudi Arabia, organized by IUMS in cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat of OIC and (ISESCO), (ISSF), (ICYF-DC), (IDB), (ISF), and (SESRIC).
24. **Bless** the IUMS organized Dialogue and Moderation Forum for Youth and Scouts to be applied in Africa in coordination and cooperation with Member States and asked the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to support Forum.
25. **Thanks** to His Excellency President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi for hosting the World Youth Forum and requests the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Egypt to benefit

from IUMS in the implementation of this forum in the coming years and affirms the support of IUMS for this forum and put all its possibilities for cooperation.

26. **Bless** the IUMS starting in arranging activities for people with special needs.

D) The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS)

1. **Recommends** the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), and the Islamic Development Bank to support the plans and projects of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools in spreading Arabic language and Islamic culture and to extend every possible assistance for the implementation of such plans and projects; thanks the ISF for financing the Federation's projects.
2. **Recommends** continued support for the organization of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.
3. **Recommends** the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of the textbook series prepared by the WF-IAIS, for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, the distribution of those books among Muslim learners, and the establishment of a WF-IAIS Press at its headquarters, as well as other print shops in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their benefit in those countries and among Muslim communities.
4. **Recommends** support for the Assistance Fund for International Arab-Islamic Schools and Educational Institutions members of WF-IAIS to help them promote Islamic education standards, in particular in non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.
5. **Requests** support for the WF-IAS project to establish an education section at the Imam Shafii College – Comoros Islands University to award Bachelor's Degree in all Arabic language specialties in accordance with the agreement signed between the WF-IAIS and the Comoros National Ministry of Education preparatory to Masters and Doctorate studies in Teaching Curricular and Methods in the Section.
6. **Recommends** support for the Examination Council of International Arab-Islamic Schools Project, set up by the WFIAIS in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims to set the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic universities, and to activate this Council and establish its regional branches.
7. **Recommends** support for the projects undertaken by the WFIAIS to set up the Arabic language center and forum of civilizations in London, the educational center in Cairo, and Turkish Arab University in Istanbul.
8. **Recommends** support for the WFIAIS activities towards the establishment of an examination council in Uganda in collaboration with the Islamic University in Uganda, as well as an examination council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.
9. **Recommends** support for the two projects of the WF-IAIS submitted by the Arab Academy for Educational Science to establish a university under the name (International University of

Educational and Information Sciences) to be based in Cairo and to have branches in other countries, and a virtual university to provide remote technical support to schools.

10. **Welcomes** the establishment of the first Arabic University named Islamic Arabic University by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the encourages OIC institutions to support the institution.

11. **Recommends** to Member States to cooperate with the WFIAIS to activate its role in developing the educational system in public schools, join in the membership of WFIAIS and implement the assessment, development and training programmes to be provided by WFIAIS.

12. **Recommends** support for the EIE. International Federation project. The establishment of the International Academy for Emergency Education as the first specialized educational academy to support the education system of refugees and displaced persons in our Arab and Islamic world and the world around us in accordance with international standards in cooperation with the World Federation of Arab Islamic International Schools.

13. **Recommends** the support of the project of the Union provided by the International Center for Specific Education of the International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO) in Kuwait to establish an Academy for Development and Humanitarian Action to support the humanitarian system in the Arab and Islamic world and around the world and to be based in Kuwait in cooperation with the World Federation of Arab Islamic International Schools.

14. **Request** the Secretary General to follow up the issues in the present resolution and submit a report thereon to the 48th Session of the CFM.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/47-C
ON
BAYT-MAL AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF AGENCY

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 principles and objectives enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC);

Recalling resolution no.7/9-C (IS) of the 9th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Doha (2000);

Recalling also the resolutions of successive Sessions of Al-Quds Committee, especially those pertaining to the founding and structuring of Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency;

Determined to intensify efforts in defending the Muslims' first "*qibla*" and third holiest mosque, safeguarding its Arab identity and Islamic character and protecting it from Zionist infringement and judaization plans:

1. **Commends** the dedicated efforts of His Majesty King Muhammad VI in sponsoring Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency and generously supporting it to enable it to play its role in protecting the holy city and its steadfast Palestinian inhabitants and safeguarding its Arab and Islamic sacred identity and heritage, and accomplish its mission by providing it with premises and with generous financial resources to activate its work in the best conditions.
2. **Lauds** the establishment of the Moroccan cultural center '*Bayt Al-Maghrib*' in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to spread the values of tolerance and coexistence among cultures and the three divine religions.
3. **Invites** the member states to extend their support to Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency, facilitate its tasks in all fields to mobilize all potentialities and utilize all financial resources and technical expertise with a view to contributing to the fulfillment of its projects in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
4. **Also invites** Islamic public and private institutions, financing funds, banks, businessmen and individuals to discharge their duty of supporting Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency and generously provide it with all the assistance needed to achieve its ambitious and pressing objectives in the areas of housing, education, health and others, and preserve the Arab identity and Islamic landmarks in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
5. **Exhorts** firms and investors from Islamic states to invest in Al-Quds out of cooperation with the inhabitants of Al-Quds in the various economic, trade and tourism fields, in order to shield the Holy City from the encroaching peril of judaization and preserve the Arab character of the City and its Muslim holy places.

6. **Invites** the Agency to conduct working visits to the Member States, and **calls upon** all states to help it organize large-scale campaigns and establish intensive contacts with all the competent authorities, on both the governmental and private enterprise levels, in the areas of information, culture, finance and trade, in order to mobilize ample financial resources from governments, the private sector and at the popular level to meet the huge needs of the steadfastness of the holy city, considering the enormous challenges it is confronted with in the fate-determining battle imposed upon it.
7. **Affirms** the need to implement the resolutions of previous Islamic conferences, which call on the Member States to extend support to Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency of Al-Quds Committee to enable it to Implement development projects, preserve the Arab and Islamic cultural character of the city of Al-Quds and reinforce the steadfastness of its people against Israeli continued measures intended to judaize the holy city, in line with the strategic plan on the development of the vital sectors in the city of Al-Quds Al-Shareef, which sets the priorities of the city and identifies its urgent needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/47-C
ON
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

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 Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favor of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the decisions of the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 11th Session of COMIAC, and 10th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2-4 December 2014,

Recalling the recommendations contained in the Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

Taking note of the important recommendations adopted by the Ninth Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) on 11-12 October, 2010:

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Coordination Office.
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC; in this regard, **commends**, in particular, the appointment of the Director of the COMIAC Coordination Office.
- 3. Commends** the Republic of Senegal for having successfully hosted the 11th session of the COMIAC in Dakar on 14-15 May 2018, and appreciates Member States' active participation at the event.
- 4. Encourages and supports** cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and resources that can be tapped to finance the COMIAC activities.
- 5. Welcomes** the constant contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the COMIAC and invites Member States and relevant institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC's programs and activities through the expeditious settlement of voluntary contributions.
- 6. Commends** the efforts of the State of the United Arab Emirates in the field of cultural affairs (COMIAC) by supporting information, art and sports through the humanitarian and charity establishment of Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, which benefitted to date half a million people, including 67000 media specialists who participate in shaping a new media reality in the region, and which endeavors to reinforce a tolerant civilizational discourse by investing half a billion Dirhams in cultural and civilizational communication initiatives for the benefit of over 200 nationalities.

RESOLUTION NO. 10/47-C
ON
THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC AND WORLD
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGES

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Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

Emphasizing the importance of protection and preservation of historical religious sites and various places of worship and ancient historical artifacts in OIC Member States as well as other parts of the world;

Stressing the importance for the Member States to provide the necessary protection to cultural, archaeological and historical monuments and antiquities located on its territory and within its borders, including religious sites, places of worship, educational institutions, museums, and other archaeological, historical and cultural heritage monuments.

Recalling and welcoming the relevant Security Council resolutions, specifically Resolution 1483 (2003) and Resolution 2199 (2015) on combating the trafficking of cultural and scientific property looted from Iraq and Syria and on urging its restitution to the institutions of both countries, along with Resolution 2347 (2017) on the protection of cultural heritage and cultural property in the event of armed conflict.

Noting the decision of the 197th Session of UNESCO Executive Board held in October 2015, to establish a Blue Helmets Cultural Unit to protect or defend important cultural sites before they are destroyed by terrorist attacks, war, or hit by natural disasters;

Recalling the decisions adopted by UNESCO Executive Board at its 197th, 199th, 200th and 201st sessions, regarding the Plan of Action to Implement the Strategy for Reinforcing UNESCO's Action for the Protection of Culture and the Promotion of Cultural Pluralism in the Event of Armed Conflict, which contains measures on which the Member States can build to safeguard archaeological and historical sites, cultural property and institutions involved in cultural activities, in cooperation with the relevant UN bodies.

- 1. Welcomes** the establishment by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of a Center on the Conservation of Cultural Heritage named after the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, the establishment by the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage of a center for national architectural heritage to preserve and rehabilitate national heritage, the recent change of the name of the "Saudi

Commission for Tourism and Antiquities" to become the "Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage" to be inclusive of all aspects and components of heritage.

2. **Welcomes** the decisions taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to protect heritage, chief of which is the decision on the preservation of Islamic heritage sites; as well as the Saudi Government's adoption of the law on museums and architectural heritage and the executive rules and regulations thereof.
3. **Stresses** the focus on the two elements of awareness-raising and the importance of cultural heritage among local communities with all their constituents by presenting effective programmes designed to promote the individual's knowledge of his cultural assets, in coordination with specialized educational, vocational and cultural institutions, with a view to building a generation of the Muslim society that is capable of playing its part towards its country and its security.
4. **Commends** the UAE's heritage preservation efforts translating in the launch of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage and the setting up of cultural heritage centers and institutes in the country and the world over.
5. **Stresses** the need to utilize the outputs of regional workshops on 'the protection of cultural heritage at the time of crises' held on 15-17 December 2015 under the patronage of His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, with the participation of the Athar Regional Conservation Center (ICCROM), the Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).
6. **Welcomes** the Member States' efforts in protecting cultural and natural heritage; and calls on the Member States in this regard to design the necessary educational and training programmes on the regional and international mechanisms for the protection of cultural and historical property as well as cultural and natural heritage, enlarge scope for scientific research activities, establish museums and stage specialized exhibitions.
7. **Emphasizes** the creation of appropriate mechanisms to activate the charter on the conservation of Islamic heritages.
8. **Strongly condemns** the crimes committed against tangible and intangible cultural heritage in all its forms in occupied territories of Azerbaijan by Armenia and Iraq, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria and in other Member States; and Invites ISESCO and IRCICA, to form a group of experts to elaborate a plan for repairing damage to Islamic monuments and historical sites in member States including Iraq, which were subject to subversive terrorist acts, in coordination with Member States and in cooperation with UNESCO in order to monitor the situation of cultural, civilizational and religious heritages in the Muslim World, and preserve and protect it, and taking part in countering acts of destruction and vandalism against such heritages.
9. **Commends** the successful holding of the Colloquium jointly organized by the OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Republic of France on the "Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the OIC Member States", held on 14-15 May 2017, at the OIC General Secretariat, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/43-C on "The

Protection and preservation of the Islamic and world historical and cultural heritages”, adopted by the 43rd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held in October 2016, in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, with the aim of contributing to the safeguarding and protection of cultural heritage in Member States.

- 10. Welcomes** the convening of the International Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage of the Muslim World by the OIC General Secretariat, IRCICA and ISESCO held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 1-2 November 2017, as was decided by the 9th Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers (ICCM), held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on 2-4 November 2015, and endorsed by the 13th Session of Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April, 2016; and Urge the Member States to consider the recommendations of the Istanbul Declaration, including the proposal of setting up an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage, that was adopted by the said Conference.
- 11. Welcomes** the convening and outcome of a workshop organized by the OIC General Secretariat on the “*Establishment of an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Muslim world*” held on 7-8 October 2019, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/46-C on “The Protection and Preservation of the Islamic and World Historical and Cultural Heritages”, adopted by the 46th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, held on 1-2 March 2019, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with the aim of discussing the proposed project, including the purpose, objectives, role, missions and future actions of this OIC Platform.
- 12. Requests** the General Secretariat to implement the recommendations of the workshop in association with the concerned institutions.
- 13. Calls upon** Member States together with the relevant OIC institutions, particularly IRCICA, ISESCO, IDB and ISF to develop and support the concrete actions related to setting up of the said platform, including considering the possibility of establishing a special fund to support the projects and activities in the Member States, especially in Least Developed ones (LDCs).
- 14. Commends** the efforts of the OIC for protecting cultural heritage among Member States, expresses its deep concern about attack, as well as threat of attackers, in contravention of applicable international law and international conventions, against cultural sites, centers and cultural heritage and invites the member states to strengthening their cooperation in this regard to conserve and protect these cultural sites.
- 15. Supports** the call from the OIC Group at UNESCO, for this UN Agency to cooperate closely with experts from OIC Member States in help countering the attacks on culture and heritage, as to exert the tolerant principles of Islam and profound respect to human heritage.
- 16. Being appreciative** of the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and their cooperation in launching an initiative for the recovery of the heritage and cultural sites in the Iraq city of Mousal, under the theme of “Reviving the spirit of Mousel”, an initiative which aims at rehabilitating the historical

landmarks in the city of Mousal which represent crucial milestones in the long track of Islamic civilization; Also paying tribute to the UAE's initiative for the funding of the reconstruction works of the Nouri Al Kebir Mosque and the Al Hadba Minaret.(Proposed by UAE)

- 17. Requests** support for the Republic of Iraq to rebuild and rehabilitate Nineveh prophets' tombs as well as historical and Islamic monuments brought to ruin by terrorist groups and organizations;
- 18. Calls upon** Member States, the IDB, and ISESCO to finance the ethno-historical sports (hunting with birds of prey and dogs, horse and camel racing, kok-boru/buzkasi, the national wrestling and intellectual games) and other national, traditional and historical sports in the Member States through opening of the sport centers in the Member States and organizing regular sports competitions on the basis of the World Nomad Games.
- 19. Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the protection of world cultural heritage and welcomes its generous hosting the 43rd session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on 1 July, 2019 in Baku”.
- 20. Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.11/47-C

ON PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES IN THE CULTURAL DOMAIN AND SUPPORTING CINEMATORGRAPHIC PRODUCTION

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 outcomes of the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 13-14 April 2016 in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey;

Cognizant of the importance of cultural heritage in general and the Cinematographic legacy in particular, in shaping international public perceptions;

Reaffirming the necessity to develop a Member States' cultural policy in which manifestations such as arts, painting, literature, music, etc., will contribute to consolidating the cultural identity and the diplomatic influence of the OIC in the world;

Desirous to foster Member States' common values of family, living together, sharing, solidarity and peace;

Desirous to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States;

1. **Emphasizes** the importance of the effective implementation of paragraph 185 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference which "called on the General Secretariat to take measures, in cooperation with Member States in order to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain, including through holding an OIC film festival, with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States".

2. **Welcomes** the convening of an Inter-Governmental Expert-Group Meeting for the examination of the Concept Paper on the establishment of an OIC Prize to be given at the 26th Session of the African Festival for the Cinema and Television of Ouagadougou (FESPACO) and the consideration of the idea of launching an OIC Film Festival, which was held on 20 December 2018, at the OIC Headquarters; and call the Member States to support the Prize and request the General Secretariat to follow up the outcome of this meeting.

3. **Welcomes** the granting of the first edition of the OIC Prize entitled "OIC Prize for Peace and Coexistence", which created to support cinematographic production in Member States on the sidelines at the 26th session of the Pan African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou "FESPACO", held from 23 February to 02 March 2019, in Burkina Faso, under the slogan "Memory and the Future of African Cinema".

4. **Decides** the creation of cinematographic festival of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and Welcomes the idea of establishing an OIC prize to reward the best cinematographic productions which meet the ideals and objectives of the OIC and **underscores** the efforts of the General Secretariat to prepare a concept note on the selection criteria for the winners in the festival; and calls for the convening of an intergovernmental group of experts and concerned institutions to study the concept note and then to submitted to the Permanent Finance Committee and the Council of Foreign Ministers for its adoption.
5. **Encourage** the willing Member States to host the first edition of the OIC Film Festival in 2021.
6. **Request** the Chair to convene the IGGE to finalize the rules and criteria of the Festival.
7. **Encourages** the reinforcement of cooperation among film festivals throughout OIC Member States, and in particular support to joint initiatives and projects in cinematographic production, which sheds light on subjects related to the Palestinian cause, chief of which is Al-Quds Al-Sharif, with a view to raising cultural and humanitarian awareness in Muslim world societies.
8. **Approves the holding** of an OIC Cultural Day to be celebrated by Member States, the OIC and its subsidiary and specialized institutions on a date to be determined.
9. **Call upon** Member States to implement Article (1) (Chapter 1) of the OIC Charter on objectives and principles to "enhance and consolidate the bonds of fraternity and solidarity among the Member States." It also calls for the operationalization of paragraph 163 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit (14-15 April 2016, Istanbul, Turkey) to achieve development and improve joint Islamic action in the intellectual, developmental, political, cultural, humanitarian, and technical fields among others. This can materialize through the organization of festivals and activities under the OIC umbrella and in effective coordination with the General Secretariat.
10. **Welcomes** the hosting of the First and the Second Sessions of the OIC Festivals held on 5-9 February 2019 in Cairo by the Arab Republic of Egypt and on 24-30 April 2019 in Abu Dhabi by the United Arab Emirates. It also welcomes the hosting by the Kingdom of the Saudi Arabia the Third Session of the Festival on 25- 29 November, 2019 which coincided with the OIC Golden Jubilee.(updated by the General Secretariat upon the request of the Member States)
11. **Welcomes** the initiative of Member States, namely Azerbaijan, Sierra Leone, Turkmenistan, Togo, Tunisia, Mozambique, and Burkina Faso, which have expressed their desire to host the OIC Festival. Urges Member States wishing to host the coming sessions of this Festival to inform the General Secretariat of the matters that would support interaction between intellect, politics, culture, heritage, arts, economy, humanitarian action, and solidarity among the Muslim communities in the world, highlight Islamic civilization and the OIC role and promote cooperation among peoples.
12. **Decides** to hold a Festival of Islamic Arts and Handicrafts in one of the OIC Member States in order to contribute to the radiance of the Islamic culture in all its aspects.

13. **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, to conduct the necessary consultations with the Member States for them to manifest their interest in holding the 1st edition of this important event.
14. **Requests** the IDB, ISESCO, IRCICA and all other relevant OIC institutions to fully support all cultural cooperation initiatives, including in the area of cinematographic production.
15. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 12/47-C
ON
SUPPORTING RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF
HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND PROPERTY IN IRAQ

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 Resolution No. 10/43-C of its 43rd session held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 17-18 Muharram 1438 H (18-19 October 2016), regarding the protection and preservation of Islamic and world historical and cultural heritage,

Referring to the second paragraph of its 43rd session's Resolution No. 42/43-POL on the crimes of Daesh, wherein it condemned the complete and systematic destruction, particularly in Mosul, of human civilization antiquities in Iraq,

Pointing out to the relevant UN Security Council's resolutions, most recently Resolution 2347 (2017) for the protection of historical property and heritage during armed conflict, especially in Iraq and Syria, and calling on it to examine ways to protect these antiquities and restore looted cultural property,

Commending the role of the State of Kuwait in hosting the Conference on the Reconstruction of Iraq, as well as the role of all states and organizations which provided support for Iraq.

1. **Condemns** anew the destruction and demolition of Iraq's historical antiquities and cultural property at the hands of the terrorist organization of Daesh and invites Member States shall endeavor to help Iraq restore Iraqi antiquities taken abroad during the occupation of Iraqi territories by *Daesh* criminal gangs, if found on their territories.

2. **Calls for** holding an international conference in the shortest possible time, especially after the liberation of all Iraqi cities and territories from the terrorist organization of Daesh. The conference, to be held under the patronage of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and with the coordination of the Iraqi government and regional and international partners, including the UN and its relevant agencies, will seek to examine rebuilding and rehabilitation means for Iraqi antiquities and cultural property which have been destroyed and demolished by the terrorist organization of Daesh, and support the efforts of the Iraqi Government to restore its monuments by providing the technical support and expertise to rehabilitate historical sites, monuments and infrastructures required for their preservation.

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow through efforts to hold the said Conference and to coordinate to this end with the Iraqi government and all countries and organizations, both regional and international.
