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OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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The Forty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development) held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 22 – 23 March 2022 (19-20 Shabaan 1443H).

Recalling articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, the Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

Recalling resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the statute of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC);

Recalling resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of IPHRC;

Recalling resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA);

Recalling the final communiqué of the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which reaffirmed the Member States' full support to the Commission to enable it to function in accordance with the mandate as provided in its Statute;

Cognizant of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy, and accountability in the Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten-Year Program of Action 2015-2025;

Taking note of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. OIC/CFM-48/2022/IPHRC/SG-Rep;

1. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in its Statute and to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on all human rights issues of concern / interest to the OIC;
2. **Takes note** of the reports of the 17th and 18th IPHRC Regular Sessions, held at the IPHRC Secretariat Headquarters, which include Outcome Documents on the topics of (a) "Promotion and Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities"; and (b) "A Human Rights-Based Approach to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals within the OIC Member Countries" as contained in documents No. OIC/ IPHRC-17/2021 Rep.Final and No. OIC/ IPHRC-18/2021 Rep.Final respectively;

3. **Also takes note** of the detailed deliberations and their outcomes that took place within IPHRC's four Working Groups on Palestine; Rights of Women and the Child; Islamophobia and Muslim minorities; Right to Development; and the Standing Mechanism on monitoring human rights situation in the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IoJK);
4. **Recalls** the comprehensive report of the OIC-IPHRC field visit to Palestine in 2016, which included first-hand information on the appalling human rights violations against innocent Palestinians, witnessed during the visit. **Urges** the Member States and the General Secretariat to incorporate relevant recommendations of this report in their relevant policies on Palestine, and **requests** the Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs Department of the OIC General Secretariat to closely coordinate with the Commission to facilitate their second visit to Palestine including Gaza, as soon as possible;
5. **Further recalls** the comprehensive report of IPHRC field visit to Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh in 2018, which provided first-hand information on the human rights violations committed by the Myanmar authorities with concrete recommendations to different stakeholders to alleviate the sufferings and ensure the rights of Rohingya Muslims at all levels. **Urges** the Member States and the General Secretariat to incorporate relevant recommendations of this report in their efforts to protect and promote the human rights of the Rohingya Muslims as well as to raise the issue at all relevant forums. **Appreciates** the contributions of the IPHRC to the OIC AdHoc Ministerial Committee on Accountability and Justice for Rohingya and requests it to continue to assist the Committee in the ongoing legal case in the International Court of Justice. Also **requests** the Commission to continue to sensitize the international community on the human rights and humanitarian aspects of the prevailing Rohingya Muslims crisis;
6. **Welcomes** the Second visit of the IPHRC to the State of Azad Jammu and Kashmir from 4-8th August 2021 to investigate and report upon the allegations of human rights violations and assess the current human rights and humanitarian situation in the IoJK, particularly after the illegal and unilateral Indian actions of stripping the IoJK of its constitutional protections and imposing a year-long communication blockade. Further **welcomes** the comprehensive 2nd fact-finding report on the human rights situation in the IoJK, which provides useful updates on its earlier Report of March 2017; **endorses** its recommendations, and **urges** the Member States and the General Secretariat to take necessary measures for their implementation. Also, **requests** IPHRC to continue to impress upon the Indian Government to provide access to the IPHRC fact-finding visit to objectively report on the human rights situation in IoJK;
7. **Further welcomes** the findings of the report of the IPHRC fact-finding visit to Azerbaijan from 23-25 September 2021 to investigate the allegations of the widespread human rights violations of socio-cultural and religious rights by Armenia against the Azeri population in the previously occupied territories of Nagorno Karabagh. While endorsing the recommendations contained in the said

- report, **urges** the Member States and General Secretariat to raise the matter with relevant authorities in coordination with OIC Missions in Geneva and New York to implement the recommendations of the report;
8. **Acknowledges** the successful holding of the 7th IPHRC Annual International Seminar on ‘Combating Corruption: A Pre-requisite for the full realization of human rights’ in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 6-7 January 2022, and **welcomes** its comprehensive Outcome Document that contains useful recommendations on the subject. **Urges** the General Secretariat to coordinate with the OIC Groups in New York and Geneva to disseminate the recommendations of the Seminar to all relevant UN offices and mechanisms.
 9. **Urges** the Commission to continue to collaborate with UN and international entities to prevent negative stereotyping of religions and religious personalities as well as corresponding incitement to hatred, discrimination, and violence based on one’s religion; To this end, welcomes the meaningful participation of IPHRC in relevant meetings of the Istanbul process and encourages it to continue to actively participate in these meetings;
 10. **Requests** the IPHRC to undertake a second fact-finding visit to the Central African Republic, in close coordination and with the assistance of the OIC General Secretariat, to ascertain the human rights situation on the ground and report to the next session of the CFM;
 11. **Further Appreciates** the Commission’s activities in the year 2020 & 2021, which included participation in the: (i) Consultative Meeting of the AdHoc Ministerial Committee on Human Rights Violations against the Rohingya held in Riyadh on 30 September 2020 and briefing on the international human rights law aspects of the case; (ii) web-based OIC-EU Political Consultations held on 15 July 2020; (iii) briefing provided to Emergency Ministerial Meeting of the OIC Contact Group on Jammu & Kashmir on 22 June 2020 & 23rd September 2021 at the sidelines of the 76th UNGA on the deteriorating human rights situation in IoJK; (iv) Sixth Meeting of the Women Consultative Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of the OIC, held virtually in December 2020; (v) international symposium on “Media and Islamophobia” organized by Turkey in Ankara from 25-26 May 2021; (vi) Eighth Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, from 6-8 July 2021 to tackle the negative impact of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic on women empowerment; and (vii) launch of “Youth Global Action on Countering Islamophobia” on 4th August 2021, in Istanbul, Turkey to integrate youth in all initiatives to counter Islamophobia;
 12. **Takes note** of the studies adopted by the Commission during its 17th and 18th Regular Sessions held in March and Nov 2021 titled: (a) Promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism; (b) Rights of Migrants from Islamic and Human Rights Perspective; (c) Role of Judiciary in Protection and Promotion of Human Rights; and (d) Protection of Youth Rights in the OIC Member States;

13. **Further takes note** of IPHRC template of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Technical Cooperation that defines the areas/scope of possible collaboration between IPHRC and any of the interested National Human Rights Institutions of OIC Member and the Observer States, adopted during the 17th IPHRC Session held in March 2021;
14. **Appreciates** the valuable contributions made by the IPHRC to finalize ‘The Cairo Declaration of the OIC on Human Rights (CDOHR)’ and urges the General Secretariat to organize a high-profile event to launch/showcase the CDOHR to the international human rights community;
15. **Further acknowledges and appreciates** the Commission’s valuable work to review and finalize a revised text of the ‘OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam’ in accordance with the universal human rights standards on the Rights of the child. Also **requests** the Secretary General to expedite the work of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the subject to finalize the revised text entitled “OIC Convention on the Rights of the Child”, prepared by the IPHRC, for consideration by the next CFM;
16. **Welcomes** the election of the nine Members of the Commission (Annex-1) held during the 48th Session of CFM for a period of three years starting from August 2022.
17. **Approves**, in accordance with the IPHRC Statute, the election of Ambassador Madam Maymouna Diop SY to replace, late Ambassador Cheikh Tidiane THIAM as member of the Commission for his term ending in August 2022.
18. Welcomes the decision of the IPHRC to include the structure of a governing body in its Statute, in line with the ‘Framework Statute for Organs of the OIC’ while preserving the independence of the Commission and its peculiar organizational characteristics. To this end, urges the Commission to formulate and present the proposal for consideration /adoption during the 49th CFM;
19. **Urges** the Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IDB, to take full advantage of the Commission’s advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of IPHRC;
20. **Encourages** IPHRC to establish cooperation with the parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States with a view to strengthening and enhancement of the promotion and protection of human rights in the Member States in consistence with the Charter of the OIC and the Statute of IPHRC;
21. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of KSA for its continued support to the IPHRC Secretariat in Jeddah and its provision of required logistics and services. Also **requests** all Member States to continue to extend their support to

- the IPHRC, enabling it to conduct its mandated tasks and activities with optimum facilitation;
22. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of IPHRC and requests him to continue extending support to the Commission from the General Secretariat to enable IPHRC to carry out its mandate in an organized and efficient manner;
 23. **Requests** further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 49th Session of the CFM.

Annex-1

Election of Nine Members of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) for a Period of Three Years

The Forty-Eight Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Partnering for Unity, Justice and Development), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 19-20 Shaban 1443. (Corresponding to 22-23 March 2022), proceeded to the election of nine Members of IPHRC for a term of three (3) years, starting from **August 2022**, pursuant to Article 3 of the IPHRC Statute as well as Rule 4 and 66 of the IPHRC Rules of Procedure.

The outcome of the election is the following:

African Group:

- Dr. Farafina Boussougou-Bou-Mbine (Republic of Gabon)
- Mr. Kamadi Byonabye (Republic of Uganda)
- Mr. Thiam Alhousseine (Republic of Guinea)

Arab Group:

- Minister Plenipotentiary Talal Khalid Al-Mutairi (State of Kuwait)
- Dr. Hilal bin Saeed Al Shaizani (Sultanate of Oman)
- Dr. Turki bin Abdulla Zaid Al-Mahmoud (State of Qatar)

Asian Group:

- Mr. Ahmad Azam Ab Rahman (Malaysia)
- Ambassador Tasnim Aslam (Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
- Dr. Aydin M. Safikhanli (Republic of Azerbaijan)