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RESOLUTION NO. 1/48-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 47th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Lauds Pakistan's efforts for adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution on "Promoting Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue", acknowledging significance and respect for religious symbols and revered personalities.

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

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

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

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

- 7. Commends** the outcomes of the Strategic Workshop on “Religious Coexistence in South Asia: Addressing the contemporary challenges related to Buddhist-Muslim relationships” held on 18-20 December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, in cooperation with KAICIID, Interreligious Council of Thailand (IRC)/Religions for Peace (RfP), the Mahidol University, and Fatoni University; and encourages the General Secretariat to continue implementing similar programs and activities to promote peaceful coexistence among religions living in the South and Southeast Asia region.
- 8. Welcomes** further activity with KAICIID aimed at finding innovative solutions which may manage and mitigate violent fault lines affecting societies in the South and Southeast Asia, including the ‘Buddhists and Muslim tensions’, through Interreligious Dialogue being held in December 2019 in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia.
- 9. Calls** the General Secretariat and relevant OIC Organs to continue developing the scheme of ‘rapprochement’ by taking measures to increase the relations between the Muslim World and multiple cultures and civilizations, mainly through inter-civilization and inter-cultural dialogues with Sino, Russia, Western Societies, Buddhist, and Hindu Civilizations.
- 10. Commends** the outcome of the Washington Conference on the “Alliance of Religions” organized by the Forum for Promoting Peace on 5-7 November 2017, with the participation of religious leaders representing different divine religions, and influential academics and researchers from the US, Muslim countries and other countries; which culminated in the establishment of the global “Alliance of Virtue for the Common Good”, for the good of all humanity.
- 11. Commends** the efforts of the United Arab Emirates through the Peace Promotion Forum which was established in 2014 under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah and held three sessions in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, and Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco; It also made significant efforts to promote sound Islamic thought and the civilized image of Islam in dealing with others and protecting non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries.
- 12. Pays tribute** to the extensive efforts made by the United Arab Emirates through the Muslim Council of Elders, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates, which was established in 2014 under the chairmanship of Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and has made considerable efforts through dialogue of civilizations between East and West in both Italy and France. Several meetings with the Elders of the West were held to bring together the Islamic and Christian perspectives through the common denominators that unite Islam, Christianity and other monotheistic religions for the sake of peaceful coexistence and cooperation among civilizations to the benefit of mankind.
- 13. “Commends** the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, signed by Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and Chairperson of the Council of Wise Muslims, and Pope Francis of the Catholic Church, under the patronage of the UAE, on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates.”
- 14. Commends** the UAE’s efforts in sponsoring the new Hilf al-Fudul (League of the Virtuous) for religious coexistence, peace and harmony, which was signed by the representative

heads of various religions on 10 December 2019 in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, and **praises** the Emirati efforts to organize a forum for peace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21. Commends the United Arab Emirates, which announced the year 2019 as the Year of World Tolerance. The celebration ceremony took place in Abu Dhabi on 3-4 February 2019 in the presence of the Pope, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Chairperson of the Muslim Council of Elders, and all prominent leaders of various religions. This year also included prominent events on tolerance among civilizations.

22. Commends the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, which assumed the Group of Twenty (G20) Presidency in 2020, to have successfully presided the Group and hosted the G20 Summit in Riyadh. In line with it, the Group also hosted the G20 Interfaith Forum that has gathered more than 2,000 participants from all over the world, to have a dialogue on a wide array of issues ranging from hate speech to Covid-19 to gender parity and economic displacement.

- 23. Supports** the Republic of Indonesia that has assumed the G20 Presidency and will host the summit in 2022, with the core theme “Recover Together, Recover Stronger”. Reiterating the Resolution No. 40/47-POL on the Participation of the OIC in the G20 Summit Meetings, encourages the G20, particularly through its Member States that are also Member States of the OIC, which are Republic of Indonesia, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Republic of Turkey, to continue coordinating their efforts aimed at participation of the OIC in G20 Summit meetings and subsequently the G20 Interfaith Forum.
- 24. Calls upon** Member States to maintain a common stance in supporting the application of the principles and purposes of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.
- 25. Urges** Member States to step up their efforts to protect and promote freedom of thought, conscience and religion or belief through education and other means, mutual understanding, tolerance, non-discrimination and respect in all matters relating to freedom of religion or belief.
- 26. Calls on** Member States to support various types of intercultural engagement and peace-building at the national and international levels.
- 27. Requests** the relevant OIC institutions to support research activities on enlightenment and religious tolerance.
- 28. Expresses** deep concern about all attacks on religious places, sites and shrines that violate international law, in particular international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including any deliberate destruction of relics and monuments, including those carried out in connection with incitement to national, racial or religious hatred.
- 29. Invites** Member States to implement appropriate communications strategies, such as wide-scale awareness-raising campaigns in national and international media, as well as through the Internet, and to disseminate educational information on tolerance, non-violence and freedom of religion or belief.
- 30. Commends** the outcomes of the international symposium on “Promoting the Values of Peace and Dialogue”, held on 18-20 April 2016 in Sousse in Tunisia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Tunisia, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).
- 31. Commends** the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.
- 32. Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and

symposia; and appeals to all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide with possible financial support for the success of these dialogues.

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

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

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

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

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

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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

Referring to the OIC-2025: Programme of Action, particularly the Goal 2.3 that focuses on “Moderation, Inter-Cultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Harmony”, and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilization dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

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

Remembering its resolutions 1/38-C, 1/39-C, 1/40-C, 1/41-C, 1/42-C, 1/43-C, 1/44-C, 1/45-C, 1/46-C, and 1/47-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, and 47th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat of the OIC and the UNAOC, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various

UNAOC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

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

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

Also noting the adoption of UNAOC Action Plan 2019-2023 presenting an overview of the Alliance's vision and priorities in the four-year period.

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

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

3. Commends the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Spain for the inauguration of the Geneva Office of the UN Alliance of Civilization on 8 November 2021 and encourages the Member States to support the activities of the Office.

4. Welcomes the progress in the implementation of the UN Plan of Action to Safeguard Religious Sites and calls upon Member States to further cooperate with the UN Alliance of Civilization in this regard.

5. Calls on Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the UNAOC.

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

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

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

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

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

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

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

2. Hails the adoption of the Tunis Declaration “Towards the development of current cultural policies in the Islamic world” issued by the 11th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers held in Tunis (17-18 December 2019) and reiterates the call upon Member States and relevant Islamic institutions and bodies to consider the implementation of its conclusions and orientations.

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

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

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

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

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

Recalling all previous resolutions supporting *Dar Al-Iftaa* in implementing the satellite project in cooperation with Cairo University and the Center for Aerospace Studies and Consulting in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and stressing the importance of implementing the project proposed 15 years ago with the aim of unifying the Hijra calendar in Islamic countries as an embodiment of their unity;

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

RESOLUTION NO.2/48-C

**ON
PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conference and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 7th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 46th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

Condemning the aggression perpetrated by Israel, the occupying authority, in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, such as through displacement and expulsion of populations, construction and expansion of colonies, and building the racist annexation and expansionist wall around the city for its Judaization;

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

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

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

Denouncing in the strongest terms the repeated and systematic incursions of Israeli colonists into Muslim places of worship, namely Al-Haram Al-Sharif (Al-Aqsa) and Al-Ibrahimi mosques, with the connivance of the Israeli occupation forces, and them performing Talmudic prayers in Al-Haram Al-Sharif in a bid to change the religious and legal character of these places; and **condemning** Israel for preventing dozens of thousands of Muslims from praying in their mosque,

in a blatant breach of the freedom of worship for Muslims and a clear affront to their right to perform their religious rituals in Al-Quds;

Having considered the Secretary General's report on the following matters:

Decides what follows:

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

- 1. Recommends** that all forms of financial and academic support be provided to Palestinian universities to enable discharge of their national educational role; **calls on** the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between Palestinian and FUIW affiliate counterparts for stronger cooperation; **invites** partner universities to exchange students via academic training programs; and calls for an annual conference of Palestinian and other universities from the Member States for further cooperation and mutual support in all fields, most notably in scientific research.
- 2. Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships to Palestinian students in all areas of study; **expresses** appreciation to the Member States that have offered scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce tuition fees for Palestinian students.
- 3. Calls on the** Member States, Islamic funds, the IDB and other OIC organs to contribute effectively and generously to Al-Quds University, in recognition of the importance of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and in support of education in the city.

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED STATE OF PALESTINE AND SYRIAN GOLAN:

- 1. Condemns** Israel's distortion of Palestinian curricula, in a systematically rampagous propaganda aiming to undermine Palestinian narrative and national identity, and as part of Israeli occupation plans to cut off international assistance to the Palestinian education sector, and **stresses** its rejection of all conditional extortion campaigns in support of the education sector, **calling** in this regard on the Member States to provide financial support the State of Palestine in its efforts to bolster this vital sector.
- 2. Calls on the** Member States to declare a cultural and academic boycott of Israel, including Israeli universities, for their subversive role both in misrepresenting and distorting facts and the Palestinian narrative, and in promoting the colonial regime established by the illegal occupation authority.
- 3. Condemns strongly** the attempts of Israel, the occupying authority, to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds to replace Arab Palestinian curricula, as an attempt by Israeli occupation authorities to impose its version of history on Al-Quds citizens as a prelude to Judaize the city and obliterate its Arab identity, which constitutes a blatant violation of international laws and instruments; and **calls** for an international appeal to counter those violations and for the OIC Group at the relevant UN fora to act promptly to compel Israel, the occupying authority, to stop its egregiously colonial and racial policies.

4. Condemns the continuous restrictions imposed by the occupation authorities on education in Al-Quds, including more precisely the Israeli threats to close UNRWA schools and other schools in Al-Quds Ash-Sharif, which through these measures seek to Judaize the city, undermine the Palestinian presence therein, and prevent Palestinian refugees from benefiting from UNRWA services.

5. Calls on the Member States to act on their previous decisions to finance the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan and to provide all necessary financial assistance to secure the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the East Jerusalem, in particular, and to actualize the educational aspect of the plan for the development of Eastern Al-Quds, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities to impose their own educational curricula, prevent the construction of schools or refuse their expansion and restoration, impose high taxes on schools reporting to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, close down schools outside their control, and erect security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students and prevent access to their places of work, schools and universities. They are also subjected to continuous harassment and attacks by settlers. The Council also **calls on** the Secretary General to continue work towards this end in association with the Member States and in cooperation with the competent parties in the State of Palestine.

6. Condemns the Israeli measures and policies that target the cultural life in Palestine in general and the occupied Al-Quds in particular, which specifically include banning the activities and functioning of the Maqdissi cultural institutions and closing them under flimsy allegations, imposing high taxes thereon, targeting the Palestinian intelligentsia, precluding the organization of cultural events, refusing the issuance of the required permits for Arab and Muslim intelligentsia to enter the State of Palestine, all forming part of the cultural blockade, along with other procedures that target the cultural and holy sites in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif through falsifying their history and stealing them.

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

8. Invites the General Secretariat to produce an academic subject about the history of the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, so as to acquaint generations of the Muslim Ummah with the religious significance of the city of Al-Quds and Al Aqsa Mosque and the coexistence between followers of revealed faiths, show the Palestinian people's suffering under occupation and identify their inalienable rights in their land. The Council also **calls on** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Muslim World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) and with the State of Palestine, to prepare such materials and translate them into the OIC official languages, and hold in 2022 a symposium of experts to prepare this academic subject.

9. Calls on the Member States, in coordination with the State of Palestine, to periodically conduct cultural and academic symposia, meetings and conferences on the question of Palestine and the religious, historical and cultural significance of Al-Quds, the ultimate aim being to

highlight the city's contribution to the Muslim history and to Human civilization, and to introduce generations to its position in universal history.

10. Calls on the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the rules of international law, including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all relevant international conventions, particularly those related to human as well as religious, cultural and social rights; and **calls on** the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention to implement the measures adopted by the successive conferences of High Contracting Parties, according to the first article of the treaty, and take the necessary steps to end the incessant violations and crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian civilians measures, and work collectively to ensure the perpetrators of these crimes are held to account.

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

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

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

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

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

2. Affirms that all practices through which Israel, the occupying power, seeks to change the character and status of the city and its demographic composition and annex parts of it are null and void and have no legal validity; and **calls on** the Member States to take all appropriate measures to counter the recognition of the illegal annexation of Israel, the occupying power, of Al-Quds or the relocation of their embassies and representative offices to the Holy City.

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

4. Condemns again Israel's illegal decision to add Al-Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list, which is actually an act of looting Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. the Council also **calls on** the international community and UNESCO to assume their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions and, in this regard, **inviting** the Member States to support the efforts of the State of Palestine in its quest for the inclusion of a group of Palestinian positions in the World Heritage List.

5. Condemns in the strongest terms the ongoing campaign launched by the illegal occupation authorities to alter and distort the history of Islamic and Christian monuments and falsify the Arab civilizational history in Palestine, including those that target heritage and religious sites in historical Palestine, which have affected a number of important historical sites including the Mercy Gate, Bab Al-Khalil (Gate of Hebron), the Armenian quarter, the Al-Youssoufia cemetery and Mamilla cemetery, the largest Islamic cemetery in Al-Quds. The Council also commissions the Muslim Group within UNESCO to follow up on this matter and take the necessary steps thereto pertaining.

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

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

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

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

10. Calls on the Member States to contribute to the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its Palestinian residents in order to counter Jewish colonialist settlement attack in the city; and **urges** the Member States to strengthen the steadfastness of Al-Khalil (Hebron) population, such as through importing products for which the city is known.

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

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

13. Requests the Member States to support the resolutions related to Al-Quds Ash-Sharif in international fora, while making statements at relevant sessions; **expresses** in this regard its regret at the failure of a number of Member States to support resolutions related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the Palestinian cause.

14. Requests the General Secretariat to devise a plan of action, in coordination with the Member States, to promote religious tourism in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; and **calls** for practical steps to organize cultural weeks in member states, including photo exhibitions, seminars and the projection of documentaries on the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, the aim being to raise awareness about the Israeli violations in the city.

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

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

17. Calls on the Member States to completely boycott all academic, cultural and artistic festivals and activities organized by public or private Israeli institutions – all the more so because these Israeli institutions use art and culture as a guise for incessant Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people, and as this enables Israeli cultural dominion over the Arab culture and arts in Palestine.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 3/48-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES**

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 47th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deploring attempts by hardline Hindu extremist organizations, in particular, the RSS, to create a fallacious religious justification for the demolition of the Babri Masjid,

Recalling that 2022 marks the 30th Anniversary of the demolition of the Babri Masjid,

Regretting that India has taken no concrete steps towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Deeply regretting that many of the perpetrators involved in the destruction of the Babri Masjid enjoy power and authority in India, and have continued to foment a rabid anti-Muslim sentiment to further their political fortunes,

Recalling that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation has consistently urged the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the

responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists,

Rejecting the decision by the Indian Supreme Court in November 2019 blatantly sanctifying the demolition of the Babri Masjid and the construction of a Ram Mandir at the site;

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief titled “Countering Islamophobia/Anti-Muslim Hatred to Eliminate Discrimination and Intolerance Based on Religion or Belief” which documents wide-spread and systematic attacks against the Muslim minority in India including their places of worship;

1. **Strongly condemns** the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.
2. **Expresses deep regret** over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.
3. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.
4. **Condemns** the failure of the Government of India to resolve the dispute, to provide safety and security to the Muslim minority in India and using Babri Masjid for political gains in favour of BJP and its ideological base RSS by inflaming the Hindu extremism.
5. **Deplores** the decision of the Indian Supreme Court regarding the historic Babri Masjid that allowed the construction of a Hindu temple at the very site where the Babri Masjid stood for about five centuries until it was demolished in an act of bloody political vandalism unparalleled in the modern world.
6. **Expresses deep concern** that the verdict contained several contradictions and failed to uphold the demands of justice and India’s obligations to protect its minorities and their places of worship.
7. **Deplores** the action by the Government of India to lay the foundation stone for the construction of the *Ram Mandir* on 5 August 2020, the first anniversary of India’s illegal actions in the Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir and **underscores** that these actions reflect the systematic attempts by India to rewrite history by obliterating all vestiges of Islamic culture and tradition and to turn India into a Hindu *Rashtra*;
8. **Demands** India to ensure that the Babri Mosque is rebuilt on its original site and to take immediate steps for the protection of hundreds of vulnerable mosques and to ensure the safety and protection of Muslims and Islamic Holy sites throughout India;
9. **Further condemns** Gujarat riots, repugnant schemes like Ghar wapsi and ‘Love Jihad’, Citizenship Amendment Act (CCA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) and rising incidents of lynching against minorities, resulting in the deaths and injuries to many Indian Muslims, as part of an extremist Hindutva ideology to convert India into a “Hindu Rashtra”.

10. Further expresses deep concern at the provocative statements of BJP leaders about Taj Mahal of having been built on the site of a Hindu temple, and views such statements as reflective of sinister plans to desecrate this historical site.

11. Strongly believes that such statements are totally against historical facts and are only aimed at denigrating the Muslim minority in India, and urges the Indian government to ensure the protection of this great historical site.

12. Calls on OIC Member States to raise the case of Babri Mosque at the UNESCO and the Islamic group at UNESCO to follow it up in a result-oriented manner in order to prevent occurrence of incidents of desecration of Islamic sites in India in future.

13. Requests the United Nations Alliance of Civilization (UNAOC) to undertake a mapping exercise consisting of all such vulnerable religious sites in India with a view to improving their overall protection;

14. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39th CFM, Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40th CFM, Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41st CFM, Resolution 3/42-C adopted by the 42nd CFM and Resolution 3/43-C adopted by the 43rd CFM, 3/44-C adopted by the 44rd CFM, 3/45-C of the 45th CFM, 3/46-C adopted by the 46th CFM and adopted by the 47th CFM 3/47-C which call upon the Government of India to:

- a) Ensure the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.
- b) Take immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.
- c) Take effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.
- d) Take immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

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

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

1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 542 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.
2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.
3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.
4. **Also condemns** the continuing intensified Indian atrocities against Kashmiries including desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious and human rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

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

Gravely concerned over the continued consequences of the aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan,

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

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography affected by the aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Strongly urge the Republic of Armenia to recognize and respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan and to take all necessary steps to eliminate the consequences of its armed aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming also that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation by Armenia constitutes a war crime and a crime against humanity;

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenia on the Islamic heritage in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and

conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

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

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

Welcoming the report on the visit of the representatives of the OIC Contact Group on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan to Azerbaijan on 5-10 April 2021, including its territories affected by the armed aggression of Armenia, and taking note of the dismay expressed by the visiting delegations about the degree of devastation they had witnessed in those territories caused by the destructive policy of Armenia:

- 1. Strongly condemns** the barbaric acts committed by Armenia with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic historic and cultural heritage in the territories of Azerbaijan during occupation.
- 2. Express** also its strong condemnation of the humiliation and desecration by Armenia of the Mosques located in the liberated territories of Azerbaijan by using them as animal stables.
- 3. Stresses** the necessity to ensure the protection of cultural heritage, cultural property and sacred sites in the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan, where the peacekeeping contingent of the Russian Federation is temporarily deployed to, through inter alia, the prohibition and prevention of any illicit export, other removal or transfer of ownership of cultural property, any archaeological excavation, as well as any alteration to, or change of use of, cultural property which is intended to conceal or destroy cultural, historical or scientific evidence.
- 4. Demands** that Armenia cease any attempts to introduce Azerbaijani historical and cultural heritage as its own, including at tourism fairs and exhibitions.
- 5. Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels aimed at protecting, preserving and restoring, as appropriate Islamic cultural values and treasures in its territories affected by the aggression of Armenia.
- 6. Reaffirms** also Azerbaijan's right to claim appropriate reparation for the damages it has sustained, and affirms Armenia's responsibility to provide such reparation.
- 7. Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.
- 8. Thanks** the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also thanks those organs

and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

9. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/48-CUL
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS**

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)

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

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, particularly the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Secretary General to study the rules and mechanisms regulating the work of the various sectoral Ministerial Meetings in order to enhance the effectiveness of their work, the resolutions 4/45-CUL and 4/46-CUL adopted by the 45th and 46th sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers respectively on holding OIC Sectorial Meetings of Ministers of Social Affairs in Member States, the resolutions of the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on the role of women in development in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 1st session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and the preservation of its values in OIC Member States; the resolutions of the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports; and the resolutions of the 5th Ministerial Conference on Child Welfare and Protection in OIC Member States; and resolution 4/47-CUL adopted by the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, welcoming the outcomes of the 1st Ministerial Conference on Social Development;

Recalling also the resolutions of the 1st Session of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Empowerment of Family and Marriage Institution and Preservation of its Values in the Member States, the resolutions of the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, and the resolutions of the 5th Ministerial Conference on Child's welfare and Protection in the Islamic World;

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

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

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

Commending the decision taken by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, which rejects this resolution, and the position of OIC Member States and other non-member states, which opposed the resolution at the Human Rights Council because it includes many

unacceptable issues that are in total contradiction with the teachings and values of Islam and other divine religions and with the human common sense;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Emphasizing the importance of global solidarity and multilateral cooperation in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic,

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

A) SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:

1. Commends the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat for the successful organization of the First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in OIC Member States, hosted by the Republic of Turkey in Istanbul on 7-9 December 2019; **Welcomes** the outcomes of the Conference and its resolutions; and **takes note of** the Istanbul Declaration, and **calls** for the implementation of all the Conference outcomes.

2. Confirms the offer made by the Arab Republic of Egypt to hold the 2nd session of the Ministerial Meeting on Social Development, and emphasizes the principle of equitable geographical rotation in holding the next sessions of the said conference, particularly the offers made by Niger, Afghanistan and Qatar to host the next sessions of the Meeting.

3. Reaffirms its rejection of the HRC Resolution on Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject; **provides** full support for the position of the ambassadors of the OIC Group in Geneva that would neither recognize or cooperate with this new mandate; **commends** the declaration it prepared titled: Condemnation of the Human Rights resolution "protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;" **also commends** the efforts of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in preparing the study on sexual orientation and gender identity; and **Calls on** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to provide the required support to Member States facing pressure in this regard.

4. Requests Member States to spread the Islamic values relevant to women, the child and family in general, in order to project the true image of Islamic and improve the conditions of children in the Muslim world, and Requests the relevant OIC institutions in this regard, especially the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), Women Development Organization (WDO), the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC), the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC/Ankara Center), the Research Centre For Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the International Islamic University in Malaysia, and the Union of OIC News Agencies (UNA) to draw up, with the coordination of the General Secretariat, a document on the Islamic values vis-à-vis women and children, the aim being to build knowledge of these values and to counter the dissemination of misconceptions of Islam.

5. Urges Member States to improve the conditions and welfare of children, especially those living in different conditions in conflict-affected regions, and to provide the physical and emotional needs of displaced and refugee children by providing educational and health assistance and helping them return to their normal life; and **commends** the efforts exerted by a number of Member States in this field, and calls for an appropriate level of assistance to these countries. **Welcomes in this context**, the project of providing social support and empowering women in the refugee and IDPs places, and caring for children without parental care in the Member States, which was prepared by the General Secretariat in coordination with the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and **calls upon** the Member States and the relevant institutions, especially the Islamic Development Bank, to support the project

6. Urges Member States to improve the living conditions and welfare of children affected by economic blockade and sanctions imposed on their countries.

7. Requests Member States to take necessary measures to protect children from the dangers of harmful media programmes and to support programmes that promote the cultural, moral and ethical values of children and families, and to elaborate and implement strategies to prevent child abuse on the internet. and asks the Member States to explore ways to protect children from various forms of violence against them, by combining efforts, mechanisms and approaches towards a joint preventive strategy.

- 8. Commends** the substantial role of Bangladesh in advocating the provision of ideal care and protection to children suffering from autism by adopting national policies, mechanisms and programmes and holding international symposia and activities on the sideline of various international for a and conferences, including UN conferences; and **appeals** to Member States to demonstrate their support for these advocacy efforts.
- 9. Urges** Member States to take measures to ensure retention of girls in the educational system and providing education on privacy to children and their families.
- 10. Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and the ICESCO to prepare a guiding framework for the OIC Strategy in the field of child care and welfare in the Muslim world, which was presented to the Ministerial Conference on Social Development; **invites** the ICESCO to prepare the draft strategy in cooperation with the General Secretariat and relevant OIC organs; and mandates the General Secretariat to hold an intergovernmental group of experts' meeting to discuss the draft strategy in coordination with the ICESCO.
- 11. Welcomes** the convening of the first meeting by the IPHRC in the framework of the revision and update process of the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam, in line with international human rights instruments; in coordination with the General Secretariat, the ICESCO, the IIFA and other relevant OIC organs.
- 12. Welcomes** the meeting of intergovernmental experts to discuss the revised document of the OIC Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam (OCRCI) titled "OIC Convention on the Rights of the Child", on 6-7 February 2022 prior to submitting it to the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration and adoption.
- 13. Invites** the General Secretariat in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions, especially ICESCO and SESRIC to study the different types of programmes of the Social Safety Net in place in the Member States in order to encourage the sharing of best practices in the area of the welfare of the elderly and people with special needs and the protection of their social security.
- 14. Requests** the General Secretariat to coordinate with relevant OIC specialized institutions, particularly ICESCO, IIFA, IPHRC, SESRIC, and IDB in order to organize specialized workshops to help enhance the capacities of national institutions working in the field of social development in order to address the challenges facing Member States in the area of family empowerment, the protection of the elderly and people with special needs, and integration and empowerment of people with special needs, and childcare. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and its relevant institutions, especially the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to support these activities.
- 15. Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions to prepare a draft OIC Plan of Action for the protection of people with special needs and disabled persons; **thanks** the Republic of Guinea for hosting two high-level experts panel discussions to discuss ways to integrate disabled people and enrich the OIC action plan in the area, held on 23-24 December 2019 and on 17-18 March 2021 in Conakry; and **invites** the General Secretariat to hold an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts' meeting to review and discuss the draft action plan, in order to finalize it in preparation for submission to the

Ministerial Conference on Social Development and the Council of Foreign Ministers for consideration and adoption.

16. Commends Azerbaijan for its consistent efforts and timely initiatives to support the global fight, including the convening of the special session of the UN General Assembly on the COVID-19 held on December 3-4, 2020 at the initiative of His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan as the chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement.

17. Welcomes the adoption, at the initiative of Azerbaijan as the chair of Non-Aligned Movement, of the resolutions 46/14 and A/RES/76/175 adopted respectively by the 46th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly on ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

18. Calls on the OIC and its Member States to support international efforts intended to ensure fair and equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccines.

19. Calls on the OIC Member States to support the initiative put forward by Azerbaijan to establish a UN High Level Panel on Global Recovery from the COVID-19.

B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OIC FAMILY COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Welcomes the establishment of the OIC Family Committee, to work under the authority of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, so as to deliberate on the protection and support of the family institution in OIC member states, to promote the Islamic family values and conduct follow-up activities in line with the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference and to monitor progress of the implementation of the OIC Strategy for the Empowerment of the Family and Marriage Institution (2020-2025);

2. Welcomes the convening of the first Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) to discuss the internal and financial rules of the committee under the chair of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, currently the Republic of Turkey, on 18 October 2021 in visual format and the second meeting of the IGGE held on 15 February 2022.

3. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 2nd Ministerial Conference on Social Development.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recalling the entry into force of the Statute of the OIC Women Development Organization and the commencement of its activities;

1. Commends the efforts of the Arab Republic of Egypt, the headquarters of the Women Development Organization, to hold meetings of the Council of the Women Development Organization, allocate a building as headquarters for the Organization, and provide the necessary equipment for the headquarters.

2. Commends the efforts of the United Arab Emirates in designating a women's pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai, which seeks to introduce visitors to the achievements of historical and modern women and women's progress in all fields, being the first separate pavilion dedicated to women in modern history.

3. Calls on the Member States to implement the provisions of the updated OPAAW that was adopted under "Resolution 3/6-W (Conference on Women) on Adoption of the amended OPAAW and its annexed implementation Mechanisms", during the 6th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, in coordination with the General Secretariat, through the approved mechanisms and in line with the indicators of evaluation of achieved progress in this area;

4. Urges the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with a comprehensive role in the sustainable development of Member States;

5. Invites the General Secretariat to continue cooperation with all OIC Member States in order to promote and implement the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in the Member States (OPAAW) and the resolutions of the OIC Ministerial Conference on Women in Member States, and to submit a report thereon to the 49th Session of the CFM.

6. Invites the IDB to cooperate with SESRIC, Women Development Organization (WDO) and the General Secretariat in implementing OPAAW, particularly in the areas of economic empowerment of women and combating poverty in order to ensure decent living to women and girls in conflict zones and in refugee camps.

7. Calls on Member States to prepare their progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW and submit them to the General Secretariat and to SESRIC in order to measure the progress made in the field of women empowerment and advancement in Member States. The

Council also invites the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Arab Republic of Egypt in its capacity as the chair country of the Ministerial Conference on Women, to hold a meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee (PRC) to form the Steering Committee to examine the Member States' periodic country progress reports on the implementation of the Plan (OPAAW), as indicated in the "Guidelines for the Preparation, Drafting and Presentation of OPAAW Implementation Reports" adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Women in its seventh session (Burkina Faso, 2018); and equally invites the General Secretariat, in association with the chair country of the Ministerial Conference on Women, and in coordination with the Women's Advisory Council (WAC) and relevant OIC agencies, particularly the OIC Women Organization, SESRIC and the IPHRC, to prepare a concept paper on the work of the Steering Committee for submission to the said meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee.

8. Calls upon the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat trafficking, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them;

9. Calls for alleviating poverty among women in order to promote their status in the Muslim world, and for the formulation of a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women;

10. Requests the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unity, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls;

11. Urges the governments of the Member States that are yet to do so to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literacy programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process;

12. Encourages the OIC Member States to hold expert meetings to prepare recommendations aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts and economic blockades and sanctions, and recommends that the results of these meetings be submitted to relevant international organizations;

13. Commends Tunisia for its experience in combating all forms of violence against women, catering for women with special needs and addressing economic and social empowerment of women and girls in rural areas, and welcomes Tunisia's readiness to share its experience with willing member states;

14. Calls for the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodshed perpetrated by Israeli occupation forces against women and children in Palestine, especially in Al-Quds and the Gaza Strip;

15. Welcomes the Tehran Declaration of the Third Ministerial Conference on the Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women; and **endorses**, in this context, the implementation of the recommendations therein;

16. Reiterates the urgent need to adopt the “Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam” and the review of the OIC “Declaration on Human Rights in Islam”;

17. Commends the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat and the Arab Republic of Egypt for the successful holding of the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Cairo from 6-8 July 2021; **welcomes** its resolutions and Cairo Declaration; and **calls on** Member States, international partners, and relevant institutions to cooperate with the Arab Republic of Egypt to implement the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat.

18. COMMENDS the efforts of the General Secretariat and Burkina Faso, Chair of the 7th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference, for convening the meetings of the Women Advisory Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women; **TAKE NOTE** of the reports on the activities of the Council; and **CALLS on** the General Secretariat and the Member States to continue to provide support for the Council to enable it to perform its assigned tasks, **ENCOURAGES** the Council to continue its work in accordance with its mandate that has been stipulated in the Internal Rules of the Council and **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat to continue to support the consultative work of the Council.

19. Takes note of the Concept Paper on developing a gender equality policy for the OIC, prepared by the Women Advisory Committee in coordination with the General Secretariat, IPHRC, and SESRIC; **invites** the General Secretariat to hold open-ended intergovernmental group of experts’ meetings do develop a draft gender equality policy for the Organization, for submission to the Ministerial Conference on the Development of Women and the Council of Foreign Ministers for adoption.

20. Welcomes the study prepared by the IPHRC on Gender Equality and Justice from the perspective of Islam and Human Rights; **invites** the General Secretariat to make the study accessible to the workers in this field in the Member States and the relevant regional and international organizations, in coordination with the IPHRC.

21. Calls on OIC institutions concerned, particularly the IsDB, ICESCO, SESRIC, **WDO**, ISFD, ICCIA and the ICDT to work for the implementation of the outcomes of the Conference, in coordination with the General Secretariat and, Egypt the Chair of the Conference;

22. Welcomes the bid offered by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to host the 9th session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in Member States in 2023; **takes note** of the offer made by the Republic of Mali to host the 10th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women and **calls on** the General Secretariat to coordinate with the authorities concerned and the relevant OIC organs and institutions in order to make arrangements to hold the Conference;

23. Commends the efforts of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), in coordination with the General Secretariat and in cooperation with Burkina-Faso, Chair of the 7th Ministerial Conference on Women, in holding a workshop on 19-20 January 2020 at the General Secretariat headquarters on the promotion of the concept of family bank in the G-5 Sahel countries; and **calls on** relevant OIC organs and institutions, particularly the IDB and the ISF to support the ICCIA’s initiative.

24. Commends the initiatives of Ministry of Family, and Social Services of the Republic of Turkey for the successful organization of the second edition of the “ALLY for Future” a leadership program for young Muslim women held with the participation of young women leaders from the OIC countries and Muslim communities and minorities, on 13-20 December 2019 in Istanbul.

25. Welcomes the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the “Protection of the Family”, which was issued over the past three years with the initiative of Egypt and with the support of the vast majority of the OIC Member States; and **invites** all the OIC Member States to join the Family Friends Group in Geneva and New York and to support the UNHRC resolution;

26. Appeals to OIC Member States, which suffer from all forms violence of against women, including domestic violence, underage marriage and female genital mutilation and cutting, to take appropriate measures to prevent and criminalize such practices, and **calls** on the Member States to make the necessary efforts to exonerate Islam from false claims linked to all forms of violence against women and family;

27. Approves the designation of H.H. Princess Lalla Meryem, daughter to the late King Hassan II, as Goodwill Ambassador of the OIC for family institution empowerment and combating female minors’ marriage; **thanks** His Royal Majesty Mohammed VI for acceding to this role entrusted to Her Highness the Princess; and calls on the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to provide support for the Princess to succeed in her mission;

28. Encourages the General Secretariat to cooperate with philanthropic societies in supporting poor and needy families, as well as with civil society in taking an active role in gender and family well-being;

29. Invites OIC specialized institutions and subsidiary organs that are yet to do so to establish a social affairs and family section to carry out the role in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat;

30. Takes note of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Women and with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); **calls for** the implementation of the terms of the two agreements in order to boost cooperation, implement the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), and achieve the economic and social objectives contained in the charters of the two organizations.

D) PROMOTING CAPACITY-BUILDING OF YOUTH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. Underscores** the importance of the youth and their role in the society and **calls** for raising their awareness through building youth capacity by further training, promotion and empowerment, and promoting them in all fields to play positive roles in the renaissance of their respective countries.
- 2. Calls** on Member States to work on using adequate methods for the education of Muslim youth to enhance their role in comprehensive development with a view to meeting future challenges.
- 3. Welcomes** the working paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing their status in the society.
- 4. Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the 4th Islamic Solidarity Sports Games in 2017 and to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for a good organization of the games, and thanks the states that participated in this important sports show.
- 5. Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to host the 5th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya on 9-18 August 2022, and expresses its wishes of success to the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) in their preparations to organize as co-organizers of the 5th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games; **invites** the Member States – through their National Olympic Committees – to ensure participation in this important sport event; and also takes note of the Republic of Turkey’s determination to implement 2022 Sports Capital of Islamic Countries programme in conjunction with hosting the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games.
- 6. Welcomes** the outcome of the Ministerial Brainstorming Session on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held on 11 July 2017 on the sidelines of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan, Republic of Cote d’Ivoire, and **invites** Member States, General Secretariat and relevant institutions to implement the initiatives proposed during the meeting.

7. Appreciates the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st Youth Forum held by the ICYF in Dhaka on 04 May 2018 on the sideline CFM, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM, in implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session at the Ministerial level on “Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity”, held during the 44th CFM in Abidjan.

8. Welcomes of made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the 5th Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) in Jeddah in 2020, which was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and **calls on** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to set a new date for holding the aforementioned conference, **invites** all Member States and the relevant institutions to actively participate in the conference’s activities; **takes note** of the offer made by Libya, the Republic of Indonesia and the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the next three sessions of the Conference respectively; and **also takes note** of the will of the State of Libya to implement the programme of the Islamic Youth capital in concomitance with its hosting of the 6th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports in Tripoli in the same year.

9. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat, SESRIC for the preparation of a draft implementation plan of the OIC Youth Strategy; and **calls on** Member States and institutions concerned to implement the plan in coordination with the General Secretariat.

10. Commends the efforts of the General Secretariat and the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chair of the 4th ICMYS, to hold meetings of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports on 13 February and 3 October 2019 at the headquarters of the General Secretariat, in implementation of the resolution of the said conference; and **thanks** the member states and the institutions which participated in the meetings of the Steering Committee on Youth and Sports for their efforts to ensure the success of the Meeting.

11. Welcomes the establishment of the Youth Section in the OIC General Secretariat and **invites** Member States and relevant institutions to support, cooperate and coordinate with it to reach its desired goals for youth in the Muslim World and beyond.

12. Calls upon the General Secretariat to adequately organize the sessions of the OIC Islamic ministerial conference on the youth and sports, and coordinate all the OIC sectoral ministerial meetings, reports of which are submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit, and to coordinate the activities of all the subsidiary organs as well as specialized and affiliated institutions concerned, without prejudice to the OIC Charter and regulations, to avoid duplication and to streamline work, in fulfillment of the duties entrusted to it by the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit.

13. Welcomes the project of the OIC Youth Training Program on "Cultural Diplomacy and Leadership Development Skills to Prepare the Member States’ Youth for the Post-Covid 19 Era", which will be implemented by the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic University in Malaysia; **invites** all Member States and institutions working in the field of youth, including the OIC Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYM), ICESCO, ISSF, World Federation of Muslim Scouts, SESRIC and other relevant institutions such as the Islamic Solidarity Fund to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in implementing the aforementioned project.

- 14. Urges** all OIC Member States and relevant institutions, including the IDB and the ISF, to reinforce coordination with the General Secretariat in order to activate the Youth Section to enable it to carry out its functions, including the follow-up of implementation of the executive plan of action of the OIC Youth Strategy.
- 15. Welcomes** the accession of SESRIC to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the OIC institutions in the area of youth, and calls on all relevant institutions to further cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in order to achieve the aspired objective in the interest of the youth in the Member States.
- 16. Requests** Member States to intensify their efforts to raise awareness among young people on the dangers of drug abuse by strengthening the role of the family institution, the media institution, youth centers and non-governmental organizations in spreading awareness, and promoting a spirit of cooperation, recognition, citizenship and positive participation in society.
- 17. Welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experiences and information in the field of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.
- 18. Calls on** the OIC Member States to ensure the provision of equal opportunities to young people with special needs and those who are socially and economically underprivileged to participate effectively in the development process.
- 19. Commends** the joint initiative between the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic Development Bank to organize regional consultations in the three geographical regions of the Organization (African, Arab and Asian), with a view to analyzing and arranging their political priorities in the field of youth within the framework of the organization's youth strategy, and to formulate a regional plan that will be implemented by the Member States in coordination and cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank and other affiliated institutions working in the field of youth.
- 20. Invites** all institutions working in the field of youth, including the ICYM, ICESCO, ISSF, World Federation of Muslim Scouts, SESRIC, as well as the Islamic Solidarity Fund to participate in these activities in order to build the capacities of the national institutions working in the field of youth.
- 21. Calls on** the OIC institutions active in the field of youth to provide training and learning opportunities for OIC youth and initiate events to promote youth capacity building, awareness, participation and a culture of moderation.
- 22. Commends** Azerbaijan for "the Educational Grant Program for the Citizens of the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation" and thanks for scholarships granted so far to 79 students from 35 OIC Member States to study at leading universities of Azerbaijan.
- 23. Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the United Arab Emirates for designating a separate pavilion for youth at the Expo 2020 Dubai, being a major platform for all initiatives and projects relating to youth involvement and empowerment in the world and for celebrating their talents and displaying their youthful experiences in various fields.

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

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

25. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/48-C

**ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

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 decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 14th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 47th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 11th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 11th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

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

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

1. Notes with appreciation the Centre's research projects, publications, academic congresses and art events that relate to Islamic history and civilization, history of sciences and culture, intercultural dialogue, cultural and architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world.

2. Commends the comprehensive research program on Studies on The Holy Quran that concentrates on the history of early manuscripts; takes note of the scholarly publications refuting the unfounded claims of Orientalists against the authenticity of the Holy Quran, and expresses its support for the Centre's efforts towards research, training and publications in the field of Quranic studies in the Member States and beyond.

3. Takes note of the academic congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and its contributions to world civilization; commends in this regard, the events on global and regional themes such as: the webinar on "Turning Points in History and Effects of Pandemics" (20 May 2020); the international symposium on "Religious Literature and Heritage" organized jointly with the Center for Research and Development of Religious Literature and Heritage, Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia (30 November-2 December 2021); the webinar on the "History of Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa" coordinated in cooperation with the National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa (17 October 2020) and the international conference on the same theme in preparation for 2022 jointly with the Mozambican Institute for Socio-Cultural

Research (ARPAC); the congress on “Islamic History and Civilization in South Central Africa and the Gulf of Guinea” to be organized jointly with the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon; the congresses postponed during the pandemic and to be planned anew, on: the “History and Heritage of Waqfs in West Africa”, jointly with the High Authority of Waqfs of the Republic of Senegal; “Islamic Studies in West Africa”, jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sierra Leone; “The Empire of Mali and the Ottoman Empire in the History of the Islamic World”, jointly with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Mali; online conferences on “Culture, Religious Traditions and Customs of the Central Asian Peoples” organized jointly with the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan (14 October 2020, 14 October 2021); the international conference on “The Role and Contribution of Bukhara to Islamic Civilization” conducted jointly with the Center for Research on Islamic Civilization in Uzbekistan (28 May 2020), as well as the publications resulting from these activities; and welcomes the plans to hold congresses on prominent figures of Islamic sciences and philosophy such as al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Ibn Rushd and Ibn al-Arabi and the sciences and culture of the Islamic periods in Andalusia, Sicily, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the congresses on the history of cultural interactions between the Muslim world and civilizations in China, Japan and Korea.

4. Expresses its appreciation of the editions of original archive documents relating to al-Quds and Palestine which contain information on the administrative, cultural and social history of the region, including: 9 new editions prepared in the series on Sharia Court Registers of al-Quds (16th-18th centuries) raising the total number of registers published so far to 40; 7 volumes of land registries of Palestine (19th century) transcribed within the framework of the continuing project, and an album of postcards and other anthropological materials serving as references about al-Quds in the 19th century.

5. Commends the Centre’s pioneering activities in the field of source studies aiming to promote research and education in Islamic studies and takes note in this regard, of: the activities of the “IRCICA Chair for Islamic History and Source Studies” established at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan; the holding of international workshops on the “Current Status of Research on Islamic History, Art and Culture in Kyrgyzstan” jointly with Bishkek State University (13 February 2020) and “New Perspectives for the Study of Islamic Culture, History and Art in Uzbekistan” jointly with Al-Biruni Institute of Oriental Studies, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan (28 May 2021); the projects implemented jointly with the Center for Research of Uzbekistan’s Cultural Wealth Located Overseas under the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Uzbekistan which resulted in the publication of a manuscript copy of a work by ‘Alisher Nava’i and a catalogue of copies of Ibn Sina’s works; the joint publication project with the Institute of Oriental Studies, Ministry of Education and Science of Kazakhstan, on the Islamic inscriptions in Aral-Caspian region; the Centre’s publications on Ottoman archive documents concerning Kuwait in the 19th century and Morocco and Andalusia in the 16th century and the volume in preparation on Tunis in the 16th century; the program of congresses on the “History and Development of Islamic Learning and Scholarship in Africa” launched with the webinar organized jointly with Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria (5 April 2021) and to continue with the international congresses to be organized jointly with Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria and King Faisal University of Chad.

6. Expresses its appreciation of the Centre’s activities on the preservation of cultural and architectural heritage, particularly its contributions to the ongoing establishment of the OIC

Platform for the Protection of Cultural Heritage under the coordination of the OIC General Secretariat, and its projects geared to the needs of the Member States, such as: the “Prince Sultan bin Salman Islamic Architectural Heritage Database” which will also serve as a reference for the OIC Platform; the international webinar on “Urban History of the Islamic World and Prospects for the Post-Pandemic Era” (16 June 2020); the publication of reference works on the architectural heritage in various regions of the Muslim world; notes with appreciation that the architectural schools and training programs postponed during the pandemic will resume in the coming months.

7. Takes note of the Centre’s studies and international activities relating to cultural heritage located in conflict zones such as the international online conference on the history and cultural heritage of Rohingya Muslims to be conducted jointly with the IRCICA Chair at the Department of Islamic History and Culture of Dhaka University, People’s Republic of Bangladesh, and its studies on the state of cultural heritage in Syria and Iraq.

8. Takes note of the activities that promote Islamic arts including the 12th International Calligraphy Competition launched in June 2021 to be finalized in mid-2022; the training programs conducted online, the School of Calligraphy conducted at Arewa House, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria; the publication of albums and scholarly reference works on the history and main schools of calligraphy, and welcomes the Centre’s plans to organize an international competition on the art of illumination and to hold an international congress on the art of Islamic calligraphy.

9. Commends the multidimensional events planned in the context of the Craft Development Program including the forthcoming Fifth Tabriz International Handicrafts Festival and related webinars being prepared jointly with Tabriz Islamic Arts University, Islamic Republic of Iran.

10. Takes note of the Centre’s efforts in the field of women’s advancement and its research projects to lead to an Encyclopedia of Intellectual and Scholarly Achievements of Women in the Muslim World and an Encyclopedia of Waqfs Established by Women in the Muslim World.

11. Extends its congratulations to H.E. Ambassador Prof. Mahmut Erol Kılıç, the newly appointed Director General of IRCICA, and wishes him success in his mission.

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

13. Expresses its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their determined financial contributions to IRCICA’s budget and calls upon the other Member States to settle their arrears as soon as possible in order to support the Centre’s vital activities on Islamic history, civilization and arts.

B) THE STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC),

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

Being conscious of SESRIC's role in preparing technical background reports and studies on the various agenda items of the relevant OIC Ministerial Conferences, workshops, and expert group meetings in the domain of social and family affairs,

Taking note with appreciation of the detailed research studies submitted by SESRIC to the First Session of OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development namely: *State of Elderly in OIC Member Countries, People with Disabilities and Special Needs in OIC Countries, and Common Paper on the Institution of Family and SDGs*,

Commending SESRIC for making significant contributions and efforts in drafting and finalization of a number of OIC level strategies and plans of action including *the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women, OIC Strategy for Empowering the Marriage and Family Institution, and Preserving its Values in the Muslim World, OIC Strategy on the Elderly, OIC Youth Strategy, and OIC Plan of Action on People with Disabilities*,

Praising the Centre's various training capacity building programmes and knowledge sharing activities within the framework of the implementation and follow up of the OIC level strategy documents, especially the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and the OIC Youth Strategy,

Acknowledging the Centre's efforts to increase the coverage and availability of the statistical indicators in its OIC Statistics Database (OIC-Stat), especially in the domain of gender and family affairs, youth, elderly, and people with disabilities,

Having considered the activity report submitted by SESRIC;

- 1. Commends** SESRIC on its technical background reports and studies on gender and family affairs, youth, elderly, and people with disabilities which are submitted regularly to the relevant OIC Conferences and Ministerial Meetings ;
- 2. Urges** SESRIC to continue undertaking joint research projects with relevant regional, international and national research and think-tank institutions and universities on social and family issues of interest to the Member States with a view to identifying contemporary pressing problems and generating policy proposals, and organizing joint activities that will initiate and enhance cooperation among them;
- 3. Invites** SESRIC to initiate new research projects in the area of social development with a specific focus on social and family issues, which are challenging the efforts of the Members States towards achieving the SDGs, particularly those which are also stipulated in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action;
- 4. Calls upon** SESRIC to undertake detailed research studies on the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on different social and vulnerable groups including youth, elderly, women and people with disabilities in the Member States with a view to providing guidance to policymakers in designing evidence-based social policies;
- 5. Urges** SESRIC to continue its efforts towards enhancing the technical capacities of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of the OIC Member States in collecting, processing and reporting social development and family affairs related statistics within the framework of the Centre's Statistical Capacity Building Programme (StatCaB) and calls upon the Member States to actively participate in the annual sessions of the OIC Statistical Commission (OIC-StatCom);

6. Calls upon the Member States to participate in, and support, the activities of SESRIC in the domain of social and family affairs through designating their National Focal Points (NFPs) for the effective implementation of Capacity Building and Vocational Education and Training programmes as well as surveys designed and conducted by SESRIC;

7. Requests 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 training courses, workshops, and study visits within the framework of SESRIC's Social Development Capacity Building Programme (SD-CaB) and the Vocational Education and Training Programme for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC-VET) for the benefit of the Member States.

C) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

Recalling the resolutions issued by the different sessions of the Islamic Summit conference and other Islamic conferences, in particular, the 14th session of the Islamic Summit, the 47th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, and the 43rd session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs,

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

1. Expresses its great gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia, and to all Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, leaders of the OIC Member States, for their support to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy in its active role in clarifying the values of tolerance, temperance, and moderation in Islam, while underlining that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy is the reference of the Ummah.

2. Takes Notes of the performance of His Excellency Prof. Koutoub Moustapha Sano in his management of the Secretariat General of the Academy, and the effective role he plays in developing the administrative and scientific work through the development of a five-year strategic plan that includes many projects and scientific programs. It also thanks him for the efforts made to develop the Academy and calls upon the member states and subsidiary, specialized and affiliated bodies of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to support the Academy because of the realistic vision contained in this strategic plan to make the Academy the first Shariah reference in the Muslim world.

3. Recorded with appreciation that the Secretariat General of the Academy has held various symposiums on topics that include emerging calamities, and among these topics is a symposium on digital cryptocurrencies, which was held recently in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in cooperation with the Department of Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities in the Emirate of Dubai - United Arab Emirates – on 03 Rabi' Al-Thani 1443H, corresponding to 08 November 2021G, and urges the Academy to continue dealing with these issues because of their importance in the Islamic and global financial arena.

4. Commends the performance of the staff of the Secretariat General of the Academy and the activities they have carried out, since the forty-third session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

5. Takes note of the meeting of the Foundation Board and the Supervisory Board of IIFA Waqf Fund, and thanks the Islamic Development Bank for supporting the Waqf and contributing to the investment and development of its funds and assets.

- 6. Urges** Member States, organizations, and the private sector to donate to this important Fund through its institutions and seizes this opportunity to thank Eng. Suleiman Al khariji who donated a flat in Makkah Al Mukarramah to the Academy's Waqf.
- 7. Thanks** the General Secretariat for translating the resolutions of the Academy into a number of important local languages inside and outside the Muslim world, namely Turkish, Spanish, Persian, Hausa, Mandingo, Malay, Urdu, and Swahili.
- 8. Thanks** the Government of Indonesia for agreeing to host the twenty-fifth Annual Session, which will be held in 2022.
- 9. Thanks** the countries that hosted the Academy's previous Annual Sessions: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (9 sessions), the United Arab Emirates (4 sessions), the State of Kuwait (3 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), Brunei Darussalam, Bahrain, Qatar, Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia, and Algeria (one session each), which is a real contribution from these countries in supporting the Academy.
- 10. Invites** the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to host the upcoming sessions of the Academy, which would help achieve the goals and objectives for which it was established.
- 11. Thanks** the member states that have paid their mandatory contributions to the budget of the Academy and renews its appeal to the member states that have not yet paid their contributions to do so quickly, and also recommends that all member states continue their support to the Academy by financing some of its projects so that it can perform its tasks in the service of Islam and Muslims. The Academy also urges the member states to support IIFA's Waqf Fund through in-kind or cash donations as well as contributions from the public and private sectors inside and outside the Muslim world.

D) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF (ISF)

HAVING considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial year 2020, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its budgets and implementing its annual programs;

- 1. Expresses** its keen interest to preserve this important Islamic organ which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of Islamic solidarity.
- 2. Approves** the renewal of mandate of the Permanent Council in its current formation including the chairman, Ambassador Nasser Abdullah bin Hamdan Al-Za'abi, starting from 01 July 2022 up to 30 June 2026.
- 3. Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make annual donations - within their available means - in favor of the ISF budget and contribute to raising ISF Waqf capital.
- 4. Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates which made donations to the Fund and its Waqf during the fiscal year 2019.
- 5. Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council to the 44th Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

- 6. Adopts** the Permanent Council's approval of the ISF Closing Accounts for the financial year 2019-2020.
- 7. Approves** the Permanent Council's adoption of the ISF budget estimates for projects, of US\$ 20 million, for the financial year 2022.
- 8. Calls** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the ISF operational budget for the financial year 2022, which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.
- 9. Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistance to projects as well as cultural, Islamic, educational, health-related and social centers in the Muslim world.
- 10. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Emergency Committee for its rapid response to urgent cases caused by disasters and calamities that afflict some of the Muslim countries, namely its rapid response to the least developed Member States most affected by the pandemic (Covid-19); and launches an appeals to Member States to make donations to the Fund to provide it with resources that enable it to strengthen action in this vital respect.
- 11. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the OIC Secretary General for his efforts, distinct sponsorship and continued attention towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.
- 12. Also Expresses** thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman, to the Executive director and the Executive Bureau for their efforts in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.
- 13. Requests** H.E the OIC Secretary General to follow up this matter and submit a report to the 49th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/48-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Welcomes the activities and programs implemented by ICESCO in its various fields of competence, namely education, science, culture, society and communication; **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Director-General of the Organization, **Dr. Salim Mohammed AIMalik**, aimed at developing the Organization's action and broadening its fields; **WELCOMES** the content of the new vision and the orientations of the Strategic Action Plan for 2025 and the content of the prospective draft Action Plan and Budget of ICESCO for the years 2022-2023; **WELCOMES** the remarkable contribution of ICESCO to the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action to enable the Ummah to face the challenges of the 21st century, adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit, and **EXPRESSES APPRECIATION** for the activities implemented by ICESCO within the framework of the said Program.

2. Welcomes ICESCO's signing of new cooperation agreements and work programs with a number of Arab, Islamic and international organizations and bodies; **WELCOMES** the joint activities implemented within this framework, in particular the international conferences and symposia as well as the development projects, which have made it possible to promote the remarkable initiatives of the Director General of ICESCO, relating to the establishment of relations of diversified cooperation giving rise to numerous programs carried out with similar

organizations and institutions, which greatly contributed to highlighting the positive image of the Islamic world; and **INVITES** ICESCO to continue these laudable efforts.

3. Welcomes the initiative of ICESCO to announce “the year 2021 year of the Woman” under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, and expresses its gratitude to His Majesty the King for this patronage and to their Excellencies and Highnesses the Heads of State and Government and Princes, for their support to this initiative and to the First Ladies for their contributions to the activities of this initiative.

4. Take notes, with appreciation, of the specialized sector strategies and their implementation mechanisms, developed by ICESCO in the fields of education, science, culture and communication, and **INVITES** Member States to cooperate with ICESCO for the implementation of said strategies, in cooperation with the regional and international organizations concerned.

5. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in the development of original education programs, the promotion of the position of the Arabic language and the development of the capacities of Member States outside the Islamic world in the production of school books, digital production and publication of Arabic language materials for non-Arabic speakers, as well as improving the educational competence of managers working in education by ensuring their theoretical and practical monitoring of educational developments and their use of educational technology.

6. Welcomes the important roles of ICESCO in supporting space sciences, artificial intelligence, strategic foresight and the adoption of information and communication technologies (ICT) in policies and their integration into the education systems of the Member States, proposing initiatives and implementing new programs aimed at the specialized technical empowerment of the competent authorities, in order to facilitate the most optimal and efficient use of these technologies , improve the quality of educational, cultural and scientific services, and promote the national production of knowledge and digital content.

7. Welcomes the efforts and achievements of ICESCO in the field of the fight against the negative effects of the COVID19 pandemic, on the educational, cultural and scientific output and **WELCOMES** the action of ICESCO in this field, especially in matters professional empowerment and socio-economic support for women and young people, through its programs for their benefit in some African Member States, in cooperation with its partners.

8. Welcomes the role of ICESCO in the fight against extremism and violence, and education for peace and social security, pillars of human dignity and basis for sustainable development, as well as through the promotion of citizenship and human rights education in educational curricula, as well as the alignment of training programs in academic institutions with development requirements; **WELCOMES** also the activities carried out in the educational, social and humanitarian fields, in order to promote quality and equal opportunities and governance and innovation in higher education and youth employment.

9. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in improving higher education systems in Member States and promoting cooperation with the private sector; and **URGES** ICESCO to strengthen partnerships between universities and prestigious schools, the exchange of expertise and

knowledge with a view to promoting peace, understanding and mutual respect among Member States and with each other.

10. Thanks ICESCO for devoting a series of activities at the national, regional and international levels, and for having implemented them in the capitals of culture in the Islamic world celebrated each year, in contribution to the programs of celebration, and **INVITES** him to continue this support; **WELCOMES** the efforts made by the Member States whose capitals were celebrated for the years 2019-2020-2021; and **CALLS ON** ICESCO and relevant parties to ensure the success of this important cultural program.

11. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in the holding of the 8th Islamic Conference of Ministers of the Environment (CIME) (ICESCO Headquarters, Rabat, October 2019) under the theme: "**Promoting the role of cultural and religious factors in the protection of the environment and the achievement of sustainable development**", in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, which Conference adopted a strategy to strengthen these factors, launched the program of "**Environmentally Friendly Capitals in the World Islamic**" and the Plan of Action to Mitigate the Risks of Environmental Disasters in the Islamic World **2020-2022**, as well as the recommendation of the project to establish the Network for Environmental Action in the Islamic World, and **INVITES** Member States to contribute the activation of the recommendations of this Conference and in particular the activation of the Executive Plan of the Organization's Strategy in this area.

12. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in coordination with the relevant parties in the Kingdom of Morocco to ensure the follow-up of the practical procedures necessary for the creation of the "**Islamic Academy for the Environment and Sustainable Development**"; and **WELCOMES** the efforts of the Organization to secure the General Secretariat of the "**Prize of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for Environmental Management in the Islamic World**", and to award it at the opening ceremony of the 8th CIME.

13. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in cooperation with the General Secretariat to coordinate joint action in the field of water and strengthen the action of the "OIC Water Council" resulting from the "**Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water**", in light of the "**ICESCO Strategy for Water Resources Management in the Islamic World and its Implementation Plan**" and the "Vision 2025 of OIC relating to water, so as to ensure water security in Islamic countries; and **WELCOMES** the efforts of ICESCO in participating in the 4th UN General Assembly (Nairobi, March 2019) in joint activities with the UNEP Faith for Earth initiative to expose the worldview Islamic in the various relevant themes.

14. Welcomes the initiative of ICESCO for the creation of a number of specialized prizes in education, culture, scientific research, human and social sciences, environment, communication, volunteering and Arabic language; and **THANKS** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Morocco, and the State of the United Arab Emirates for the sponsorship of many of these awards.

15. Welcomes the efforts made by all Member States, since their accession to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in advancing children's issues and ensuring their best interests and their various rights to survival, development and protection against various manifestations of violence, and **CALLS** for strengthening these efforts by developing national action plans to

address all forms of violence against children in all spaces, drawing on the relevant international, regional and national tools.

16. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in the fight against Islamophobia and hate speech and racial discrimination from an academic, professional and legal point of view, and **WELCOMES** the publication of the Encyclopedia of Deconstructing of the Speech of Radicalism, in partnership with the League of the Islamic World and the League of Ulemas of Morocco.

17. Welcomes the efforts and achievements of ICESCO in the protection of tangible and intangible cultural heritage in the Member States, and the inscription of a large number of sites on the ICESCO list for World Heritage. Islamic, and **INVITES** Member States to support ICESCO's efforts to protect this heritage.

18. Welcomes the efforts made by the Federation of Universities of the Islamic World (FUMI) in the creation of university chairs and the development of plans and strategies and the implementation of activities, programs and projects aimed at promoting university education. , and **EXTENDS** the role of FUMI in the development of partnership and cooperation relations with member universities and similar organizations, thanks to its achievements and initiatives which have earned it a prominent place in university Islamic action common.

19. Welcomes the efforts of ICESCO in holding the 11th session of the Conference of Ministers of Culture in the Islamic World (17-18 December 2019, Tunis) in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tunisia , and in coordination with the OIC; **WELCOMES** the Tunis Declaration for “**Developing Cultural Security Policies in the Islamic World**” adopted by the conference, as well as the holding of the Virtual Conference of Ministers of Culture in the Islamic World (June 17, 2020) and the Virtual Conference Ministers of Education (May 14, 2020), and **CALLS ON** Member States, Islamic organizations and bodies to activate its content and guidelines.

20. Welcomes the holding of the 1st International Conference for “**the civilizational values of the Sira of the Prophet**”, under the high patronage of His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco, and in cooperation with the League of the Islamic World and the League of Ulemas of Morocco, with the participation of a number of Heads of State and Government, and **WELCOMES** the initiative of the Conference to declare (April 21), International Day of Mercy, and **INVITES** member states to support this initiative in the regional and international fora concerned.

21. Thanks the Arab Republic of Egypt for hosting the 42nd session of the Executive Council and the 14th session of the General Conference (Cairo, 6-9 December 2021), **WELCOMES** the resolutions resulting from these sessions, and **THANKS** the General Conference and the Executive Council, in their capacity as constitutional organs of ICESCO, for their constructive efforts to ensure the development of ICESCO's action in order to enable it to carry out its missions.

22. Expresses its sincere thanks and immense gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, and to Their Majesties, Excellencies and Highnesses, Kings, Chiefs and Emirs of the Member States for the generous support given to the

ICESCO and for having funded numerous programs and activities in the fields of education, science and culture.

23. Expresses its warm thanks and deep gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for having kindly placed the initiatives and conferences of ICESCO under his high patronage and the constant support, which the Organization has always enjoyed from Moroccan government, allowing it to carry out its mission.

24. Expresses most grateful appreciation to H.E. President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of the Arab Republic of Egypt for his patronage of “ICESCO Youth Year” for 2022.

B) ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT (ICIC)

Recalling the resolutions issued by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference and other Islamic conferences, especially the forty-seventh session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, regarding the ICIC.

Having examined the report of the ICIC President on the activities of the ICIC administration.

1. Urges the OIC member States that have not yet acceded to the ICIC establishing agreement to take the initiative and join it as soon as possible so that it can accomplish its tasks and achieve its noble goals.

2. Calls upon all OIC Member States and concerned Islamic organizations and institutions to support the ICIC efforts financially and morally in order to achieve its programmes.

3. Calls upon the ICIC to make efforts to provide care, protection and humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters, victims of armed conflicts, refugees, displaced persons and war prisoners, in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other relevant regional and international organs.

4. Expresses its deep thanks to Libya (hosting of ICIC headquarters) for the support and facilities it provided for the ICIC Administration.

5. Calls upon the States parties to the ICIC establishing agreement that have not paid their contributions to the ICIC budget for the years 2009 to 2021, to expedite the payment of their overdue contributions to the ICIC as soon as possible.

6. Expresses its deep appreciation to the ICIC president, ICIC members and the ICIC Administration for the efforts made in the fields of humanitarian work and humanitarian assistances activities and that have been implemented in a number of regions of the Islamic world.

7. Expresses its thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for the support provided to the ICIC and appeals it to continue to provide it with more support.

- 8. Appeals** to OIC Member States and relevant Islamic institutions to contribute to the implementation of the ICIC humanitarian assistance programs in Palestine, Somalia, Niger, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Guinea, Chad, Kosovo, Turkish Cypriot State, Bangladesh, Central Africa, Mali, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Sierra Leone.
- 9. Calls upon** OIC Member States and Islamic donor institutions to deliver part of their humanitarian aid through the ICIC channel in order to enhance partnership within the OIC framework.
- 10. Calls upon** OIC Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the Contribution in the Irregular Migration Program, hosted by the Tunisian Red Crescent Society at its headquarters, within the framework of cooperation and partnership with the Red Crescent/Red Cross Societies in OIC Member States regarding irregular migration in African countries approved in the third consultative meeting between the ICIC and the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies in OIC Member States, which was held in Tunis in 2013.
- 11. Calls upon** OIC Member States and the concerned Islamic institutions to support the Social Peace Building Center, whose strategy of its work adopted by the ICIC thirtieth session, and its headquarters hosted by the Iraqi Red Crescent Society (IRCS) following the memorandum of understanding signed on May 27, 2016 as a joint program of cooperation between IRCS and the ICIC.
- 12. Calls upon** OIC member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the Islamic Forum of International Humanitarian Law, joint program hosted by Qatar Red Crescent Society, to cooperate in the areas of awareness of international humanitarian law and related Islamic provisions.
- 13. Calls upon** the ICIC to continue contacts with Kuwait Red Crescent Society to complete the procedures for establishing the program of the International Humanitarian Law Day, on May 9 of each year, which was approved by Resolution No. 42/1 issued by the forty-second session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of OIC Member States held in Kuwait in 2015.
- 14. Commending** the efforts made by the ICIC Administration through its regional representative for North Asia and Europe, which its headquarters is hosted in Ankara, with the support of the Turkish Red Crescent, in relief ,humanitarian and development assistances works in Kosovo, Gaza, Turkish Cypriot State and Tajikistan, and thanks and appreciation to the Bahrain Red Crescent Society, the Bahraini charities and the Kuwait Red Crescent Society for the financial support they provided to some of these projects.
- 15. Expressing** thanks and appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the 35th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent at the OIC General Secretariat headquarters on January 5-6, 2022 AD, and expressing thanks and appreciation to the OIC General Secretariat and the Saudi Red Crescent Authority for the efforts which have been made to make the work of this session a success.

16. The election of the following candidates, as non-permanent ICIC members for a period of four years, as of the date of this resolution.

- 1- Dr. Yaseen Abbas (Iraq).
- 2- Dr. Fathi Ben Zekri (Tunisia).
- 3- Dr. Naci Yorulmaz (Turkey).
- 4- Dr. Muhammad Al-Hadid (Jordan).

C) WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (WDO)

1. **Welcomes** the entry into force of the Statute of the Women Development Organization for the Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation on 31st July 2021 after completing the quorum necessary for its adoption, and acknowledges its pivotal role as the center for women's issues within the Islamic Cooperation system;

2. **Welcomes** the opening of the WDO's headquarters in Cairo on the first of August 2021, and calls on the General Secretariat of OIC, specialized institutions, subsidiary organs and affiliated institutions to cooperate and provide the necessary support and assistance to the nascent Organization;

3. **Emphasizes** that the establishment of the WDO and the start of its work will lead to more effective coordination, consistency and generalization of the perspective of gender equality across the Islamic cooperation system, especially in light of the Corona pandemic and its aftermath, which negatively affected all segments in our societies, especially women and girls, and that mainstreaming this perspective across the Islamic cooperation system is an integral part of the work of the WDO;

4. **Welcomes** the adoption by the Ministerial Council of the WDO of a set of important resolutions that paved the way for the WDO's Executive Secretariat to start its work at its headquarters in Cairo, including the Rules of Procedure and Working Methods of the WDO, the Regulations for the Human Resources of the Executive Secretariat of the WDO, the Internal Financial Regulations of the WDO, and the Criteria for Selecting the Executive Director of the WDO;

5. **Commends** the important role played by the Arab Republic of Egypt and the General Secretariat of the OIC in preparing the drafts of the documents, referred to above, and coordinating the convening of the ministerial councils of the WDO that adopted those resolutions;

6. **Commends** the political and financial support provided by the Arab Republic of Egypt to the WDO in order to start its work, including:

- a. Fully equipping the WDO in terms of furniture and technological equipment, which cost to date more than four million dollars;
- b. Egypt's provision of a voluntary grant of three million USD to complete the WDO's needs and start its activities until member states start paying their assessed contributions to the WDO's budget;
- c. Egypt pays its mandatory contribution to the WDO's budget before starting the work at the headquarters;

- d. Egypt's decision to pay the assessed contributions of the least developed countries that have joined the WDO or that will join;
7. **Commends** the technical grant provided by the Islamic Development Bank to the WDO, amounting to \$150,000, in addition to funding a number of experts, which will contribute significantly to strengthening and building the capacities of the WDO's technical staff, and completing the institutional building of its Executive Secretariat;
8. **Commends** the distinguished activities and programs initiated by the WDO, including the development of a number of policy papers, and the questionnaire circulated to member states in order to develop its first strategic plan, which will consist of four main themes: promoting women's economic empowerment, eliminating violence against women, and Women's leadership for more peaceful and sustainable societies, and the role of women in preventing and fighting corruption;
9. **Expresses** its appreciation for the workshops and training courses held by the WDO in order to build the capacities of in its member states on women's issues, including "The First Workshop to Prepare for the Participation of Representatives of the Member States in the Work of the Third Committee of the 76th session of the United Nations' General Assembly" held on 27th September, 4th and 6th of October 2021, and the guidelines prepared by the WDO Executive Secretariat for draft resolutions presented to the General Assembly related to women's issues;
10. **Welcomes** the regional and international partnerships launched by the WDO, including the partnership with the Islamic Development Bank, the UN-Women, the United Nations Development Program and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
11. **Calls** upon the member states to support the trend to disseminate the gender equality perspective in all activities, programs, implemented policies and documents issued by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its various organs;
12. **Urges** member states that have not joined the WDO to date to do so as soon as possible so that they can benefit from its activities and programmes;
13. **Expresses** its thanks to the member states that have paid their assessed contributions to the budget of the WDO, and calls on other member states to follow suit and pay their due contributions to the budget of the WDO, and also recommends that the member states provide their support to the Organization by financing some of its activities and programs so that it can implement its objectives to serve Women and the depiction of the correct image of women in the Islamic world, including the tasks entrusted to the WDO according to the resolutions adopted by the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Council of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for Women, which was held in Cairo from 6 to 8 July 2021;
14. **Requests** the Secretary-General of OIC to submit a report to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the implementation of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7/48-C
ON**

AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

A) Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)

1. To express thanks and appreciations to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, headed by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz, Crown Prince for hosting the Headquarters of ISSF and for the material and moral support of ISSF out of the Kingdom's full faith of the necessity of caring for all issues related to Youth of Muslim Nation.

2. To announce the ISSF Executive Board's decision about postponing the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games "Konya 2021" due to the current world health situation of novel coronaviruses (COVID-19) outbreak and the difficulties that some member countries may face regarding the slow vaccinations and air travel procedures, which may affect the participation of the member countries and may not to achieve the main goal for which the Islamic Solidarity Games were organized. The new date of the Games is 09-18 August 2022.

3. To urge the Member States of ISSF to participate actively in this edition of Islamic Solidarity Games in Konya to achieve the aspired goals of accomplishing solidarity & brotherhood among Muslim youth on the territory of the Republic of Turkey.

4. To commend the joint efforts/work taken place between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and the Organizing Committee of the 5th ISG, 2021, appreciating their keen interest to avail participation of all Islamic countries.

5. Assigns the ISSF General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, to follow up to follow up the implementation of the Resolution of the Council of Foreign Ministers taken at its 46th Session held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, during the period 28 February to 3 March 2019 to confirm the Resolution of the 3rd Islamic

Conference of Ministers of Youth & Sport, held in Istanbul, Turkey on 5-7 October 2016; to invite the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its affiliated bodies to provide a fixed financial support (\$ 1 million) to the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation once every four years to contribute to accomplish good preparation of the Islamic Solidarity Games and to support all Islamic countries to participate in those Games.

6. To welcome the Cameroon`s bid to host the 6th Islamic Solidarity Games in 2025, and to thank the Government of Cameroon, represented by its Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Cameroon Olympic and Sports Committee, for their keen interest in hosting the Games.

7. To commend the successful organization of the 6th ISSF International Solidarity Weightlifting Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 7-15 February 2020; to express thanks to the Government of Uzbekistan, represented by its National Olympic Committee and National Weightlifting Federation, for their outstanding efforts in hosting and organizing the championship as a qualifying competition for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games; and to express thanks to all participating countries.

8. To commend the efforts of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, its National Olympic Committee and the Bangladesh Archery Federation and the Bangladesh Archery Federation for their cooperation & support for holding the 4th International Solidarity Championship in 2022 in Dhaka, with the need to work together and to coordinate to urge the National Olympic Committees of the Member States of ISSF to participate in such competitions being one of the competitions adopted in the International Rankings of the players and the importance of building a closer relationship between the ISSF and the sports family of archery through the World Archery Federation, the Asian, African and Arab Archery Federations arrows and those who express their full readiness to cooperate with the ISSF any future activities.

9. To welcome the Sponsorship Agreement signed between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies & Iyadine Establishment (Gateway KSA Program). The Program is targeting university students from the ISSF member countries to give them the chance to experience the cultural heritage of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the ISSF vision to develop sports in Islamic countries.

10. To appreciate the efforts exerted by the Executive Board & Secretariat General of ISSF by signing Agreements of Cooperation with the National Olympic Committees of the Members States of ISSF as well as with the relevant sports` organizations to strengthen Islamic solidarity among athletes of Member States of ISSF, and to urge the Olympic Committees of the Federation to participate actively in these activities that will help in accomplishing the objectives of ISSF in all fields of sports to serve the largest segment of youth in the Islamic countries and to organize competitions & games to qualify outstanding players in various sports with the importance of adhering to the joint Islamic action.

11. To welcome the bidding file of the city of Konya to be the 2022 Sport Capital of Islamic Countries (SCIC) to be in conjunction with the 5th Islamic Solidarity Games “Konya 2021” to be hosted by the city of Konya in August 2022, and to thank the Government of Turkey, represented by its Ministry of Youth and Sports and officials of the city of Konya, for their keen interest to activate the SCIC program.

12. To welcome the bidding file of Riyadh to be the 2023 Sport Capital of Islamic Countries (SCIC), and the bidding file of Al Quds to be the 2024 SCIC, to urge all Ministers of Youth &

Sports and the ISSF member NOCs to interact with the SCIC program, and to instruct the ISSF Secretariat General to communicate with member countries to arrange for hosting the future edition of SCIC program.

13. To urge all ISSF member countries to participate effectively in the ISSF future activities of 2022 – 2025, which will foster the Islamic solidarity among the member countries, strengthen the Islamic character through all field of sports, apply the Islamic principles of equality and non-discrimination between religions, races and colors, deliver the message of fraternity and solidarity among youth of member countries, promote the mutual cooperation in all sports activities, and promote sports values and Olympism in the Islamic world.

14. To assign the ISSF General Secretariat to follow up the implementation of the strategy of the development of sport in Muslim countries as adopted by the 3rd session of the meeting of Youth and Sports Ministers held in the Republic of Turkey and set out mechanism/tools to implement the programs adopted by the 4th session of the meeting of Youth and Sports Ministers held in Azerbaijan in accordance with the requirements and capacities of ISSF and to urge Youth & Sports Ministers and the NOCs at the member States to cooperate with the ISSF to carry out the following projects:

- The “NEET” project (for youth not enrolled in education, work or training) of 16 - 24 years old who will be directed to several different programs, including sports.
- The Project health caring of children, elimination of obesity, sports & health and educational programs for children and their families in schools, which will increase the number of participants in community sport
- Implement a complete system of discovering and patronizing talented athletes.
- The project of taking care of street children emphasizing the importance of working together to put a plan and the need to work together to develop a plan to benefit from these wasted energies and take away from the hotspots of corruption and delinquency and to direct them to the benefit of society.

15. To affirm the importance of coordinating with the Secretariat General of OIC, the Ministers of Youth and Sports of the Member States of OIC, the NOCs of ISSF and all OIC-affiliated, specialized and subsidiary institutions and bodies to cooperate and to implement the Projects and to avail appropriate financial support to the projects through the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development and the governments of the OIC Member States.

16. To commend the efforts of HRH Prince Abdulaziz Bin Turki AL-FAISAL AL SAUD, President of ISSF, for his unlimited support to the ISSF to enable it to achieve its objectives and plans for the promotion of youth and sports in the ISSF member countries.

17. To express thanks to the Secretariat General of ISSF for preparing the process of implementation of all various activities of ISSF which will contribute to the achievement of ISSF objectives.

B) THE ISLAMIC COOPERATION YOUTH FORUM (ICYF)

1. Acknowledges ICYF as the OIC youth institution and its mandate is endorsed by the 3rd and 4th Sessions of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM); **appreciates** important activities carried out by ICYF in various fields pertaining to youth development; **calls upon** the member States and the OIC Institutions to coordinate with ICYF, to realize the Recommendations of the *First OIC Young Leaders Summit*, successfully organized by the ICYF in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat on 11-13th April 2016 and approved by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference as an important guideline for Joint Youth Policy by the Member States; **Notes** in this context the “*OIC Joint Youth Action Plan*” setting the strategic projects for the development of the youth of OIC Member States for the next 2 years and **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF towards the implementation of the projects envisaged by the *Joint Youth Action Plan*;

2. Commends the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the excellent organization of the 4th Session of ICYSM on 17-19 April 2018, in Baku, in cooperation with Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat as per their relevant mandates; **welcomes** the decisions of the 4th Session of the ICYSM, marking a milestone in adopting the OIC Youth Strategy as well as relevant youth policies and actions; **calls upon** the Member States to exert necessary efforts in the successful implementation of these decisions and to coordinate their work in this regard with ICYF in particular, by considering the signing of relevant MoUs between the responsible Ministries and ICYF; **wishes** success to the Republic of Azerbaijan as the Chair of the 4th Session of the ICYSM and Permanent Ministerial Council on Youth issues;

3. Approves the annual “OIC Youth Capital” international programme executed by ICYF as an implementing agency of the programme under the JYAP; **Congratulates** the city of Doha (State of Qatar) on the successful implementation of the programme as OIC Youth Capital for 2019, implemented according to the mandated decisions of the 43rd Council of Foreign Ministers, **applauds** the selection of Dhaka as the OIC Youth Capital of 2020; **calls upon** the OIC Member States and Institutions to actively cooperate with ICYF as the Programme’s Implementing Agency; and **encourages** active participation of their youth in the programme and support the concerned authorities of the Bangladesh with a view to successfully implementing the programme through arranging various activities including “Bangabandhu-OIC Youth Art Exhibition-2020”; **encourages** the applications of OIC Member States to host the forthcoming OIC Youth Capital Programs in their respective countries

4. Welcomes the holding of the first “Diplomacy Academy” , Academic Training and Diplomatic Simulation Programme; Welcomes the second edition of the ICYF Diplomacy Academy in Istanbul on the 8th of November 2019 to 3rd January 2020; invites Member States to organize forthcoming sessions of Diplomacy Academy in their respective States; Welcomes also the ICYF initiated Model OIC project for training students in the field of international relations, diplomacy and decision making mechanism and its successful implementation on the sidelines of 3rd Pan-African Youth Conference organized by Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Gambia and African Youth Commission which took place on 24-25 March 2019 in Banjul, The Gambia. Noting with satisfaction ICYF collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, first time in its history, in organizing a side event within the context of Model OIC in Commonwealth Youth Dialogue

Forum held on 1-5 April 2019 in Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia. Appreciates the successful implementation of the 1st National Model OIC Conference Pakistan held on 21-23 December 2018 in Karachi, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as well as **Commends** the convening of the second Model OIC for High Schools, a sub event of the Model OIC international program under Joint Youth Action Plan, co-organized by ICYF and Beyoglu Education and Cultural Foundation; **Welcomes** holding of the “Youth Media Camp” in Samsun (Turkey) on 15-29 September 2019 co-organized by ICYF, Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and Anadolu Agency and its outcomes; **welcomes** ICYF’s Youth Economic Empowerment initiatives under the umbrella program “Young Business Hub (YBH) including Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum, organized under the patronage of the President of Republic of Tatarstan (RF) and **Welcomes also** Takeoff Istanbul Startup investment summit organized by ICYF and Turkish Technology Team Foundation; **invites** IDB, ICCIA and the relevant public and private institutions of Member States to extend support towards the work of Young Business; **Expressing satisfaction** with the organization of the Diplomacy Training Session as part of the 2nd Young Leaders Forum organized by Turkic Council on 22-25 April 2019 in Turkistan, Kazakhstan; **Congratulates** ICYF for successfully hosting the celebration of the OIC Youth Day on the 3 September as the OIC Youth Day as proposal by H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General; and **calls upon** the Member States to actively cooperate with ICYF towards the successfully organization of the annual OIC Youth Day Celebrations; and also **calls** Member States to celebrate this day in their respective states and encourages member states to host main celebrations on a rotative basis in close cooperation with ICYF;

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

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

7. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and the relevant institutions, in particular IDB and ICESCO to support the implementation of the Joint Youth Action Plan (JYAP) and to fulfill their commitments in this regard as required by the resolutions on youth adopted by the 4th ICYSM Session; **requests** the OIC Women Consultative Council (WCC) to participate and contribute in ICYF activities under the issue of Girls and Young Women Development Programme of JYAP;

and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in the International Workshop on “Empowerment of Young Women and Girls in the Conflict Zones” to be organized by ICYF in 2020 with the participation and contribution of WCC; **commends** ICYF and SESRIC for the publication of the 2ND Report on the State of Youth in the OIC Member States and **calls upon** the Member States to closely cooperate with ICYF for the 3rd edition of the Report in 2022; **welcomes** ICYF on the successful organization of the International Muslim Intellectuals Forum, on annual basis in cooperation with the relevant academic institutions.

8. Welcomes the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Islamic Development Bank (June 2015) and **calls upon** IDB to cooperate in its youth related activities with the ICYF programmes and projects; **welcomes also** Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and SESRIC (March 2019), Memorandum of Agreement signed between ICYF and IIUM (April 2016); Letter of Understanding signed between ICYF and ICESCO (April 2016) and its Programme of Cooperation signed in October 2017; Strategic Framework for UNOSSC – ICYF Cooperation signed on 31 October 2016; and **calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat and ICYF to develop coordination mechanism on implementation of the ICYSM decisions on youth issues; **Welcomes also** the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF and Ministry youth and Spots of Republic of Mali on 12 November 2019 on establishing Vocational&Educational Training and Entrepreneurship Development Center in Mali and **Applauds** H.E Arouna Modibo Toure, Minister of Youth and Sport of Republic of Mali for his continuous support to ICYF initiative projects. **Appreciates** Republic of Uzbekistan for hosting the 1st OIC Robotics Competition in Uzbekistan which is organized by Comstech in cooperation with ICYF between 27-31 October 2019 in Tashkent Uzbekistan.

9. Expresses profound appreciation to the Patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, the First Vice-President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ICESCO towards international activities serving the enhancement of friendly relations among the nations, strengthening of inter-cultural dialogue and global peace at large; **welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva; applauds the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNAOC;

10. Applauds the joint projects implemented by ICYF in the framework of cooperation between relevant bodies of UN including UNDP, UNOSSC, UNAOC, UNFPA, UNEP, UN Women, ECOSOC and UNESCO in particular in ICYF initiative to establish a platform in Europe to monitor and counter Islamophobia and violent radicalization; and **commends** ICYF’s efforts and actions to raise awareness among youth about Islamophobia at global level; welcomes effective cooperation between ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain in establishing joint initiatives towards the economic empowerment of youth through the joint projects under the field of Entrepreneurship Development, Vocational Educational Training and startup development and welcomes also the Young Business Entrepreneurship Summit organized by ICYF and UNIDO ITPO Bahrain between 11-13th of November 2019 as part of World Entrepreneurship Investment Forum organized under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, The King of Bahrain.

11. Appreciates the activities of ICYF in promoting the program of “The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century”, including partnership with ICESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States to this end and **calls upon** the Member States to actively take part in the program; invites the Member States to actively support the ICYF campaign #SaveRohingyaNow; Welcomes “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, ICYF General Coordinator for Inter-cultural Dialogue and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the genocide of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992; **commending** the activities of the Campaign towards raising awareness internationally on the Khojaly genocide, **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the activities of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and international levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity as well as for bringing to justice its perpetrators; **welcomes** also ICYF programme aiming to raise awareness among the European youth on the history of Muslim sufferings in Anatolia in 1915;

12. Appreciates the support and contribution by the Government of the Republic of Turkey as host of the ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul; **welcomes** support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF; **calls upon** the Member States to support the activities of ICYF by also enabling their national youth institutions to participate in the Forum and its activities;

13. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their devotion to the cause of the development of the youth of OIC Member States and their personal support towards ICYF activities as well as the mandatory contributions by the Governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan to ICYF Headquarters in Istanbul and ICYF Euroasian Regional Center in Baku in order to accomplish its mission effectively;

14. Thanks H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General for the efforts resulted in increasing efficiency of cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat with ICYF on a whole range of youth issues as the major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action in the field of youth;

15. Welcomes the initiative of ICYF in successfully implementing the first year program of Intellectual Heritages of Islamic World to the Humanity Project organized in close cooperation with OIC Member states and **calls** relevant OIC Institutions, including IRCICA, SESRIC, ICESCO and IDB, to closely cooperate with ICYF to leverage the implementation of the program

16. Welcomes the decision of ICYF to establish and finance the ICYF Youth Values Award to promote moral values of OIC Member States among the youth and to grant the first award in 2020; invites the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF for the success of this initiative.

17. Commends the World Ethno-sport Confederation on successful implementation of international festivals towards the promotion of deep rooted cultures of OIC Member States; invites

Member States and OIC institutions, including Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to closely cooperate with World Ethno-Sport Confederation through their relevant bodies to contribute the activities of the Confederation and welcomes outstanding collaboration between ICYF and the Confederation towards developing brotherhood and among the youth of the OIC through joint programs in their benefit.

18. Emphasizes the significance of Zero Wastage Project, an environment protection project of ICYF on struggling against wastage, implemented in coordination and cooperation with the “Zero Waste” Project, organized within the framework of United Nations’ “Act now climate Campaign, by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization of Republic of Turkey under auspices of H.E. Emine Erdogan, First Lady of the Republic of Turkey.

19. Welcomes ICYF in successfully maintaining the ongoing process of merging ICYF entrepreneurship projects—and Youth economic empowerment initiatives into ICYF Young Business Hub international program, including those mentioned in Joint Youth Action Plan, requests OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to review accordingly and update previous agreements for the successful implementation of all ICYF entrepreneurship programs”

20. Welcomes the empowered functions of the Regional Center of ICYF for Eurasia (ICYF-ERC) hosted by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Baku and having the status of Regional Center mandated to act on youth issues within its regional outreach; **welcomes** the support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of ICYF-ERC, and international projects and programmes implemented by ICYF-ERC in the framework of this support and its mandate, including the 5th Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum in Kazan, the Republic of Tatarstan – RF (20-26 April 2019), the 2nd Executive Model – OIC in Baku (15-18 June 2019), “From Nasimi to Fuzuli: Thinkers of of the Azerbaijan Classical Poetry international conference” held in Baku in the framework of the “Year of Nasimi” in Azerbaijan (21 June 2019), and the 1st International Model OIC – Eurasia held in Kazan under the patronage of H.E. Rustam Minnikhanov, the President of the Republic of Tatarstan – RF and devoted to the 50th anniversary of the OIC and the 25th anniversary of the State Youth Policy in the Republic of Tatarstan (24-29 November 2019); **applauds** the declaration of 2020as the “Year of Volunteers” in Azerbaijan by the relevant order of H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and **calls upon** the ICYF to implement the relevant activities through ICYF-ERC in this framework in Azerbaijan; **requests** the concerned Member States to support the ICYF-ERC through ICYF and **encourages** Member states, to facilitate necessary actions, in accordance with ICYF’s regional center establishment procedures, to launch ICYF Regional Centers in their respective countries.

21. Welcomes also holding of the “volunteering themed photography context” co-organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey and ICYF, and its outcomes;

22. To urge ICYF and ISSF to mobilize several campaigns in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat for raising awareness of the importance of Al Quds al-Shariff among the youth of OIC Member States and Muslim youth in the non-Member States.

23. Requests the Secretary General to submit the report of the Forum’s activities to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

- 1. Expresses** its thanks to the General Secretariat of IUMS and the IUMS International Committee for the success of the 14th IUMS Conference, which was held in August 2021, and **blesse**s the decisions issued by the conference, and thanks Tunisia for its request to host the 15th IUMS Conference.
- 2. Commends** the future activities that IUMS decided to carry out within its plan 2021/2022 and urges Member States to host and actively participate in these activities with the aim of making them successful and giving it all possible material and moral support.
- 3. Expresses** its thanks to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul-Aziz and His Highness the Crown Prince, Prince Muhammad bin Salman, for permanently hosting the headquarters of IUMS in Jeddah, and for the moral and material support out of their full belief in caring for all issues related to the Islamic Countries youth Islamic.
- 4. Commends** the establishment of the international initiative "Green Middle East", which was announced by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul-Aziz, Crown Prince, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense, and **confirms** his support for the initiative and his readiness to contribute to the implementation of the initiative through scouts in the member states that implement the initiative.
- 5. Expresses** its sincere thanks to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support for the activities and programs of the Union.
- 6. Expresses** its deep thanks and gratitude to His Excellency Dr. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimeen, Secretary-General of OIC for his efforts during his tenure and wishes success to His Excellency Ambassador Hussein Ibrahim Taha in his new assignment as Secretary General of OIC and **looks forward** to his support and follow-up on the activities and programs of the Union that he implements through projects International Wissam (I am a Muslim Scout and Collaborator) and Muslim Youth Programs.
- 7. Congratulates** Mr. Ahmed Al-Hindawi, Secretary-General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the World Scout Committee, the success of the 43rd World Scout Conference and 14th World Scout Youth Forum.
- 8. Congratulates** the Arab Republic of Egypt for winning the organization of hosting the 44th World Scout Conference and 15th World Scout Youth Forum in 2024 and **calls** for cooperation with it to make the conference a success.
- 9. Expresses** thanks to the Minister of Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support of the activities and programs of the IUMS trips for university students and youth and calls for more cooperation in the implementation of international trips.
- 10. Expresses** to His Excellency Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif, President of IUMS, in implementing the activities and programs of the IUMS, and **calls** for more cooperation between the IUMS and Scout societies in all countries of the world.

- 11. Expresses** his thanks to the directors of the Scout regions of the World Scout Organization for their cooperation and support for Muslim youth in the world and the work of scout teams for Muslim youth and their registration in scout associations in countries recognized by the World Scout Organization and invites them to further cooperation with IUMS.
- 12. Expresses** its thanks to the scout associations that cooperated in implementing the medal projects, namely: (Eradication of Illiteracy), (Removing Harm from the Road) and (Green World).
- 13. Calls** on the ministers of higher education and ministers of education in the member states of the organization to emphasize the universities to participate in international trips and educational and scientific forums for talented and outstanding youth and university students organized by the IUMS to achieve the desire of the kings and heads of Islamic countries at the third extraordinary summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah 2005 At the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, which aims to strengthen national unity and assign university administrators to participate in these activities.
- 14. Requests** the Member States, through the Ministers of Youth and Sports, or the concerned authorities, to urge the internationally recognized scout associations and youth organizations to participate in the project (the World Youth Forum for Tourism and the Environment), which will be held by IUMS, and invites the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to support the project, which serves youth in All fields of scouting, sports and social.
- 15. Ask** the President of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation is requested to coordinate with the IUMS to set up scout camps on the sidelines of Islamic sports tournaments held in member states and to benefit from the participants in the implementation of the activities of the session.
- 16. Calls** the banks in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to support the activities organized by IUMS, based on their role towards social responsibility and in the service of the youth of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 17. Commends** the launch of IUMS in training the youth of the Islamic countries in the media and qualifying them to obtain courses in the media and graduating a qualified media generation from the universities of the member states and requests the ministers of higher education to direct university administrators to participate their students in this important activity, which is implemented in cooperation with ICESCO.
- 18. Commends** the launch of IUMS by organizing international sports trips in cooperation with European and Asian clubs and carrying out programs for youth and students who excel in sports and calls upon the Ministers of Youth and Sports and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation to cooperate in the success of this project.
- 19. Welcomes** the decision of the 14th IUMS Conference for the General Secretariat to launch the “Day of Giving for the Muslim Scouts” on the Day of Arafa every year and calls upon the Ministers of Youth and Sports, the Ministers of Education, and the heads of scout associations in the Member States to activate and celebrate this day to inform our children of the importance of the Day of Arafa for Muslims.

- 20. Expresses** its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank for its support to the projects and activities of IUMS and hopes to increase the support allocated to youth activities in training and workshops.
- 21. Recommended** to support courses for preparing Muslim scout leaders to obtain the wooden badge for the formation of leaders of Muslim scout teams who take care of Muslim children and clarify the Islamic religion for non-Muslims.
- 22. Expresses** its thanks to the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - ICESCO, headed by the Director General, His Excellency Dr. Salem bin Muhammad Al-Malik, for its support for the programs of the World Federation of Muslim Scouts, and blesses their efforts in the joint activities carried out by the Federation with ICESCO.
- 23. Commends** the establishment of the IUMS as an advisory body for training, international activities and programs organized by universities in Islamic countries in cooperation with ICESCO and requests their Excellencies the ministers of higher education and university directors to cooperate with them in this field.
- 24. Congratulates** the IUMS for organizing the Forum for Dialogue and Moderation for Youth and Scouts, which will be implemented in the continent of Africa, in coordination and cooperation with Member States, and calls on the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund of OIC to support the forum.
- 25. Thanks,** the Pakistan Scout Association for agreeing to organize the World Scout Peace Jamboree which will be held in conjunction with the 48th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
- 26. Appreciates** the efforts of IUMS in establishing activities and programs for girl guides and girls and calls for more efforts in this regard.
- 27. Thanks,** the Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi for hosting the World Youth Forum and requests the Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Egypt to benefit from the IUMS in implementing this forum in the coming years and affirms the support of the IUMS for this forum and put all its possibilities for cooperation.
- 28. Commends** the launch of the IUMS in holding meetings and activities for people with special needs.

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

- 1.** General Secretariat, Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommends support of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish modal schools in (Chad- Kurdistan of Iraq- Tajikistan- Kazakhstan) which are aligned with the general strategy that was referred to OIC up to 2025.
- 2.** Expresses its acknowledgement and appreciation to Islamic Solidarity Fund for support and finance of the Federation Projects from its establishment to date.

- 3.** Commends the “Digital School” initiative launched by the UAE to provide certified online education to students wherever they are and irrespective of their social, economic and educational backgrounds, with the aim to reach over one million students.
- 4.** Expresses its acknowledgement to Islamic Bank for Development for support and finance of the Federation projects from its establishment to date.
- 5.** Recommends United Arab Emirates, Mohamed bin Rashid Space Center and UAE Space Agency to support the project of preparation of applied guide for building the awareness of teachers and students about aeronautics “Al Amal Spacecraft as example”, which is presented by Prof. Dr. Ali Al Gamal, Former Dean of the Faculty of Education, Ain Shams University, and constellation of specialized professors of the Federation Experts.
- 6.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend organization of training courses of Arabic language teachers of foreign learners in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, Caucasus and Balkan.
- 7.** Recommends Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development to continue with support of Arabic language education for foreign learners among the expatriate male and female students to study in Al Azhar University and those living in the Islamic Scholarships City affiliate to Al Azhar Al Sharif Sheikhdom in Al Azhar institutes in the pre-university education stages and in the faculties of university education and postgraduate studies.
- 8.** Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend contribution to finance printing of chain of the Federation Books for teaching of Arabic language to foreign learners and to distribute them to the Muslim people, and to establish Federation Press in its head office and other press in intermediate locations among the Muslim countries and territories to facilitate generalization of benefit in those countries and among Muslim communities.
- 9.** Recommends support of the project of Fund of Arab and Islamic Schools and Institutions Support to help them upgrade the educational level.
- 10.** Calls on member states to cooperate with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to effectuate its role in development of educational system in community schools and their access to the Federation Membership, and to normalize the programs of evaluation, development and training, which are delivered by World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS).
- 11.** Recommends support of the Federation Project which is presented by International Education In Emergency (EIE International) Company to establish the international education in emergency academy as to be the first specialized educational academy to support the education system of the refugees and displaced in our Arab and Muslim world around us in accordance with international standards in cooperation with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS).
- 12.** Recommends support of the Federation project presented by International Center for Specific Education which is affiliate of International Islamic Charity Organization in Kuwait to establish an academy for development and humanitarian work to support the humanitarian

work system in Arab and Muslim world and around the world to be based in Kuwait in cooperation with World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS).

13. Calls on support of the Federation project to establish an educational department in the Faculty of Imam Al Shafey “Comoros University” to grant “Bachelor” Certificate in all majors of Arabic and in accordance with the agreements signed by the Federation and the Ministry of National Education to study master and PhD in Department of Curricula and Methods of Teaching.

14. Recommends, in accordance with the protocol of cooperation between World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) in Cairo and Administrative Development Center in Cairo, adoption of measures for establishment of private school to be aligned and comply with application of the OIC Principles in dissemination of moderateness and humanitarian tolerance to be managed by experts of the Federation, including experts from Administrative Development Center, and to supervise the curricula of the Ministry of Education in the State on the territories of which it is established.

15. Recommends according to communication and understanding between World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) in Cairo and Al Qalam Cultural and Development Organization In Chad to effectuate cooperation in propagation of education and learning of Arabic to foreign learners of male and female students and teachers of schools in the cities of Chad in general and the schools of Al Qalam Cultural and Development Organization, particularly with organization by federation experts of rehabilitation courses of male and female students in teaching of Arabic to foreign learners, and courses for preparation of teachers of Arabic to foreign learners, and to provide them with suitable packages of the Federation Book chain for teaching of Arabic language to foreign learners (Arabic language for juniors) in the near future, with the help of Allah.

16. Recommends support of the Exam Council for International Muslim Schools which is established by the Federation in collaboration with League of Islamic Universities and Muslim World League, which aims at setting exams of community schools under supervision of OIC League and effectuate this council and establish regional branches of it.

17. Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners and meeting point of civilizations in the British Capital of London.

18. Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners in Cairo, Capital of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

19. Islamic Solidarity Fund and Islamic Bank for Development recommend support of the activity of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish a center for teaching Arabic to foreign learners in Jakarta, Capital of Indonesia or in a grand island in the Republic of Indonesia.

- 20.** Recommends support of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS) to establish exam center in Uganda in cooperation with Islamic University in Uganda.
- 21.** Recommends World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools' (WFAIIS) support to establish exam council in Malaysia in cooperation with the Islamic University in Malaysia.
- 22.** Recommends support of the two projects of World Federation of Arabic Islamic International Schools (WFAIIS), which are presented by Arab Academy of Educational Science to establish a university to be named (International University of educational and information science) based in Cairo and to open branches in other countries.
- 23.** Welcomes establishment by Bangladesh People's Government of the first Arab University in the name of "Arab Islamic University" and encourage OIC institutions to support this institution.
- 24.** Request the Secretary General to follow up the issues in the present resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the CFM.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/48-C
ON
BAYT-MAL AL-QUDS AL-SHARIF AGENCY

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

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

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

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

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

6. Invites the Agency to conduct working visits to the Member States, and **calls upon** all states to help it organize large-scale campaigns and establish intensive contacts with all the competent authorities, on both the governmental and private enterprise levels, in the areas of information, culture, finance and trade, in order to mobilize ample financial resources from governments, the private sector and at the popular level to meet the huge needs of the steadfastness of the holy city, considering the enormous challenges it is confronted with in the fate-determining battle imposed upon it.

7. Affirms the need to implement the resolutions of previous Islamic conferences, which call on the Member States to extend support to Bayt-Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif Agency of Al-Quds Committee to enable it to Implement development projects, preserve the Arab and Islamic cultural character of the city of Al-Quds and reinforce the steadfastness of its people against Israeli continued measures intended to judaize the holy city, in line with the strategic plan on the development of the vital sectors in the city of Al-Quds Al-Shareef, which sets the priorities of the city and identifies its urgent needs.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/48-C
ON
STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

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

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

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 10/48-C
ON
THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC AND WORLD
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2. Welcomes** the decisions taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to protect heritage, chief of which is the decision on the preservation of Islamic heritage sites; as well as the Saudi Government's adoption of the law on museums and architectural heritage and the executive rules and regulations thereof.
- 3. Stresses** the focus on the two elements of awareness-raising and the importance of cultural heritage among local communities with all their constituents by presenting effective programmes designed to promote the individual's knowledge of his cultural assets, in coordination with specialized educational, vocational and cultural institutions, with a view to building a generation of the Muslim society that is capable of playing its part towards its country and its security.
- 4. Commends** the UAE's heritage preservation efforts translating in the launch of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage and the setting up of cultural heritage centers and institutes in the country and the world over.
- 5. Welcomes** the Member States' efforts in protecting cultural and natural heritage; and calls on the Member States in this regard to design the necessary educational and training programmes on the regional and international mechanisms for the protection of cultural and historical property as well as cultural and natural heritage, enlarge scope for scientific research activities, establish museums and stage specialized exhibitions.
- 6. Emphasizes** the creation of appropriate mechanisms to activate the charter on the preservation and conservation of Islamic heritages.
- 7. Strongly condemns** the crimes committed against tangible and intangible cultural heritage in all its forms in the territories of Azerbaijan by Armenia, and also Iraq, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria and in other Member States; and Invites ICESCO and IRCICA, to form a group of experts to elaborate a plan for repairing damage to Islamic monuments and historical sites in member States including Iraq, which were subject to subversive terrorist acts, in coordination with Member States and in cooperation with UNESCO in order to monitor the situation of cultural, civilizational and religious heritages in the Muslim World, and preserve and protect it, and taking part in countering acts of destruction and vandalism against such heritages.
- 8. Commends** the successful holding of the Colloquium jointly organized by the OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Republic of France on the "Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the OIC Member States", held on 14-15 May 2017, at the OIC General Secretariat, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/43-C on "The Protection and preservation of the Islamic and world historical and cultural heritages", adopted by the 43rd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held in October 2016, in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, with the aim of contributing to the safeguarding and protection of cultural heritage in Member States.
- 9. Welcomes** the convening of the International Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage of the Muslim World by the OIC General Secretariat, IRCICA and ICESCO held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 1-2 November 2017, as was decided by the 9th Islamic Conference of **Culture**-Ministers (ICCM), held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on 2-4 November 2015, and endorsed by the 13th Session of Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April, 2016; and Urge

the Member States to consider the recommendations of the Istanbul Declaration, including the proposal of setting up an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage, that was adopted by the said Conference.

10. Welcomes the convening and outcome of a workshop organized by the OIC General Secretariat on the “*Establishment of an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage in the Muslim world*” held on 7-8 October 2019, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/46-C on “The Protection and Preservation of the Islamic and World Historical and Cultural Heritages”, adopted by the 46th Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, held on 1-2 March 2019, in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, with the aim of discussing the proposed project, including the purpose, objectives, role, missions and future actions of this OIC Platform.

11. Requests the General Secretariat to implement the recommendations of the workshop in association with the concerned institutions.

12. Calls upon Member States together with the relevant OIC institutions, particularly IRCICA, ICESCO, IDB and ISF to develop and support the concrete actions related to setting up of the said platform, including considering the possibility of establishing a special fund to support the projects and activities in the Member States, especially in Least Developed ones (LDCs).

13. Commends the efforts of the OIC for protecting cultural heritage among Member States, expresses its deep concern about attack, as well as threat of attackers, in contravention of applicable international law and international conventions, against cultural sites, centers and cultural heritage and invites the member states to strengthen their cooperation in this regard to conserve and protect these cultural sites.

14. Supports the call from the OIC Group at UNESCO, for this UN Agency to cooperate closely with experts from OIC Member States in helping to counter the attacks on culture and heritage, as to exert the tolerant principles of Islam and profound respect to human heritage.

15. Requests support for the Republic of Iraq to rebuild and rehabilitate Nineveh prophets’ tombs as well as historical and Islamic monuments brought to ruin by terrorist groups and organizations;

16. Being appreciative of the efforts made by the United Arab Emirates and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and their cooperation in launching an initiative for the recovery of the heritage and cultural sites in the Iraq city of Mousal, under the theme of “Reviving the spirit of Mousel”, an initiative which aims at rehabilitating the historical landmarks in the city of Mousal which represent crucial milestones in the long track of Islamic civilization; Also paying tribute to the UAE’s initiative for the funding of the reconstruction works of the Nouri Al Kebir Mosque and the Al Hadba Minaret.

17. Calls upon Member States, the IDB, and ICESCO to finance the ethno-historical sports (hunting with birds of prey and dogs, horse and camel racing, kok-boru/buzkasi, the national wrestling and intellectual games) and other national, traditional and historical sports in the Member States through opening of the sport centers in the Member States and organizing regular sports competitions on the basis of the World Nomad Games.

18. Commends the efforts of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the protection of world cultural heritage and welcomes its generous hosting of the 43rd session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee on 1 July, 2019 in Baku”.

19. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.11/48-C
ON
PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES
IN THE CULTURAL DOMAIN
AND SUPPORTING CINEMATORGRAPHIC PRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

- 1. Emphasizes** the importance of the effective implementation of paragraph 185 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference which “called on the General Secretariat to take measures, in cooperation with Member States in order to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain, including through holding an OIC film festival, with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States”.
- 2. Welcomes** the convening of an Inter-Governmental Expert-Group Meeting for the examination of the Concept Paper on the establishment of an OIC Prize and the consideration of the idea of launching an OIC Film Festival, which was held on 20 December 2018, at the OIC Headquarters; and call the Member States to support the Prize and request the General Secretariat to follow up the outcome of this meeting.
- 3. Welcomes** the granting of the first edition of the OIC Prize entitled "OIC Prize for Peace and Coexistence", which is created to support cinematographic production in Member States on the sidelines of the 26th session of the Pan African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou “FESPACO”, held from 23 February to 02 March 2019, in Burkina Faso, under the slogan "Memory and the Future of African Cinema".
- 4. Underscores** the efforts of the General Secretariat to prepare a concept note on the selection criteria for the winners in the festival; and calls for the convening of an intergovernmental group of experts and concerned institutions to study the concept note and then to submit it to the Permanent Finance Committee and the Council of Foreign Ministers for its adoption.

5. **Encourage** the willing Member States to host the first edition of the OIC Film Festival in 2022.
6. **Request** the Chair to convene the IGGE to finalize the rules and criteria of the Festival.
7. **Encourages** the reinforcement of cooperation among film festivals throughout OIC Member States, and in particular support to joint initiatives and projects in cinematographic production, which sheds light on subjects related to the Palestinian cause, chief of which is Al-Quds Al-Sharif, with a view to raising cultural and humanitarian awareness in Muslim world societies.
8. **Approves the holding** of an OIC Cultural Day to be celebrated by Member States, the OIC and its subsidiary and specialized institutions on a date to be determined.
9. **Call upon** Member States to implement Article (1) (Chapter 1) of the OIC Charter on the objectives and principles to "enhance and consolidate the bonds of fraternity and solidarity among the Member States." It also calls for the operationalization of paragraph 163 of the Final Communique of the 13th Islamic Summit (14-15 April 2016, Istanbul, Turkey) to achieve development and improve joint Islamic action in the intellectual, developmental, political, cultural, humanitarian, and technical fields among others. This can materialize through the organization of festivals and activities under the OIC umbrella and in effective coordination with the General Secretariat by active contribution of the Member States.
10. **Welcomes** the hosting of the First and the Second Sessions of the OIC Festivals held on 5-9 February 2019 in Cairo by the Arab Republic of Egypt and on 24-30 April 2019 in Abu Dhabi by the United Arab Emirates. It also welcomes the hosting by the Kingdom of the Saudi Arabia the Third Session of the Festival on 25- 29 November, 2019 which coincided with the OIC Golden Jubilee.
11. **Welcomes** the initiative of Member States, namely Azerbaijan, Sierra Leone, Turkmenistan, Togo, Tunisia, Mozambique, and Burkina Faso, which have expressed their desire to host the OIC Festival. Urges Member States wishing to host the coming sessions of this Festival to inform the General Secretariat of the matters that would support interaction between intellect, politics, culture, heritage, arts, economy, humanitarian action, and solidarity among the Muslim communities in the world, highlight Islamic civilization and the OIC role and promote cooperation among peoples.
12. **Decides** to hold a Festival of Islamic Arts and Handicrafts in one of the OIC Member States in order to contribute to the radiance of the Islamic culture in all its aspects.
13. **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, to conduct the necessary consultations with the Member States for them to manifest their interest in holding the 1st edition of this important event.
14. **Requests** the IDB, ICESCO, IRCICA and all other relevant OIC institutions to fully support all cultural cooperation initiatives, including in the area of cinematographic production.
15. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 12/48-C
ON
SUPPORTING RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF
HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND PROPERTY IN IRAQ

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

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

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

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

- 1. Condemns** anew the destruction and demolition of Iraq's historical antiquities and cultural property at the hands of the terrorist organization of Daesh and invites Member States shall endeavor to help Iraq restore Iraqi antiquities taken abroad during the occupation of Iraqi territories by *Daesh* criminal gangs, if found on their territories.
- 2. Calls for** holding an international conference in the shortest possible time, especially after the liberation of all Iraqi cities and territories from the terrorist organization of Daesh. The conference, to be held under the patronage of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and with the coordination of the Iraqi government and regional and international partners, including the UN and its relevant agencies, will seek to examine rebuilding and rehabilitation means for Iraqi antiquities and cultural property which have been destroyed and demolished by the terrorist organization of Daesh, and support the efforts of the Iraqi Government to restore its monuments by providing the technical support and expertise to rehabilitate historical sites, monuments and infrastructures required for their preservation.
- 3. Requests** the Secretary General to follow through efforts to hold the said Conference and to coordinate to this end with the Iraqi government and all countries and organizations, both regional and international.