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**RESOLUTION NO.1/48-E**  
**ON**  
**AGRICULTURE, LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

*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)*

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

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

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

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

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

**Recalling** the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on the 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

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

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

**A. AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY**

**Recalling** the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, especially those goals relating to agriculture, rural development and food security,

**Reaffirming** the Resolutions on Promoting Food Security and Agricultural Development in OIC Member States, especially those adopted by the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021,

**Recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.1/47-E adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on the 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, particularly with regard to creating an enabling environment to promote public and private investment in sustainable agriculture and rural development,

**Also recalling** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), **including** those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Taking note of** the outcome of the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021,

**Convinced** that the expansion and deepening of intra-OIC cooperation in the domain of agriculture and food security would contribute to enhancing food security and increasing agricultural productivity in the OIC Member States,

**Encouraged** by the enormous opportunities, huge potentials and comparative advantages available within the OIC countries in the area of agrifood commodity development, as evident in the fact that 26 OIC Member States are among the largest producers of major agricultural commodities on the global level,

**Cognizant of** the urgent need to address the precarious food security situation in most of OIC Member States, as evident in the acute hunger and malnutrition affecting more than 60 million people in OIC Member States,

**Aware of** the vulnerability of most OIC Member States to the devastating effects of extreme weather conditions, desertification and climate change on availability of food for their ever-increasing number of peoples,

**Expressing** deep concern over the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which has affected the lives of people and economies, including food and agriculture sectors in OIC Member States and globally,

**Deeply concerned** that agriculture is one of the key sectors severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic together with other sectors,

**Considering** the critical role of agriculture in stimulating socio-economic growth and sustainable development in many OIC Member States, especially in its least developed countries in terms of income, employment and poverty reduction,

**Recognizing** the importance of strengthening cooperation among OIC Member States by exchanging experiences, sharing knowledge and transferring technology for sustainable agricultural development,

**Welcoming** the signing of the Statute of Islamic Organisation for Food Security (*IOFS*) by the Kingdom of Morocco and the Republic of Tunisia as well as the ratification of the same by the State of Libya during 2021,

**Expressing appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Eighth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October, 2021,

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

**Also commending** the SESRIC's research and capacity building programmes in the areas of agriculture, water and environment,

**Acknowledging and appreciating** the IsDB's commendable initiatives in developing and financing projects towards promoting sustainable agricultural development and enhanced food security in OIC Member States,

**Also acknowledging** the role of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS), as an OIC specialized institution, in increasing intra-OIC cooperation towards achieving enhanced food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development in OIC Member States,

**Noting** the need to ensure food security in OIC Member States, and stressing the importance of enhancing the activities of the IOFS through development of new projects as well as practical implementation of the already approved plans and projects of this Organisation, and calling on the OIC Member States and IsDB to provide necessary financial and technical support for IOFS projects,

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

1. **Endorses** the attached Resolution on Food Security and Agricultural Development in OIC Member States, adopted by the Eight OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on the 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> October 2021, and **urges** all OIC Member States and institutions to effectively implement its provisions;
2. **Urges** Member States to create an enabling environment designed to promote public and private investment, including foreign investment, in sustainable agriculture and rural development in order to increase agricultural productivity as well as develop food value chains in Member States;
3. **Calls on** Member States to enhance intra-OIC cooperation in the food and agriculture sector to build more resilient food system, share knowledge and best practices in order to help to develop domestic production capacities, which are better suited to local needs, and to contribute to increased food security, productivity and resilience;
4. **Encourages** Member States to support capacity development, training and extension services for local producers and smallholder farmers, especially those in rural areas,

to address key aspects of food systems sustainability as well as to promote the resilience and productivity of the food and agricultural sector;

5. **Also encourages** Member States to promote research and innovation to increase the resilience and sustainability of agricultural and food systems, and to mitigate and adapt to climate change and halt and reverse biodiversity loss;
6. **Calls on** Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS, the new OIC specialized institution based in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan, at their earliest convenience;
7. **Encourages** Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the Ninth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development in 2023;
8. **Emphasizes** the importance of increasing cooperation among OIC Member States in mitigating impacts of climate change on agriculture sector, in particular through capacity building and sharing experiences and good practices programmes.

## **B. LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**

**Recalling** the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, especially those goals related to labour, employment and social protection issues,

**Also recalling** the Resolution of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018,

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

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

**Emphasizing** the need for expeditious implementation of the OIC Framework for Cooperation on Labour, Employment and Social Protection and OIC Labour Market Strategy, which outline the main areas of intra-OIC-cooperation in the domain of labour, employment and social protection,

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

**Welcoming** the signing of the Statute of OIC Labour Centre by the Republic of Togo, and ratification of the same by the Kingdom of Bahrain during 2021,

**Deeply concerned** that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were 53.6 million full-time employment jobs lost across OIC countries in 2020, thus accounting for a fifth of the global job losses during the same year,

**Being conscious** of the fact that as of 2020, the unemployment rate of OIC countries was reported at 7.1%, which was higher compared to the world average of 6.5%, hence emphasizing the need to address the dual challenge of creating new productive jobs and improving living standards for all,

**Being mindful** of the urgency to address the impact of COVID-19 on labour and employment in a timely and effective manner, while acknowledging the on-going efforts of individual OIC Member States to assist workers and employers affected by COVID-19,

**Taking note** of the on-going work with regard to organizing the Fifth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in 2022,

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

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

1. **Welcomes** the offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the Fifth Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in 2022, and **urges** all Member States and OIC institutions/organs to actively participate in the said Conference;
2. **Urges** Member States to give priority to providing training and skills enhancement to increase the employability of the workforce and its adaptability to changing labour markets as well as designing comprehensive policies to provide access to education, vocational education and technical training, capacity building, upgrading skills and acquisition of new knowledge and lifelong learning;
3. **Encourages** Member States to pursue the creation of a conducive environment for enterprise development in both rural and urban areas, including by giving particular attention to policies that promote micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises through, inter alia, improved administrative regimes for the registration of small businesses, access to microcredit, social security systems, information on markets and new appropriate technologies, as well as improved regulations;
4. **Underscores** the need for the Member States to undertake necessary measures towards implementation of: 1) OIC Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangement

(MRA) of Skilled Workforce; 2) OIC Standard Bilateral Agreement on Exchange of Manpower; and 3) OIC Labour Market Strategy, respectively;

5. **Reiterates** its earlier request to Member States to sign and ratify the Statute of OIC Labour Center;
6. **Recognizes** the importance of creating an enabling environment to promote exchange of labour flow, particularly experts and specialists, among Member States as an opportunity to increase capacity building, eradicate poverty and providing services among OIC Member States and invites Member States to do so;
7. **Encourages** Member States to increase intra-OIC cooperation to facilitate sharing of models, best practices, and experiences on policies and initiatives in the domain of employment and social protection as well as on measures to support the recovery and resilience of all workers, who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;
8. **Invites** the relevant OIC institutions to continue to assist Member States, as appropriate and upon request, in advancing their efforts towards developing an environment that enables the effective generation of full and productive employment and decent work for all;
9. **Encourages** Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the future editions of the Islamic Conference of Labour Ministers.

C. **GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.2/48-E**  
**ON**  
**INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT, TOURISM AND TRANSPORTATION**

*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)*

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

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

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

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

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

**Recalling** the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

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

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

**A. INTRA-OIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No.2/47-E adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November 2020, with regards to intra-OIC trade and investment,

**Recalling** the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC and the resolution adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021,

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

**Gravely concerned** that the COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the economies of the Member States, especially the trade and foreign direct investments, and that the negative impacts may continue into 2022 and beyond,

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

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

**Welcoming** the resolutions of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, regarding the decisions of the Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021, on determination of 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022, as the cut-off date for the effectuation of the Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC),

**Expressing** its appreciation to the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) Meeting jointly organized by the COMCEC Coordination Office and Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) on 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2021, and attended by 11 Member States, which have ratified the TPS-OIC Agreements and submitted their concession lists,

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

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

**Taking note** of the Annual Report of ICDT, 2021 on “*Trade among the OIC Member States*”, and noting that intra-OIC trade volume reduced to US\$ 552.8 billion in 2020 compared to US\$ 700.1 billion in 2019, i.e. a regression of 21.2%, which was due to the COVID-19 impact,

**Expressing concern** that the share of intra-OIC Trade in the overall foreign trade of Member States decreased from 18.95% in 2019 to 17.93% in 2020,

**Taking note** of the fact that by 2020, 29 OIC countries had attained the 25% intra-OIC trade target set by the OIC-2025: Programme of Action,

**Emphasizing** the need for reflection of national trade priorities in the Work Programme of ICDT in line with the Resolution No.2/47-E adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> CFM,

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

**Commending** as central the role of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) as a leading financial hub and free economic zone for the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) that has its own independent, internationally regulated regulatory and judicial system and global financial exchange,

**Expressing appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Halal Expo and the 7<sup>th</sup> World Halal Summit (WHS), under the theme: “New Era & New Normals: Necessity of Halal Production and Consumption”, in cooperation with ICDT and SMIIC, in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Also expressing appreciation** for the successful outcome of the 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), held in Madinah Al Munawwarah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021, with particular reference to the approval of the membership applications of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, approval of the new members of the Board of Directors of SMIIC and the re-election of the SMIIC Secretary General,

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

1. **Reiterates** its invitation to Member States, which have not yet signed or ratified the Framework Agreement on Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC), PRETAS and Rules of Origin, to do so at their earliest convenience, including the submission of their list of products and schedule of concessions;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to submit their national inputs to the Annual Work Programmes of OIC Subsidiary Organs in order to enhance inclusiveness, dynamism and ownership of OIC programmes and projects;
3. **Urges** all Member States to encourage their public and private entities to actively participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> OIC Trade Fair, to be held in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in 2022. Also requests the General Secretariat to constitute a Coordination Committee for the Trade Fair, comprising COMCEC Coordination Office, ICDT, ICCIA, IsDB, ITFC, SESRIC and any other relevant OIC institutions;
4. **Calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat, in coordination with IsDB and other relevant OIC institutions, to organize an OIC Investment Forum in Africa in 2022 under the theme of “Unleashing Africa’s Investment Potential” and requests OIC African Member States to indicate their desire to host the said Forum;
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to consider the possibility of launching an OIC Investment Initiative with a view to promoting intra-OIC economic activity;

6. **Commends** the efforts of the Government of the United Arab Emirates in hosting the World Expo 2020 in Dubai (1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022) with the theme “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”;
7. **Invites** the Member States to stand up 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;
8. **Calls on** ICDT and IsDB Group to continue their efforts in raising awareness of Member States on the importance of the WTO agreements and trade negotiations and their impacts on their economies, and **invites** them to pool resources and coordinate their efforts to reinforce the human and institutional capacities of OIC Member States in WTO related matters;
9. **Requests** ICDT, SESRIC and IsDB Group, in cooperation with other relevant OIC institutions/organs, including COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO), to develop capacity building and experience-sharing programmes to be implemented through effective networking among the national Investment and Trade Promotion Agencies (IPAs) in the OIC Member States;
10. **Also requests** SESRIC and IsDB Group to prepare an Investment Outlook Report, outlining the comparative situation of Member States, the trends in the investment ecosystem, priority sectors for investment, and the impacts of investment funds.

## **B. TOURISM SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

**Reaffirming** the Resolution on Tourism Development in the OIC Member States, adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM), held in Dhaka, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018,

**Recalling** the Resolution on Tourism Development adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, with regard to tourism development in OIC Member States,

**Also recalling** the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Reaffirming** the Strategic Roadmap for Development of Islamic Tourism in OIC Member States, adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> ICTM, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February, 2018,

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

**Encouraging** all Member States to take advantage of celebrating OIC City of Tourism and participate in the various commemorative ceremonies and activities to be held in Gabala, Azerbaijan, as the OIC City of Tourism, with the objective of promoting intra-OIC tourism,

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

**Further commending** the contributions of the various OIC institutions in the development of tourism sector,

1. **Calls on** all Member States and OIC institutions to take advantage of celebrating OIC City of Tourism and participate in the various commemorative ceremonies and activities in Gabala, Republic of Azerbaijan, as the OIC City of Tourism, to promote intra-OIC Tourism;
2. **Urges** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to implement the provisions of the Strategic Roadmap for Development of Islamic Tourism, and organize annual events on Islamic tourism in order to promote intra-OIC tourism flows, through inter alia, visa facilitation, investment promotion, branding and standardization, and capacity building;
3. **Calls on** OIC Member States to support the staging of OIC Tourism Fairs with the full participation and involvement of the Private Sector establishment and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);
4. **Urges** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions/organs to actively participate in the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2022;
5. **Encourages** the OIC Member States and OIC Institutions to share their experiences and good practices in responding to the unprecedented crisis in the tourism sector and innovative policies on restarting tourism activities rapidly amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic with a view to enhancing intra-OIC cooperation;
6. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to invest in and explore niche tourism markets and segments like young tourists, Islamic tourism, and eco-tourism to broaden the base for tourism activities and support the recovery efforts in the sector;
7. **Invites** the relevant OIC institutions to organize training programmes and activities on new developments, regulations and opportunities in the tourism sector in the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic with a view to enhancing the capacities of national tourism stakeholders and policymakers in the OIC Member States;
8. **Welcomes** the initiative taken by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) to organize a Sustainable Tourism Forum in Pakistan in 2022;

9. **Calls on** the OIC Member States to invest in ‘digitalization’ for promoting and marketing of their respective destinations as well as improving international visitors’ experience in the tourism sector with a view to speeding up the recovery efforts and hosting more international tourists.

### C. **PRIVATE SECTOR**

**Reaffirming** the relevant provisions of the Resolution No.2/47-E adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Taking note** of the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

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

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

**Expressing satisfaction** with the fact that by the beginning of 2021, the cumulative financing approvals of the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), since its inception in 1999, had reached US\$ 6.8 billion in support of 500 private sector related projects in OIC Member States,

**Also expressing appreciation** with the successful outcomes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) held in Makkah Al Mukkaramah, Saudi Arabia, on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, and the 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Meeting of ICCIA, held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2021,

**Emphasizing** the importance of the private sector development for the promotion of trade among the OIC countries at the regional and international level and encouraging ICDT to support ICCIA for its sector-specific forums, planned for the year 2022/2023,

**Welcoming** the operationalization of OIC Arbitration Centre on the occasion of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC, which was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

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

1. **Welcomes** the confirmation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan of its desire to continue coordination with the General Secretariat and in a joint manner to host the OIC Private Sector Forum in 2022;

2. **Calls upon** the Member States to encourage their national chambers of commerce to actively participate in the work of the OIC Arbitration Centre with a view to enhancing the utilization of the Centre's services by the private sector;
3. **Reiterate its request** to Member States to designate their umbrella Chambers of Commerce as accredited member of the ICCIA, in order to strengthen the membership of ICCIA as well as consolidating support for this important corporate representative of the OIC;
4. **Acknowledges** the need to make greater efforts to establish the right business framework to attract sustainable investment and further scale-up support for entrepreneurs, small and medium-sized enterprises, and start-ups;
5. **Affirms** the importance of involving the private sector actors in policy consultation and formulation with regard to regulations and ensuring that financial rules are open and accessible to all businesses, including small businesses programs that provide entrepreneurs with technological, managerial, and financial skills.

#### **D. TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT**

**Recalling** the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, especially those goals relating to transport development issues,

**Also recalling** the Resolution on Cooperation in the field of Transportation among OIC Member States adopted by the First OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September, 1987,

**Reaffirming** Resolution No. 2/47-E adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, with regard to cooperation in the area of transportation,

**Recalling** the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC and the resolution adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Also recalling** the First United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, and its Ashgabat Statement,

**Recognizing** the important role of efficient, reliable and affordable multimodal transport and transit corridors for the efficient movement of goods and people in supporting sustainable economic growth, improving the social welfare of people and enhancing cooperation and trade among OIC Member States,

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

**Emphasizing** the need to harmonize and improve transport and border-crossing infrastructure and facilities and services along the international transport and transit corridors,

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

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

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

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

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

**Also commending** the GCC Railway project as it will connect all six Gulf Cooperation Council Member States (Oman, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait), it being considered the second largest railway project in Asia and the region, destined to transport passengers and goods between all six countries and help boost intra-GCC trade,

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

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

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

1. **Recognizes** the need for continued cooperation among OIC Member States to address the issues relating to transport and transit corridors as an important element of sustainable development;
2. **Calls on** Member States to develop stronger partnerships amongst themselves aimed at improving transportation infrastructure, including development of transport



corridors and networks, enhancing connectivity and facilitating trade and investment in OIC region;

3. **Reiterates its request** to Member States and respective OIC development agencies to assist project owners in securing external financial and in-kind support to fast-track the implementation of the various segments of the OIC Dakar-Port Sudan Railway corridor, including Dakar-Bamako-Sikasso-Bobo-Dioulasso Railway project;
4. **Calls upon** Member States to further encourage enhanced networking and periodic consultation among their relevant authorities involved in the development and operation of international transport and transit corridors;
5. **Welcomes** the launching of Pakistan-Iran-Turkey Freight Train Service and the pilot project on Pakistan-Afghanistan-Uzbekistan road shipments to boost regional connectivity and trade;
6. **Welcomes** the decision of the Government of Turkmenistan to host Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC) Ministerial Conference on Transport in April, 2022, and calls on relevant OIC Member States and OIC institutions/organs to actively participate in the Conference;
7. **Welcomes** the initiative of the Republic of Indonesia to host the future editions of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Transportation;
8. **Invites** Member States with comparative advantages to take initiatives aimed at capacity-building, exchange of best practices, raising awareness, and enhancing intra-OIC dialogue on transportation for the benefit of all Member States.

**E. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to D to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3/48-E**  
**ON**  
**POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

*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)*

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

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

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

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

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

**Recalling** Resolution No.3/47-E adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Noting with great concern** the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic,

**Also noting with concern** that the COVID-19 pandemic related economic downturn has pushed an additional 119 to 124 million people into extreme poverty in 2020 in the world, and the majority of these people being from OIC Member States,

**Welcoming** the decision on “Effective Social Assistance Provision and Socioeconomic Empowerment in the light of COVID-19 Pandemic” as the theme for the Exchange of Views Session at the 38<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Session of COMCEC,

**Recognizing** the importance of supporting OIC Member States in their efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, and to promote the empowerment of the poor and people in vulnerable situations,

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

**Also commending** the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for their poverty alleviation efforts, and praising the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC) towards enhancing cooperation among the OIC Member States especially through the COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group and the COMCEC Project Funding Mechanism,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Stresses** the importance of taking targeted measures to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, and **encourages** Member States to continue to develop and implement anti-poverty programmes based on national priorities, paying particular attention to vulnerable groups within society;
2. **Welcomes** the ongoing work by the relevant OIC institutions to support the national efforts of OIC Member States to alleviate poverty and, in this regard, **emphasizes** the need to increase, within their respective mandates, programmes and projects aimed at developing capacities of OIC Member States and supporting their national strategies that address poverty eradication and promote sustainable economic growth;
3. **Encourages** OIC Member States to promote exchange of views and experiences amongst themselves in the context of poverty alleviation and promoting sustainable economic development;
4. **Requests** the IsDB Group to report to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs (ICECS) on the activities, performance and the actual situation of the Special Programme for Development of Africa (SPDA).

**A. ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT (ISFD):**

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

**Reaffirming** its relevant Resolutions on the mobilization of funds for the ISFD, particularly the Resolution No.3/47-E adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Also reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Noting** that a total of 48 OIC Member States and IsDB Group have made pledges to ISFD amounting to US\$ 2.6 billion, which represents only 26% of the approved target capital of US\$10 billion,

**Also noting** that 29 OIC Member States and IsDB Group have paid their pledges in full, while 8 OIC Member States paid their pledges partially, and other 11 OIC Member States have yet to pay their pledges,

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

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

**Noting** that the cumulative value of the various interventions on poverty alleviation projects through ISFD amounted to US\$ 858.4 million by end of 2020,

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

**Emphasizing** the need for further mobilisation of funds in order to make-up for the funding gap of US\$ 7.4 billion to ISFD, as a crucial way of expanding its activities towards alleviating poverty, improving social services and infrastructures in OIC Member States, through diversification of resources,

**Also emphasizing** that international funding plays an important role in complementing the efforts of OIC countries to mobilize public resources domestically, especially in the OIC least developed countries with limited domestic resources, to finance national development programmes,

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

**B. DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAMIC SOCIAL FINANCE**

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

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

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

**Also recalling** the relevant provisions of the Resolutions on Economic Issues adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on the 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Being conscious of** the fact that the majority of the population in most of the OIC Member States are still living below the income poverty threshold of US\$1.9 a day, thus emphasizing the need to mobilize additional sources to support the programmes relating to poverty alleviation,

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

**Taking note** of the outcome of the Forum on Islamic Social Finance, held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, on 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019,

**Appreciating** the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, in collaboration with International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in organizing the International Conference on Islamic Social Finance: Fiqh Perspective in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia, on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2021,

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

**Commending** the continuous efforts of IsDB Group, particularly Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) towards developing the Islamic social finance sector in OIC Member States as well as documenting national experiences in this direction,

1. **Requests** Member States to create the necessary legal and regulatory environment and supporting infrastructure in order to promote development of Islamic social finance, so as to increase its impact on the economy and realize its full potential in addressing poverty;
2. **Invites** Member States, which have developed an effectively functioning Islamic social finance sector, to share their experiences and best practices with other

Member States with a view to promoting the development of this sector in these countries;

3. **Requests** the Islamic Development Bank to organize a seminar on the interest-free micro-finance model introduced by a Pakistan-based organization, “Akhuwat”;
4. **Also invites** the relevant OIC institutions to provide necessary training and technical support to OIC Member States on the development of Islamic social finance, including its mainstreaming into the national poverty alleviation strategies;
5. **Encourages** Member States to indicate their interest in hosting the international seminars to create awareness and offer opportunities for discussing issues among the stakeholders on how to further promote the development of the Islamic social finance sector in OIC Member States.

**C. GENERAL PROVISION**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4/48-E**  
**ON**  
**ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES AND**  
**MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN DISPUTED/OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND NON-OIC**  
**COUNTRIES WITHIN THE OIC MANDATE**

*The Forty-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** the relevant provisions of the Charter of Organization of Islamic Cooperation on enhancing and strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among Member States,

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

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No.4/47-E adopted by 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, with regard to Economic Assistance to the OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in Disputed/Occupied and non-OIC countries within the OIC mandate,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Calls on** OIC Member States and other potential donors to continue to assist the needy OIC Member States and Muslim Communities in non-OIC countries in their efforts to achieve sustainable economic growth in line with the ideals of partnership, mutual assistance and solidarity among OIC Member States;

2. **Commends** the initiatives of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by cancelling debts owed by Least Developed Countries to the tune of US\$6 billion based on humanitarian considerations;
3. **Also commends** the generous SAR 20 million worth donation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of the OIC initiative for COVID-19 vaccine access to its Least Developed Countries (LDCs), with the coordination of King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, and calls on the Member States to donate funds to the bank account set up by the General Secretariat for this purpose;
4. **Invites** well-endowed OIC Member States to develop capacity-building and technical assistance programmes for the benefit of needy OIC Member States, especially Least Developed Countries as well as facilitate technology transfer to develop and implement national development strategies; and
5. **Renews its earlier calls on** OIC Member States to submit, on an annual basis, information on their respective assistance pursuant to the present and previous resolutions on this matter.

**A. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO OIC MEMBER STATES**

**i. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN:**

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

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

**Deploring** the continued consequences of the armed aggression by Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan, which resulted in violent displacement of almost one million Azerbaijani people from their homes, which, as such, resembles the terrible concept of ethnic cleansing,

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

**Expressing** dismay over the scale of destruction in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation and massive contamination of these territories with landmines and other explosive devices,

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

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



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

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

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

**Recalling** all previous resolutions of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on assistance to the Kashmiri people, particularly Resolution 4/47-E of the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

**Expressing** deep sympathy for the people of Indian illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJ&K), who have suffered tremendous loss of life and livelihood under decades of Indian illegal occupation,

**Underscoring** that the illegal Indian actions of 5 August 2019 are meant to disenfranchise the Kashmiri people of their political rights and to deny them of their economic and social rights as natives of the occupied territory,

**Deploring** that subsequent Indian actions including the issuance of over 4.2 million domiciles to non-Kashmiri Indian citizens, enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019 and the Delimitation Commission, which were part of the systematic attempts to change the demography of the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and to turn its Muslim majority into a minority,

**Expressing** deep concern that the Covid-19 pandemic has aggravated the grave human rights and humanitarian situation in Indian Illegally occupied Jammu & Kashmir in the wake of illegal Indian actions of 5 August 2019, and the cumulative effect of the "double lockdown" is estimated to be worth US\$9.5 billion to the economy of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir,

**Expressing gratitude** to all Member States, which have been supportive of the Kashmiris and their legitimate struggle for self-determination,

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

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

**Also welcoming** the visit of the Secretary General's Special Envoy on Jammu and Kashmir to Pakistan and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir, in March 2020, and the subsequent visit by the Special Envoy and the Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs in November 2021,

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

1. **Calls** for expeditious implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports of OIC Secretary General's Special Representatives for Jammu and Kashmir on visits to Azad Jammu and Kashmir in May 2016, March 2020 and November 2021;
2. **Also calls** for expeditiously implementing the recommendations of the report by the Assistant Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs on the egregious violations of international human rights and humanitarian standards in the IIOJK with particular reference to the COVID-19 pandemic;
3. **Encourages** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Development Bank to finance through grants/soft loans, development projects in Azad Jammu and Kashmir;
4. **Appeals** to Member States and Islamic institutions, such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund, Islamic Development Bank and Charitable Institutions, to grant generous humanitarian assistance to the Kashmiri people;
5. **Urges** Member States and the Islamic institutions, in particular, the Islamic Development Bank, to develop programmes for providing scholarships to the Kashmiri students in different universities and institutions in the OIC countries, and beyond;
6. **Encourages** the international community, particularly donor countries, international financial institutions and relevant international organizations from the Islamic World to continue to provide necessary funds and assistance to support the ongoing efforts for economic upliftment of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, and requests the Secretary General to consider the establishment of a dedicated mechanism to this end, and to report on the progress made during the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**C. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to B to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5/48-E**  
**ON**  
**IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS OF THE COMCEC**

*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** the relevant resolutions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019, which commended the role of the COMCEC under the chairmanship of the President of the Republic of Turkey, in contributing to the realization of OIC objectives in the economic domain and highly commended the successful implementation of the COMCEC revised Statute and the Strategy adopted at the Fourth Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference,

**Also recalling** the relevant Resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) and the COMCEC, the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, the COMCEC Economic Summit in 2009, the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC,

**Reaffirming** the commitment of all Member States to the OIC-2025: Programme of Action adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey, and to the COMCEC Strategy adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, in Makkah Al- Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

**Recalling** the objectives and mandate of the COMCEC in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Islamic Summit and the COMCEC Statute, including to serve as the central forum for the Member States to discuss international economic and commercial issues,

**Taking note** of the submission of the progress reports, working papers and studies on the different agenda items submitted by the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC),

**Expressing** its appreciation to the Member States for hosting Ministerial Conferences, Meetings, workshops, fairs and other activities in the cooperation areas,

**Commending** the efforts made by the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office and the OIC institutions working in the area of economic and commercial cooperation, namely SESRIC, ICDT, IsDB Group (IsDB, ICD, ITFC, ICIEC), IOFS, ICCIA, SMIIC and OISA,

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary General,

1. **Renews** its request to the Member States to further their efforts for the implementation of COMCEC's Resolutions, including the resolutions of the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC No. OIC/COMCEC/37-21/RES as annexed hereto, in a manner consistent with the OIC Charter;
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report thereon to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.6/48-E**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE RELEVANT OIC INSTITUTIONS**  
**WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC DOMAIN**

*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)*

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

**Reaffirming** the Resolution on Activities of the OIC Institutions Working in the Economic Domain adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020,

**Also reaffirming** the relevant resolutions of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the OIC (COMCEC), especially those adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

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

**Taking note** of the outcome of the Fifth Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Institutions (ACMOI) held at the OIC General Secretariat Headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Directors of SESRIC, held virtually on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021,

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

1. **Commends** the efforts of SESRIC on the preparation of various technical background reports and studies which are regularly submitted to the relevant OIC sectoral Ministerial Conferences and Standing Committees.
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to take note of the recommendations and project proposals contained in the reports and studies of SESRIC submitted to the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences and meetings;
3. **Invites** SESRIC to continue conducting joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on developmental issues of interest to the Member States with a view to generating proposals that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
4. **Calls upon** SESRIC to initiate research projects on new socio-economic developmental issues, which are challenging the efforts of the Members States towards achieving the SDGs, particularly those which are also stipulated in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action;
5. **Appreciates** SESRIC's efforts in conducting various capacity building programmes and training activities in a wide-range of socio-economic fields and areas tailored to the specific needs of the national institutions of the Member States, and **calls upon** the Member States to actively participate in these activities and programmes that play an important role in the improvement of human capital in the OIC Member States;
6. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in and support the activities of SESRIC through designating their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) and activating the role of these NFPs in the process of the implementation of the Strategic Roadmap of the Programme;
7. **Urges** SESRIC and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group to enhance and increase their cooperation to facilitate the implementation of a wide range of activities such as joint research, trainings, workshops, study visits and so on within the framework of all SESRIC Capacity Building Programmes for the benefit of the Member States;

8. **Commends** the efforts of SESRIC on the implementation of the Reverse Linkage Projects together with IsDB Group with a view to increasing the capacities of the Member States through the transfer of knowledge, technology and best practices, and **calls upon** the Member States to actively participate in these projects either as a beneficiary or provider;
9. **Commends** SESRIC for the successful conclusion of the BINA Program in partnership with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and the Libyan Programme for Reintegration and Development (LPRD), which aimed to accelerate state rebuilding by improving the performance and efficiency of the national institutions and civil society organizations, as well as to foster private sector development in the post-conflict era;
10. **Commends** the continuous efforts of SESRIC in cooperation with the Member States towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistics Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member States within the framework of the Centre's Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) and **calls upon** the NSOs of the Member States to actively participate in the annual sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);
11. **Appreciates** the initiative of SESRIC to reactivate the work of two Intra-OIC Networks, namely, OIC Occupational Safety and Health Network (OIC-OSHNET) and OIC Public Employment Services Network (OIC-PESNET), through adopting fundamental framework documents and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in the activities organized within the framework of these important networks;
12. **Urges** the Member States, which have not done so thus far, for the on-time and regular payment of their annual mandatory contributions to the budget of the Centre, and to act for the settlement of their outstanding arrears, if any, at the earliest.

**B. ISLAMIC CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE (ICDT)**

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

**Bearing in mind** the outcomes of the TISC Leaders Meetings of the ACMOI, which was held virtually on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, and those of Thematic Technical Committees meetings,

**Taking note** of the participation of ICDT in Expo 2020 Dubai, which started on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, and continues till March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in collaboration with OIC General Secretariat and other OIC institutions,

**Also noting with satisfaction** of the organization by ICDT of seminars and workshops on TPS-OIC; webinar for women entrepreneurs; WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and Multilateral Trade Negotiations and Trade in Services,

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ICDT's Board of Directors, which was held virtually on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021,

**Also taking note with appreciation** of the 2021 Edition of the ICDT's Annual Report on "Trade among the OIC Member States",

**Expressing appreciation** to ICDT for the organization of the Training Webinar on "*Tourism Destination Marketing Strategies*", which was held virtually on 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, in collaboration with SESRIC,

**Taking note with satisfaction** the organization by ICDT a Training Workshop on Data Collection and Analysis on Trade-in-Services among the OIC Member States, which was held virtually on 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, in collaboration with SESRIC and the IsDB,

**Noting with appreciation** the organization by ICDT a webinar for French Speaking Countries Trade Promotion Organs (TPOs) in order to adopt an action plan for boosting intra-OIC trade, on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021,

**Also noting the outcomes** of the Webinars on Doing Business for the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire and Brunei Darussalam organized by ICDT on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, and 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, respectively, in order to attract OIC Member States' investment and trade flows to these Member States,

**Further noting with appreciation** the organization by ICDT, in collaboration with BADEA, a Business Forum between Arab and African Countries on Agribusiness Products, which was held virtually on 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> July, 2021,

**Taking note with appreciation of** the organization by ICDT, in collaboration with IsDB and SESRIC, a Virtual Panel on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policies and trends in the OIC Member States on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2021, on the margins of the World Investment Forum held on 17<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021,

**Noting the outcomes** of the Workshop on the State of Trade Negotiations within WTO in order to better prepare WTO MC12 and OIC Member States' Common Position, which was held virtually on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2021, and the Webinar on the preparation of the WTO MC12 for the benefit of Experts of OIC Member States, which was held on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, in collaboration with WTO and IsDB,

**Taking note with appreciation of** the monitoring reports on the World Trade Organization (WTO) matters submitted by ICDT and IsDB in compliance with the decision of the 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the COMCEC,

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to keep on providing the ICDT with data relating to trade and investment statistics and regulations, and **entrusts** ICDT to follow up the issue of the expansion of intra-OIC trade to reach 25% by 2025;
2. **Also calls on** IsDB and ICDT to conduct workshops and analytical studies on new issues of WTO such as electronic commerce, MSMEs, health, fisheries subsidies, agriculture, domestic regulations, trade information sharing and investment facilitation for development;



3. **Welcomes** the offer of the Republic of Tunisia to host the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the OIC Halal Expo on 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, in Tunis, and invites the Member States to take an active part in this Expo, which will be held in cooperation with the ICDT and SMIIC;
4. **Urges** IsDB and ICDT to carry on their efforts in raising the awareness of the OIC Member States of the importance of the WTO agreements and trade negotiations and their impacts on their economies, and **calls upon** IsDB and ICDT to pool together and coordinate their efforts to reinforce the human and institutional capacities of the OIC Member States in WTO related matters, in particular, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) and Trade Remedies Measures, so as to facilitate their full integration into the multilateral trading system on an equitable and fair basis;
5. **Calls on** IsDB and ICDT to keep on extending their technical assistance to the Member States in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations and coordinate the positions of the OIC Member States within the WTO with a view to setting up a common platform of negotiations;
6. **Entrusts** IsDB Group and ICDT to monitor matters relating to WTO activities and report them to the annual sessions of the COMCEC and other concerned fora;
7. **Calls on** ICDT to carry on holding more sector-specific exhibitions and to keep on utilizing professional expertise in these activities, especially in the area of tourism, Halal industry, agribusiness, green economy, health products and services, higher education services, maritime economy, social and solidarity economy, cotton, textiles and garments, furniture, interior decoration and building, logistics and transportation, and to submit regular progress reports to the relevant OIC fora;
8. **Urges** ICDT to carry on providing technical assistance and organizing training and awareness raising seminars on the TPS/OIC and its Protocols in the different regions of the OIC in a bid to sensitize the OIC Member States to complete their membership to the TPS/OIC;
9. **Further urges** ICDT to support OIC Member States to setup Single Window System and conduct Non-tariff barriers (NTBs) survey with the aim of facilitating intra-OIC trade;
10. **Calls on** ICDT, in cooperation with SESRIC, to carry on monitoring with the World Tourism Organisation the project on “the Regional Project on Sustainable Tourism Development in a Network of Cross-Border Parks and Protected Areas in West Africa“ and invites them to organize capacity building programmes in the field of tourism development;
11. **Takes note** of the appeal made by the Director General of ICDT to the OIC Member States to grant voluntary contributions to ICDT in order to finance the new initiatives to be launched by the Centre like the regional value chain, trade corridors to facilitate

trade flows for the benefit of landlocked countries, Afro-Asia, Arab-Africa Business Initiatives, the Single Window System, the OIC HelpDesk, SMEs and Women and Youth Empowerment programs and **encourages** ICDDT to widen its cooperation to raise extra-budgetary funds in order to ensure the implementation of its upcoming programs;

12. **Endorses** the ICDDT draft work programme for the year 2022, which was adopted by the 38<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ICDDT's Board of Directors, held online on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021.

**C. ISLAMIC ORGANISATION FOR FOOD SECURITY (IOFS)**

**Pursuant to** the Final Communiqué of the 14<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al- Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019, which welcomed the consolidation of the structures of IOFS,

**Recalling** the Resolution 1/47-E adopted by the 47<sup>th</sup> Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, urging Member States to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS,

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

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

**Commending** the generous support of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for facilitating the establishment of the Secretariat of IOFS, through financing the budgets of the latter for three years with effect from 2018 and for executing the Headquarters Agreement with IOFS in this regard,

**Also commending** the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Second Session of IOFS General Assembly in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019, and for the voluntary contribution of US\$ 2 million for the activities of IOFS,

**Commending further** the Government of the Republic of Turkey and Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for hosting virtually the Third and Fourth Sessions of the IOFS General Assembly on 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020, and on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, respectively,

**Being appreciative** of IsDB and other relevant OIC institutions for supporting the activities of IOFS, thereby ensuring synergy and effective allocation of resources,

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

1. **Calls on** Member States to implement the various strategic programmes of IOFS geared towards scaling up intra-OIC action for increased food security, productivity and resilience in OIC Member States;

2. **Also calls** on Member States, which have not done so, to sign and ratify the Statute of IOFS, the new OIC **specialized** institution based in Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan;
3. **Commends** in this connection the signing by the Kingdom of Morocco of the Statute of the Islamic Organisation for Food Security on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
4. **Calls upon** the Member States to generously contribute to the Afghanistan Food Security Programme, launched at the 17<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, in Islamabad, Pakistan, with a view to mitigating the sufferings of the people of Afghanistan, who are facing acute food shortage;
5. **Takes note of** the adoption of “IOFS Strategic Vision 2031” by the 4<sup>th</sup> IOFS General Assembly held virtually on 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, under the chairmanship of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and **recommends** the Member States to coordinate appropriately with IOFS the implementation of the same;
6. **Also takes note of** the IOFS decision to name 2022 as the “IOFS Year for Africa”, and **encourages** all Member States and relevant OIC institutions to actively participate and financially contribute towards the holding of all related programmes that are to be held in African Member States, including the holding of the 5<sup>th</sup> IOFS General Assembly in the 2022;
7. **Appreciates** the efforts of the IOFS in alleviating the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan through the implementation of its programme “Flour (Bread) for Humanity” and **underscores** the vital role of Member States in coordinating the provision of humanitarian assistance;
8. **Encourages** Member States to make special contributions to IOFS with a view to accelerating the consolidation of its structures as well as enhancing its activities towards ensuring sustainable food systems and food security in its Member States.

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

**Taking note** of the outcome of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting of ICCIA, held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021,

**Emphasizing** the role of ICCIA, as an engine of mobilizing investment, influencing the policy making and undertaking different initiatives for the development of the private sector through the chambers of commerce of OIC Member States,

**Bearing in mind** the continuous efforts of ICCIA towards initiating a wide range of workshops in areas of interest to the Member Chambers with a view to enhancing the capacity and quality of their institution through digital transformation,

**Recalling** the initiative of the ICCIA in the establishment of the OIC Arbitration Centre, in collaboration with the Union of Turkish Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB), in Istanbul, Turkey, as ICCIA's member,

**Taking note** of the outcomes of the first meeting of the OIC Arbitration Centre' Board of Trustees held online on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2021,

**Expressing appreciation** to the Republic of Turkey for *its* support and facilitation in the setting-up of the OIC Arbitration Centre and **commending** the efforts of ICCIA and TOBB towards the inauguration of the OIC Arbitration Centre which took place on sidelines of 37<sup>th</sup> COMCEC Ministerial Session held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Welcoming** the membership of Al Manara Chamber of Commerce, Irish Islamic Chamber of Commerce and the Arab Chamber of Commerce as the observer chambers, which has increased the number of ICCIA members to 57 along with 3 observers effective from 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2021,

**Also welcoming** ICCIA publications "Facts and Figures", with key indicators of economic position of ICCIA member states by providing detailed classifications and rankings of their performances as per international reporting on a year-on-year basis, and **noting** that the publication is now accessible on ICCIA social media platforms and its official website,

**Noting with appreciation** the role of ICCIA in the international fora as a spokesperson for the private sector of Member States, promoting priority sectors such as Halal, Islamic banking, agri-business, digital transformations, and promotion of women empowerment within the private sector,

**Encouraging** the Chambers of Commerce of OIC Member States to be actively involved in ICCIA's activities related to the establishment of ICCIA holding companies, to invest in important areas of development,

**Noting with satisfaction** the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICCIA and Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD), a member of the IsDB Group, on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, to enhance the efforts of both organization for development and promotion of the private sector,

**Noting with satisfaction** the contribution of ICCIA's role as a media partner in organizing: the 6<sup>th</sup> Dakar International Islamic Finance Forum, held in Dakar, Senegal, on 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum on Strategies of Transition toward Green Economy, held in Cairo, Egypt, on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2021; "Russia - Islamic World: Kazan Summit 2021", held in Kazan, Russian Federation, on 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021; and the 11<sup>th</sup> Egypt Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainable Development Forum, held in Cairo, Egypt, on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021,

**Having considered** the activity report submitted by the ICCIA,

1. **Welcomes** the operationalization of the OIC Arbitration Centre in Istanbul on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, and expresses its appreciation to the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) and Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) of Turkey for their efforts towards making the Centre operational;

2. **Requests** the Member States to encourage their national chambers of commerce to actively participate in the work of the OIC Arbitration Centre with a view to enhancing the utilization of the Centre’s services by their private sector;
3. **Appreciates** the formation of ICCIA Holding Company that enable investments in areas of strategic importance for Member States, contributing to the global value chains;
4. **Calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to actively facilitate the ICCIA Holding Company projects such as a) Islamic Microfinance Bank; b) Green Waqf; c) Agricultural Incubation; and d) Agricultural Commodity Exchange Markets, and **also calls upon** the private sector of the Member States to consider partnerships in the mentioned projects;
5. **Welcomes** the ICCIA for its initiative to create an Islamic microfinance bank – Family Bank, modelled on international microfinance institutions in favor of G5-Sahel countries;
6. **Commends** the efforts by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to finance the Family Bank and other projects for the G5-Sahel countries, and **calls** on the OIC Member States and its relevant institutions to support the Family Bank operations in the “G5 Sahel” group;
7. **Also commends** the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) for its interest in financing the Family Bank and other projects;
8. **Further welcomes** the efforts of ICCIA in organizing, in partnership with COMCEC Coordination Office, an online Workshop on Digital Transformation of Chambers of Commerce for Enhancing Trade Facilitation on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, for the development of the representatives of the private sector;
9. **Calls upon** OIC Member States and OIC institution to fully utilize the capacity of ICCIA as a relevant stakeholder, in engaging and representing the private sector;
10. **Takes note** of the following activities to be organized by the ICCIA and **calls upon** the Member States and their private sectors to actively participate in the following activities:
  - a. OIC Food Festival, Pakistan, 2022;
  - b. The 13<sup>th</sup> International Economic Summit (Kazan Summit), 2022, Kazan, Russia;
  - c. Training Programs on Digital Transformation for SMEs;
  - d. Workshop on Creating Awareness on the Importance of Agriculture Commodity Exchange Markets;
  - e. Best of Entrepreneurship in Pakistan, (every quarter 2022), ICCIA Headquarters, Karachi;
  - f. Symposium on Economic Diplomacy, Pakistan, 2022.
11. **Encourages** ICCIA to initiate its sector specific investment forums to stimulate investment opportunities and trade exchange relations among the Member States, and **calls upon** the Member States and their private sectors to actively participate in the following:

- a. The Sustainable Agriculture Forum, Azerbaijan, 2022;
- b. The Digital Economy Forum, Jordan, May 2022;
- c. The Sustainable Tourism Forum, Pakistan, 2022;
- d. BIG3 Forum of Major Products (Tea, Coffee and Cocoa), Indonesia, 2022;
- e. OIC Entrepreneurship Forum, 2022;
- f. Investment Forum on Hajj and Umrah, Makkah-al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2022; and
- g. Islamic Economy Forum, Indonesia, 2022.

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

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

**Welcoming** the membership of People's Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Yemen and Federal Republic of Nigeria, which has increased the number of SMIIC Member States to 43 along with 3 Observers as of 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022,

**Noting with** satisfaction the signing of MoU on Cooperation between SMIIC and Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) on 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, as well as signing of MoU between SMIIC and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, and MoU between SMIIC and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in 2020, aimed at increasing the international representation of SMIIC and its cooperation in relevant fields of its mandates,

**Expressing its appreciation** to SMIIC for supporting the organization of the *8<sup>th</sup> Halal Expo and the 7<sup>th</sup> World Halal Summit 2021* in Istanbul, Turkey, on 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, which was aimed at raising awareness of halal products, engaging in halal production and services in all fields and bringing together market leaders and halal product experts,

**Acknowledging** the capacity building activities of SMIIC for OIC Member States in the fields of quality infrastructure elements,

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

**Noting with satisfaction** the organization of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> SMIIC Technical Committee Week Meetings and SMIIC Committee on Standards for Conformity Assessment (SMIIC/CCA) Meetings in virtual format between 15<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, and between 27<sup>th</sup> September and 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, respectively,

**Welcoming** the publication of 15 new OIC/SMIIC standards, 12 of which are on Halal issues, following the completion of standards development process professionally conducted in relevant SMIIC Technical Committees,

**Acknowledging** the outcome of the OIC/SMIIC 1 Halal Foundation Training for Africa Region, which the SMIIC conducted in hybrid format in Senegal on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> July, 2021,

**Taking note** of the organization of a tailor made course (TMC) on "*Acceptance of Halal Product Assurance Systems Strategies during COVID-19 Pandemic for Increasing Exports and Competitiveness of Indonesian Halal Products*" with the participation of experts from the relevant Indonesian Authorities in İstanbul, Turkey, from 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021,

**Noting** that SMIIC's short name and the SMIIC's logo were registered on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, which is a member of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),

**Acknowledging** the approval of the SMIIC Strategic Plan 2021-2030, which demonstrates SMIIC's commitment to have strong partnerships and engagement with OIC and other relevant organizations, and the importance of the continuous support and cooperation,

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

1. **Urges** the Member States to accede to the membership of SMIIC, which works on the specialized areas of the standardization, metrology and accreditation activities under the mandate of OIC as the sole intergovernmental organization;
2. **Requests** the Member States to actively participate in SMIIC's Technical Committees (TCs) and other technical activities of SMIIC Councils;
3. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to officially adopt published OIC/SMIIC standards according to SMIIC adoption guidelines in order to have unique world-wide quality infrastructure system based on OIC/SMIIC standards;
4. **Requests** the Member States and OIC institutions to engage in close cooperation with SMIIC on standardization, metrology, accreditation and conformity assessment activities in order to improve the quality infrastructure systems of the OIC Member States, which are classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs);
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate in the 10<sup>th</sup> OIC Halal Expo and 8<sup>th</sup> World Halal Summit to be held in İstanbul, Turkey, and which will be organized in physical format by the SMIIC General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT);
6. **Calls upon** the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to continue supporting SMIIC and provide it with any necessary fatwa and advice, particularly regarding Halal issues;
7. **Requests** the Member States and OIC institutions to participate and contribute to the various training programs conducted by SMIIC on standardization, metrology and accreditation, especially on Halal related OIC/SMIIC standards, and to coordinate with

SMIIC for the organization of any activity on the above mentioned subjects in their respective countries and organizations;

8. **Invites** IsDB Group and relevant OIC institutions to support SMIIC with training and necessary funding programmes in the fields of standardization, metrology, accreditation and improvement in quality infrastructure;
9. **Urges** the Member States to consider SMIIC as the common platform of OIC for the quality infrastructure related activities and **requests** the Member States to forward all subjects related to the standardization, metrology, accreditation and conformity assesment to be evaluated within SMIIC.

**F. GENERAL PROVISION:**

**Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this Resolution and submit a comprehensive report on each item appearing from A to E to the 49<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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