

## **48<sup>th</sup> Session of OIC Council of Foreign Ministers**

### **“Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development”**

#### **Islamabad Declaration**

23 March 2022

We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and heads of Delegation of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), participating in the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 22-23 March 2022,

**Guided** by the noble injunctions of Islam and the Quranic verse – “Hold firm to the rope of Allah collectively and create no dissensions” and “The believers are naught else than brothers; therefore, make peace between your brethren and fear Allah that happily ye may attain mercy”,

**Reaffirming** our resolve to fulfill our solemn pledges contained in the OIC Charter and Declarations of all previous Summit Conferences and the Councils of Foreign Ministers,

**Determining** to further strengthen the bonds of unity and solidarity among our people and Member States,

**Resolving** to pursue a shared global vision for peace, security, development and human rights grounded in faithful adherence to universal principles of equity and justice, sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-interference in the internal affairs of states,

**Reaffirming** the Member States’ commitment to the principles and objectives of the UN and OIC Charters, in particular to safeguard and protect their common interests; to support their just causes; and to coordinate and unify their efforts to collectively address the challenges confronting the Muslim Ummah,

**Desirous** of promoting harmony, tolerance, peaceful co-existence, better standards of life, human dignity and understanding among all peoples,

**Noting** the growing threats to international peace and security as well as the increasing tensions and instability in many parts of the world, aggravated by long-standing unresolved conflicts, pervasive Islamophobia, and deliberate attempts to tarnish the sacred image of Islam and to undermine the Muslim world’s peaceful coexistence with other cultures and religions,

**Concerned** by the intensifying geopolitical competition, arms race, humanitarian and climate crises, social and economic inequalities and their negative impacts on the people as well as on global political, security and economic order,

**Expressing** deep concern over the on-going armed conflicts including in Europe and **emphasizing** the need for ending hostilities, preventing loss of lives, enhancing humanitarian assistance and surge in diplomacy,

**Conscious** also of the myriad of economic, scientific and technological opportunities for harnessing international trade, investments and connectivity through partnerships,

**Convinced** that over 1.5 billion Muslims, across five continents, endowed by the Almighty Allah with tremendous, spiritual, human and material resources, are destined to realize for themselves greater social, economic, scientific and technological development and integration within the Muslim world and beyond,

**Welcoming** the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's initiative to host the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC CFM on the theme, "Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development",

**Felicitating** the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their independence, and commending the important role played by Pakistan as a founding and influential member of the OIC; its steadfast espousal of the causes of the MuslimUmmah;

**Solemnly declare as follows:**

1. We **reaffirm** our dedication to the eternal Islamic tenets of peace, tolerance, unity, harmony and justice, in pursuit of development and prosperity of the Ummah and the humanity.
2. We **reiterate** our commitment to broaden and deepen bonds of Inter-Islamic cooperation in all domains, augment unity and solidarity, and harness our resources, both human and material, for the collective good of our societies and peoples.
3. We **commend** the efforts of the OIC over the past 50 years, in line with its Charter, to preserve and protect our common interests, defend Member States' just causes, coordinate and fortify efforts to address the challenges facing the Muslim world in particular, and the international community in general.
4. We **reaffirm** unequivocal support for the principles and purposes of the UN Charter, including non-use of force, sovereign equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs, and pacific settlement of disputes.
5. We **uphold** the right of peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation to self-determination, seek the liberation of all occupied territories and reach equitable and just solutions to all conflicts and disputes in accordance with the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.
6. We **underline** the need for resolution of lingering or emerging disputes and conflicts through negotiations, mediation, conciliation and other peaceful means using political, diplomatic and legal mechanisms based on the universally recognized principles and norms of international law.
7. We **recall** the Declarations adopted at the 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers calling for the full activation of the OIC Peace and Security architecture. We **commit** to finding durable solutions to the problems faced by the Muslim world and towards this aim, underline the importance of establishing this architecture, in accordance with the authority conferred in that regard by Article 10 (e) of the Charter of the OIC.

8. We **welcome** in this regard the proposal by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to convene an OIC Ministerial Conference during 2022-23 to deliberate and develop mechanisms as well as tools for conflict prevention, mediation, reconciliation and peace-building.
9. We **re-emphasize** the centrality of the question of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif for the Muslim Ummah, reaffirming its principled and continued all-level support to the Palestinian people to regain their inalienable legitimate national rights, including their right to self-determination and the independence of the State of Palestine along the 1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital. We also **reaffirm** our duty to protect the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes in accordance with UN General Assembly resolution 194 and to unequivocally counter any denial of these rights.
10. We **reaffirm** that Al-Quds Al-Sharif is an integral part of the occupied Palestinian Territory of the State of Palestine and **call on** the international community to compel Israel, the occupying power, to desist from its colonial practices and abide by all international resolutions on the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, and to refrain from all measures, practices and decisions aimed at altering the character and legal status of the Holy City, including through intensification of Jewish colonial settlements therein and forcible expulsion of its Arab Palestinian inhabitants; and to desist from the desecration of Islamic Shrines, including aggression against Al-Quds Al-Sharif and **call for** mobilization of all efforts to confront Israeli colonial occupation and hostile takeover of the Holy City and to support the steadfastness of the Palestinian people as well as reiterate that maintaining Jerusalem's legal status as the Capital of the State of Palestine is the only guarantee to achieving peace and security for the region.
11. We **decide** to take further effective measures to remove obstacles to the realization of the Palestinian people to self-determination, through ensuring protection and bringing an end to Israelis' illegal colonial occupation and apartheid regime, and for achieving a just solution. In this regard, we **decide** to seek accountability measures against the occupying power, and to lend full support to and cooperation in all actions that seek accountability and are aimed at bringing an end to this colonial occupation and its apartheid regime, including at the ICJ.
12. We **renew** unwavering solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and express full support for their inalienable right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the OIC, and the wishes of the Kashmiri people. We **condemn** massive violations of their human rights in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).
13. We **reiterate** rejection of India's illegal and unilateral actions since August 5, 2019 aimed at altering the demographic composition of the occupied territory, suppressing the realization of the inalienable right of self-determination of the Kashmiris, in violation of UN Security Council resolutions, and international law including the 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention.
14. We **declare** that the final settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions is indispensable for durable peace in South Asia. We **reiterate** our call on India to: a) reverse its unilateral and illegal measures instituted since 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019; b) cease its oppression and human rights violations against the

Kashmiris in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir; c) halt and reverse attempts to alter the demographic structure and to redraw electoral constituencies in IIOJK; and d) take concrete and meaningful steps for full implementation of the UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir.

15. We **express grave concern** over the violation of Pakistan's airspace, threat to passenger aircraft and dangers to peace and security in South Asia arising from the launch of supersonic missile on 9 March 2022 by India. We **call on** India to fully abide by international law and norms of responsible State behavior and conduct a joint probe with Pakistan to accurately establish facts.
16. We **acknowledge** Pakistan's pivotal role as an anchor of stability in South Asia, and **commend** its role and efforts for promotion of regional peace, based on the UN Charter principles including sovereign equality of States, political independence, non-use or threat of use of force and pacific settlement of disputes.
17. We **reiterate** our solidarity with Mali, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Cote d'Ivoire, Union of Comoros, Djibouti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the People of Jammu and Kashmir and the Turkish Cypriots and their aspirations to live in peace, security and prosperity.
18. We **welcome** the end of the armed conflict between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia. We **reaffirm** full solidarity with the government and people of Azerbaijan in their efforts to rehabilitate and reconstruct the liberated territories severely affected by the Armenian aggression with a view to enabling the earliest safe and dignified return of IDPs. We **call on** Armenia to abandon aggressive rhetoric, cease and desist from infringing upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and establish good-neighborly inter-state relations with Azerbaijan based on the mutual respect for and recognition of each other's sovereignty, territorial integrity and inviolability of international borders.
19. We **condemn** the terrorist attacks and aggressions against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. We **welcome** the adoption by the UN Security Council of its resolution 2624. We **express** solidarity with the Yemeni people and **call for** immediate cessation of attacks on civilians, sexual violence, recruitment and exploitation of children, use of landmines and removal of obstacles to delivery of humanitarian assistance.
20. We **underline** the need for the speedy stabilization of the situation in the Middle East and North Africa by way of peaceful resolution of crises, in accordance with the principles of the OIC, the UN Charter and universally recognized international norms.
21. We **reaffirm** the OIC's firm support for the countries of the Sahel region which have been overwhelmed by the climate crisis, crop failures, terrorism, internal displacements, and political uncertainty; and **call on** the OIC Member States to undertake effective actions to support the implementation of the UN Integrated Strategy for the Sahel.
22. We **emphasize** the necessity to alleviate the situation, as soon as possible, in North Africa as well as other areas of the African Continent, through immediate and inclusive

political solutions, based on full respect for the sovereignty, unity, and territorial integrity of the States concerned.

23. We **express deep concern** at the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation arising from the conflict in Ukraine. We **reaffirm** unequivocal support for the universal and consistent application of the principles of the UN Charter, including non-use of force, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states, non-interference in their internal affairs, and pacific settlement of disputes, to preserve and build international peace and security, to ensure equal security for all States and respect for International Humanitarian Law.
24. Having deliberated on the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine at the 48<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers, we **call for** an immediate cessation of hostilities to prevent further loss of life and **ensure** that the humanitarian crisis does not worsen in Ukraine. We **stress** the need for the establishment humanitarian corridors to ensure safe movement of civilians from active conflict zones and the provision of humanitarian supplies. We **urge** both sides to engage in meaningful dialogue with the purpose of finding a solution to the present conflict. We **express** the willingness of OIC member states to support and facilitate the dialogue process between all sides, if requested.
25. We **reaffirm** the long-lasting support of the Member States to preserve unity, territorial integrity, sovereignty and international recognition of Bosnia and Herzegovina, within its internationally recognized borders, as a fully functional and self-sustainable state capable of carrying out its powers and fulfilling its international obligations, as well as its multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-religious structure. We **deplore** the overall policy and steps taken towards the illegal transfer of competencies from the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Republika Srpska, an entity in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as non-compliance with the decisions of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which annuls twenty-six years of reform and peacebuilding, and seriously threatens peace and security not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but in the entire Western Balkans region. We **emphasize** the need for continuation of a comprehensive reform process aimed at strengthening/furthering the European and Euro-Atlantic orientation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We **condemn** the spread of religious and national hatred, revisionism, as well as glorification of convicted war criminals in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the countries of the Western Balkans region. We reiterate support for the survivors of the Srebrenica genocide and the Srebrenica Memorial Center through economic, educational and humanitarian projects.
26. We **underscore** strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan. We **affirm** our abiding solidarity with the people of Afghanistan and express the confidence that the resilient Afghan people will continue to steer their country on the path to progress and prosperity. We **recognize** that sustainable peace and stability in Afghanistan can only be assured through formation of a comprehensive, broad-based and inclusive government with the participation of all Afghan ethnicities. We underline the importance of full respect for the human rights of all Afghans, including women, children and persons belonging to ethnic, religious and cultural minorities.

27. We **commend** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for convening and Pakistan for hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers in Islamabad, on 19 December 2021, to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan; **note with apperception** its decisions including the appointment of the Special Envoy of the OIC Secretary General on Afghanistan, establishment of the Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund and Afghanistan Food Security Programme, and the strengthening of the OIC Mission in Kabul. We **appreciate** the assistance provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the office of the OIC Special Envoy on Afghanistan.
28. We **welcome** the operationalization of the Humanitarian Trust Fund during the 48<sup>th</sup> CFM, and in this regard appreciate the pivotal role of the Islamic Development Bank. We **reiterate** our call to the OIC Member States and other international partners to contribute generously to the Trust Fund, which would help alleviate the urgent humanitarian needs of the Afghan people and to provide them opportunities for progress and development. We **appreciate** the first important contribution received in the Trust Fund from Nigeria.
29. We **underline** that Afghanistan's early access to its financial resources is critical in preventing an economic meltdown and exacerbation of the humanitarian situation; and **call for** the return of the frozen national assets of Afghanistan to its people to whom they rightfully belong.
30. We **reaffirm** the importance of ensuring that the territory of Afghanistan is not used as a platform or safe haven by any terrorist group, in particular Al-Qaeda, Daesh and its affiliates, ETIM, and TTP; and **urge** the international community to remain cautious against the possibility of incitement and the role of spoilers, both inside and outside the country, to derail efforts aimed at ensuring peace and stability in Afghanistan.
31. We **strongly condemn** the atrocities perpetrated against the Rohingya Muslim community in Myanmar. We **call for** urgent action to uphold their basic rights, end their targeting and stigmatization and for the Government of Myanmar to allow and facilitate the return, in safety, security and dignity, of all Rohingyas displaced internally and externally, including those forced to take shelter in Bangladesh. In this regard, we **urge** all Member States to extend further support to the legal efforts for justice and accountability for the Rohingya people, and the case filed by The Gambia at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).
32. We **recall** all previous resolutions adopted by the OIC Summit and Council of Foreign Ministers on the reform of the United Nations and expansion of UN Security Council's membership; reiterate that efforts at the reform of the Security Council should not be subjected to any artificial deadlines, and that a decision on this issue should be made by consensus; and reaffirm OIC's decision that any reform proposal which neglects the adequate representation of the Islamic Ummah in any category of membership in an extended Security Council will not be acceptable to the Islamic World.
33. We **express deep concern** over the rising trend of Islamophobia and anti-Muslim hatred and strongly condemn all attempts to denigrate the sanctity of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and Islamic Symbols, to inflame sentiments of Muslims across the world, and to foment inter-cultural divisions and tensions.

34. We **call upon** the international community to prevent incitement to hatred and discrimination against Muslims and take effective measures to combat defamation of religions and acts of negative stereotyping and stigmatization of people based on religion, belief or ethnicity.
35. We **renew commitment** to promote and uphold the rights of Muslim communities and minorities in non-OIC Member States. We **extend** our continued support to the OIC's role, efforts, initiatives and good offices to this end.
36. We **denounce** the systematic and widespread policy of discrimination and intolerance against Muslims in India, which has led to their political, economic and social marginalization. We are deeply alarmed by the most pernicious attacks on the Muslim identity in India as manifest in the discriminatory laws and policies targeting the Hijab. We **call upon** India to immediately revoke such discriminatory laws, ensure the rights of the Indian Muslims and protect their religious freedoms.
37. We **welcome** adoption of the UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming 15 March as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia. We **call on** OIC Member States, and the international community to raise awareness at all levels in countering Islamophobia, building a better understanding of Islam and its precepts and fostering a message of tolerance, peaceful co-existence and inter-faith and cultural harmony among all religions, races and nations.
38. We also **welcome** the decision by the OIC to appoint a Special Envoy of the Secretary General on Islamophobia, to lead a collective effort and institutional engagement with the international community.
39. We **request** the OIC Secretary General, in consultation with the OIC Contact Group on Peace and Dialogue and the Council of Foreign Ministers' Chair, to initiate, as a matter of priority, regular inter-civilizational dialogues on the sidelines of Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) and the UN General Assembly sessions.
40. We also **request** the OIC Secretary General and the Council of Foreign Ministers Chair to engage the managements of social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram in order for them to take institutional and technical measures to filter and remove any content that incites violence and hatred against persons and communities based on their religion, belief or ethnicity.
41. We **call on** Member States and the OIC Secretary General to strengthen the Islamophobia Observatory, by allocating human as well as financial resources necessary for its effective functioning and to facilitate networking with other Islamophobia Centers and mechanisms around the world. We **urge** the Secretariat to explore the possibility of upgrading the Islamophobia Observatory into a full-fledged Department of the General Secretariat.
42. We **reject** terrorism in all forms and manifestations as well as attempts to attribute terrorism to any country, religion, nationality, race or civilization. We **reiterate** our resolve to work together to prevent and suppress terrorist acts through increased

international solidarity and cooperation, in accordance with the UN Charter and international law.

43. We **reaffirm** OIC's strong position against any attempts to equate the just and legitimate struggle of peoples for self-determination and liberation from foreign occupation with terrorism.
44. We are **deeply alarmed** at the rising terrorist threat posed by racially, ethnically, or ideologically motivated individuals and groups, including Islamophobic, supremacist, far right, extreme-right wing, violent nationalist, xenophobic groups and ideologies in various parts of the world, and **decide** to carry out joint international efforts to address this threat as well as to end campaign of defamation of Islam, religious profiling and enactment of discriminatory laws targeting Muslim, and counter online spread of hate speech, disinformation, conspiracy theories, and other harmful content against Muslims and Islam.
45. We are **concerned** over the growth in humanitarian emergencies across the globe, including in Muslim countries. We **express our resolve** to strengthen joint Islamic action in the humanitarian domain to alleviate the suffering of refugees and displaced persons resulting from armed conflicts as well as natural and other disasters. We **commend** the exemplary generosity and hospitality demonstrated by Member States in the hosting of refugees.
46. We are **deeply concerned** that the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused immense human suffering across the globe including in many Muslim countries. We are also **concerned** that the pandemic has triggered the most profound public health, economic and social crisis in generations while exacerbating pre-existing inequalities and vulnerabilities as well as the structural flaws of the global financial architecture.
47. We **welcome** the advocacy of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, H.E. Imran Khan, to declare COVID-19 related vaccines and health products as global public good and provision of debt relief for developing countries to effectively respond to the pandemic. We **encourage** Member States to promote joint research and capacity-building initiatives and to enhance cooperation on and access to science, innovation, technologies, technical assistance and knowledge-sharing, on vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and protective equipment against the COVID-19 pandemic. We **call for** removal of trade and intellectual property barriers to ensure universal, timely, affordable and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics.
48. We are **committed** to taking urgent and effective multilateral actions to provide necessary fiscal space to the developing countries by addressing their urgent liquidity and fiscal challenges as well as by addressing systemic impediments to the achievement of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We **commit** to employ all available instruments to bridge the increasing financing gap and engage the private sector, which must urgently step-up mobilization of resources for recovery.
49. We **recall with appreciation** the global initiative by the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Debt Relief at the onset of the current crisis in April 2020. We **recognize** that the G20's



Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) was a welcome short-term step in alleviating the debt crisis. We **call for** early, orderly, equitable and effective implementation of the G20 Common Framework.

50. We **welcome** the new general allocation of \$650 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) by the IMF to unlock much needed liquidity. However, we **note with concern** that majority of it will be allocated to the developed economies which do not need it. We, therefore, **propose** that 50% of the unutilized SDRs of developed countries be channeled to the developing countries most in need, including OIC member states.
51. We **underscore** that combating corruption is an established principle of the Islamic Law, noting with concern that corrupt practices deprive States of hard-earned resources, deny opportunities for progress and advancement for all, and perpetuate and accentuate inequalities within and between societies.
52. We **recommend** strong policy actions to secure the immediate return of stolen assets; penalties on the financial institutions, lawyers and accountants, and other “enablers” of corruption, crime and tax evasion; fair digital taxation; review and revision of unequal investment treaties; and a coherent mechanism for monitoring illicit financial flows set up under the United Nations.
53. We **welcome** the formation of an Intergovernmental Expert Group (IEG) during the 48<sup>th</sup>CFM, to review and finalize a draft OIC Anti-Corruption Convention, as a framework for cooperation in the recovery and return of stolen assets, in line with relevant international conventions. We **welcome** the initiative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to hold the first Ministerial Meeting of law enforcement agencies specialized in combating corruption in Member States in 2022, under the OIC Umbrella.
54. We also **welcome** the final report of the UN High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (FACTI) and its recommendations and look forward to creating an International Compact on Implementing Financial Integrity for Sustainable Development to reduce gaps and overlaps in the existing regime as well to help in building capacities in developing countries.
55. We **welcome** the adoption of the ‘Islamabad Declaration on Combating Corruption for the full realization of all Human Rights and Sustainable Development’ on 6-7 January 2022 by OIC-IPHRC and encourage its implementation.
56. We are **concerned** that climate change is one of the biggest existential crises of our times. We **recognize** that effective actions would require enhancement in the means of implementation, particularly climate finance, technology transfer and capacity building. We **affirm** that the agreement reached at Glasgow must be the baseline for future discussions on climate action and call for additional commitments by the international community to achieve the agreed mitigation targets, and support for adaptation, as well as for loss and damage in developing countries due to climate change. In this regard, we **look forward** to the success of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27) to be held in Sharm El-Sheikh from 7 to 18 November 2022 under the presidency of Egypt.

57. We **resolve** to strengthen cooperation in economic and commercial fields by encouraging and facilitating greater interaction among the private sector, progressively eliminating all obstacles to the development of intra-Islamic trade including early operationalization and effective implementation of the Trade Preferential System (TPS-OIC) and related trade facilitation instruments, promote greater flow of investments, transfer of technology, undertake joint industrial projects, improved transportation and communication networks among the ports and cities of the Islamic World by land, air and sea, as appropriate, and accord priority to the development needs of the African Continent especially Sub-Saharan countries, and promote greater integration among regional economic groupings in the Islamic World.
58. We **commit** ourselves to advance scientific and technological cooperation by harnessing our human and material resources; by creating new Islamic Institutions of higher learning throughout the Islamic World and by sharing experience, research, good practices and expertise.
59. We **reaffirm** the leading role of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) in supporting the efforts of the Member States in the development of science, technology and innovation; and promotion of research and joint programmes. We **call upon** the Member States to proactively implement the outcomes of the Second OIC Summit on Science and Technology, hosted by the United Arab Emirates.
60. We **emphasize** the importance of intensifying intra-OIC economic cooperation through the OIC Standing Committee on Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, as well other OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated Bodies.
61. We **reaffirm** the vital role of women in the Islamic World and the importance of all OIC Member States ratifying the statute of the Islamic Women Development Organization.
62. We **agree** to concentrate our policies and efforts for preserving and promoting the accomplishments, values and traditions of the Islamic civilization and inculcating in our younger generation high moral and ethical values and a sense of justifiable pride in Islam and Islamic culture.
63. We **welcome** the initiative of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, H.E. Imran Khan, to establish a Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority to promote the noble personality of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as a role model and encourage our youth and children to follow the Holy Prophet's true message.
64. We **acknowledge** the growing role of innovation and emerging technologies in stimulating growth and digital transformation and **express** our shared resolve to promote linkages and partnerships including through OIC platforms with a particular emphasis on the youth.

65. We **recognize** the importance of people-to-people connectivity among the Member States and **express** our shared desire to further deepen pathways for tourism, academic and research linkages and mass communication exchanges.
66. We **invite** Member States to stand with and support the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in its bid to host the World Expo 2030 during the upcoming elections to be held at the General Assembly Meeting of the International Bureau of Expositions (BIE) in Paris, France, in November 2023, in the spirit of Islamic Solidarity on which our organization stands.
67. We **welcome** the results of early presidential elections in Turkmenistan that took place on March 12 this year in a fair, free and competitive atmosphere, leading to the election of H.E. Mr. Serdar Berdimuhamedov, with support of around 73% of electorate, as the new President of Turkmenistan.
68. We **welcome** the hosting of the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in 2023 by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, and the offers by the Republic of Cameroon to host the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in 2024, and Republic of Turkey to host the 51<sup>st</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers in 2025.
69. We **call upon** Member States to make efforts for the success of the 15<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit, in the Republic of The Gambia in 2022.
70. We **commend** Pakistan for its proactive and forceful advocacy of all matters of interest to the Islamic Ummah and its prominent role within the OIC, as affirmed by the successful holding of the 48<sup>th</sup> Session. We **extend** our warm sentiments of eternal goodwill and amity to the fraternal people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

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