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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/49-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Proceeding from the provisions of the OIC Charter;

Referring to the provisions of the final communique of the previous OIC Summits and in particular the 13th Islamic Summit held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye in April 2016, and the 14th Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in May 2019, that call for sustained efforts to coordinate and conduct humanitarian and charitable work under the umbrella of the OIC and mandates the Secretary-General to promote the OIC's humanitarian role and achieve the objectives defined in the Ten-Year Programme of Action;

Recalling its previous resolutions regarding humanitarian affairs;

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on Humanitarian Affairs (OIC/48-CFM/2022/ICHAD/SG-REP);

1. **Commends** the work undertaken by the General Secretariat, the OIC Representative Offices and the Humanitarian Offices in the humanitarian domain to alleviate the suffering of people in need particularly in the OIC Member States affected by crises and disasters.
2. **Commends** the enhanced cooperation of the Department for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHAD) with the international humanitarian community, including international organizations and humanitarian NGOs both in Member States and at the international level and in particular cooperation with the UN, OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, WB, IOM, ICRC, IFRC, LAS, USAID, EU, and the African Union, **taking into** consideration the cooperation agreement between the two organizations, which was adopted by the CFM in 2011.
3. **Calls upon** the Member States to channel a percentage of their generous humanitarian assistance through the OIC in order to demonstrate the spirit of solidarity and enhance joint Islamic humanitarian action.
4. **Recognizes** the generosity and contributions of the refugee-hosting countries, especially those hosting large refugee populations and persistent challenges encountered in current refugee responses; **further acknowledges** that the refugee-hosting countries have been disproportionately shouldering a large portion of the burden of providing assistance and protection to millions of refugees, and **calls upon** the international community to ensure that equitable burden-sharing is achieved on the ground particularly since most of the refugees in the OIC countries are hosted by low-income countries, hence the need to address the impact on movements of refugees.
5. **Commends** Pakistan's hospitality, inspired by the Islamic virtues of generosity and compassion, in hosting millions of Afghan refugees for over four decades;

6. **Calls upon** humanitarian stakeholders in the Member States to develop and strengthen comprehensive refugee response policies which seek to explore opportunities that benefit both refugees and the communities that host them, and bridge the gap between humanitarian and development interventions.
7. **Welcomes** the signing of the new Action Plan (2022-2025) between the General Secretariat and the UNHCR Representative Office to the GCC, as well as the efforts made by the two sides to enhance bilateral cooperation in areas and issues of common interest, and **calls on** the General Secretariat to prepare a report on the Action Plan.
8. **Also welcomes** the signing of the new Action Plan (2021-2024) between the General Secretariat and the Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross for the GCC, and the efforts made by the two sides to enhance bilateral cooperation in areas and issues of bilateral interest, and **calls on** the General Secretariat to prepare a report in this regard.
9. Welcomes the signing of a bilateral cooperation framework agreement between the OIC General Secretariat and the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority of the Republic of Türkiye (AFAD), on 17 February 2022, in line with OIC Resolution No. 1/47-ICHAD calling for increasing the level of cooperation policy of the OIC.
10. Welcomes the cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) with the aim of enhancing the OIC's humanitarian and developmental activities and Calls for signing an MoU between the two parties.
11. **Praises** the efforts made by the General Secretariat, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and the UNHCR in the field of supporting refugees by encouraging the use of Islamic Social Financing mechanisms for refugee relief.
12. **Stresses** the need to identify the deficiencies in the current humanitarian system particularly in dealing with issues pertaining to refugees and formulate a position on ways and means to address and rectify these deficiencies and on creating an environment conducive to the sustainable return of refugees and IDPs and their reintegration.
13. **Acknowledges** that by hosting the largest number of refugees the Republic of Türkiye provides invaluable support to vulnerable groups.
14. **Commends** Uganda's open door policy to refugees and people in need, this has made Uganda as the African biggest refugee host country and third in the world after Türkiye and Colombia in first and second respectively.
15. **Reiterates** that voluntary repatriation is the most durable solution to refugee situations; **reaffirms** the need for enhanced assistance to countries hosting large numbers of refugees and countries of origin to cater for returnees, through humanitarian and development assistance; and **highlights** the importance of increased resettlement slots for refugees, without discrimination, respecting their dignity and providing assistance related to their vulnerabilities.
16. **Expresses deep concern** at the grave humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, threatening the lives of millions of people including women and children, and noting, in particular,

that the United Nations has warned that Afghanistan could become the largest humanitarian crisis in the world unless immediate action is taken;

17. **Commends** OIC Member States for their continued assistance and support to the people of Afghanistan, requests Member States to generously contribute to the Humanitarian Trust Fund, to address and alleviate the urgent humanitarian needs of the Afghan people;
18. **Commends** the generous contribution of \$30 million from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund, and the contributions made by Türkiye, Nigeria, Kuwait, Malaysia and Algeria.
19. **Reaffirms** that improvement in the situation in Afghanistan would also contribute to the safe and dignified return of all Afghan refugees and to play their constructive role in the development of Afghanistan.
20. **Expresses** deep concern over incidences of Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination targeting refugees.
21. **Recalls** the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants by the United Nations General Assembly in 2016 leading to the adoption and endorsement of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
22. **Welcomes** the UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/73/195 of 19 December 2018 for endorsing Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration; **renews** support to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and **encourages** the Member States to increase cooperation in the field of safe, orderly and regular migrations consistent with the objectives of the Global Compact while respecting national sovereignty, laws and regulations as well as their obligations to international law;
23. **Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the generous assistance offered to Somalia through the King Salman Centre for Humanitarian Aid, as well as various Member States including Republic of Türkiye who contributed towards the implementation of humanitarian and developmental projects in Somalia.
24. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC Regional Mission in Mogadishu in coordinating with the Somali Government, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center and international organizations, in particular the UN and its specialized agencies, in support of efforts towards peace, stability, and development efforts in Somalia.
25. **Calls upon** the Member States and humanitarian partners to intensify their assistance towards the drought-affected Horn of Africa, especially Somalia, and provide humanitarian and development assistance to those affected by the drought as well as assist the recovery and development phase in Somalia, including IDPs and the resettlement of repatriated refugees in Somalia.
26. **Commends** the State of Qatar for providing more than US\$ 1 billion in the last ten years to provide relief for the Palestinian people and reconstruct their humanitarian infrastructure, also commends the air bridge established by the State of Qatar beginning from August 2021 to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan, in addition to generous relief and humanitarian assistance provided by the State of Qatar

bilaterally or through relevant international organisations to many Member States of the OIC in difficult situations.

27. **Congratulates** the Republic of Azerbaijan on the liberation of its lands from the Republic of Armenia's occupation; and calls on OIC Member States and relevant bodies to assist the Republic of Azerbaijan in restoring the infrastructure and Islamic heritage in the liberated lands;
28. **Expresses** deep concern over the protracted humanitarian crisis in Syria, the plight of IDPs and refugees in neighbouring countries, and the increased in the number of people in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.
29. **Calls on** the international community to assume further responsibilities in alleviating the burden that has reached new heights and to take the concrete steps to increase humanitarian assistance to all civilians in Syria and welcomes in this regard the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 2585.
30. **Appeals** to the Member States, donors, UN agencies, and humanitarian NGOs to exert further efforts to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen, as the country continues to experience a protracted humanitarian crisis.
31. **Expresses** appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the humanitarian assistance rendered through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid & Relief Centre, the Kingdom being the largest donor to Yemen with support estimated at \$4,131,475,406 bn, as well as the UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, and the other Member States and donors that provided humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen.
32. **Acknowledges** the efforts and initiatives undertaken by the General Secretariat to mobilise the necessary resources to provide humanitarian and development assistance to the people of Yemen in light of its previous resolutions in this regard.
33. **Recalls** all its previous relevant resolutions on Yemen, in particular, its previous resolutions 1/44-ICHAD Paragraph 17 (2017), 1/45-ICHAD Paragraph 21 (2018), and 1/47 ICHAD (2020) Paragraph 30, on efforts undertaken by the Member States to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Yemen; **requests** the General Secretariat to continue working with its Member States and its partners in cooperation with the Government of Yemen to mobilise the necessary resources to alleviate the humanitarian plight faced by the people of Yemen; and **calls** upon the General Secretariat to resume its humanitarian presence in Yemen through the opening of a humanitarian liaison office in Aden.
34. **Recalls** its previous relevant resolutions on Iraq, in particular 1/45-ICHAD Paragraphs 24 and 25 (2018), 1/46-ICHAD Paragraph 31, and 1/47 ICHAD (2020) Paragraph 31, on extending the necessary assistance to Iraq, to address humanitarian and protection needs of IDPs in their host communities, to repatriate all IDPs liberated from areas previously controlled by Daesh terrorist group to their home cities, and to assist in the humanitarian effort to rehabilitate returnees; **reaffirms** the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Iraq, and **emphasizes** the importance of the stability and security of Iraq for the people of Iraq, the region, particularly in light of Iraq's victory over Daesh.

35. **Commends** the assistance provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to many countries around the world, including Muslim states, which placed it third, in term of international assistance, first in terms of assistance provided to the Republic of Yemen globally, and first among Muslim States in 2021 in absolute terms, with total humanitarian assistance reaching 1.268 Billion amounting to 4.8% of the total international humanitarian assistance in a line with the dispositions of the paragraphs (33) and (71) of the resolution 1/48-ICHAD.
36. **Expresses** appreciation for the State of Kuwait's outstanding humanitarian role and the generous donations pledged for various countries, including but not limited to US dollars 1.9 billion for Syria, US dollars 200 million for Iraq, US dollars 600 million for Yemen, along with around US dollars 252 million for UNRWA, and US dollars 15 million for Rohingya.
37. **Recalls** its previous relevant resolution on the Republic of Sudan, in particular 1/47-ICHAD (2020) Paragraph 34 on its efforts in receiving and sheltering refugees particularly from South Sudan, and in assisting conflict-affected people in South Sudan by facilitating the delivery of humanitarian assistance from Sudan to South Sudan, and in maintaining humanitarian corridors for the delivery of humanitarian assistance from various states and organizations to people in need in South Sudan, and **calls upon** the Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support the efforts exerted by the Sudan to provide humanitarian assistance for refugees on its territory.
38. **Expresses appreciation** for the enhanced cooperation between the General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Funds (ISF) in the humanitarian field, and **calls upon** both the Humanitarian Affairs Department and the ISF to increase their level of collaboration in future humanitarian activities within the OIC Member States.
39. **Praises the efforts** of the Member States and the Islamic Institutions in giving attention to Waqfs (endowments) to support the humanitarian action, and calls upon the General Secretariat in this regard to hold a major Islamic Forum on the role of endowments in supporting humanitarian action, in coordination with the Islamic Development Bank, Islamic Solidarity Fund, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, and other relevant bodies.
40. **Hails** the improving humanitarian situation in Darfur which allowed for the voluntary return of IDPs in West, Central and North Darfur, and **calls** for enhancing ongoing humanitarian assistance efforts; and for providing support and assistance to people in need in Sudan.
41. **Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Sahel region, and **reiterates** its appeal to the Member States and humanitarian NGOs to support Sahel countries to undertake vital sustainable development projects to break the vicious cycle of drought, deprivation and poverty in these countries, and **calls on** the Member States to provide support to the OIC Regional Office in Niger, and to avail all the necessary financial resources for the office to undertake its tasks.
42. **Calls upon** the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to better coordinate its humanitarian activities in the Sahel and Lake Chad region, in coordination with the existing humanitarian organizations in the region and to enhance the available means and resources, especially in light of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the region.

- 43 Expresses concern** over the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the Lake Chad Basin, and **appreciation** for the efforts undertaken by countries bordering Lake Chad, **Welcomes** the intention of the OIC regional office in Niamey to implement humanitarian and development projects in the Sahel and Lake Chad region; **also calls** on the General Secretariat to send a delegation to the Lake Chad countries to assess the humanitarian situation in the region.
- 44 Urges** the OIC member states, the IDB, relevant OIC institutions and humanitarian NGOs to prepare, in coordination with the humanitarian department at the General Secretariat, developmental projects both for people in regions victims of Boko Haram attacks, particularly refugees and IDPs, and for health and education infrastructure building or rehabilitation initiatives in the areas concerned.”
- 45 Further calls** on the Member States, humanitarian NGOs and other stakeholders to give priority to grass root development to bring back normality into rural areas in the Lake Chad Basin, and deal with the humanitarian situation following the terrorist attacks affecting this region.
- 46 Commends** the donation made by Burkina Faso of US\$113.000 to the office of the OIC Mission in Niamey, as well as Sudan’s pledge to donate US\$200.000; appreciates Niger’s offer to give 100.000.000 CFA Franc and allocate a piece of land of 10 hectare in support of the Mission.
- 47 Commends** the Republic of Türkiye for a donation of USD 200,000 in favour of the OIC humanitarian effort in Niger that funded six water projects which have been implemented and completed in the rural areas of Niger for the needy and vulnerable people in order to boost their resilience following the appeal made by the OIC Secretary-General to this end; and **further commends** the United Arab Emirates for the financial pledge made to support the OIC Regional Office in Niamey.
- 48 Commends** the US\$100,000 donation made by the Republic of Azerbaijan to support the OIC Niamey-based office’s humanitarian and development-focused activities, especially in water and agriculture in the rural areas of the Republic of Niger.
- 49 Expresses appreciation** to the Government of the Republic of Cameroon for the steps taken to host refugees from the Central African Republic, Nigerian refugees and dealing with IDPs from border areas which have been suffering from the brutal terrorist crimes perpetrated by the Boko Haram terrorist group in the North of Cameroon.
- 50 Urgently appeals** to the Member States and to the international community to increase their assistance to Cameroon to help it in coping with the influx of refugees and IDPs and to implement programs aimed at improving their living conditions, and strategies for the repatriation of refugees and management of the return or temporary relocation of IDPs.
- 51 Expresses appreciation** for the role played by the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in hosting large numbers of refugees from the Republic of Mali in the east of the country, and providing humanitarian services to those refugees, in cooperation and coordination with UNHCR and the WFP.
- 52 Commends** the authorities of the Republic of Niger for hosting Malian and Nigerian refugees, and **requests** the Member States and the international community to help the

authorities of Niger face the flow of IDPs and refugees; and **calls on** the Member States to assist the Republic of Niger in its efforts to cope with the flow of IDPs and refugees.

- 53 Requests** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to generously offer the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the rising number of needy people in the Central African Republic and neighboring countries, exacerbated by the protracted conflict in order to overcome the humanitarian and developmental challenges that could hinder the process of national reconciliation and economic recovery; and **further urges** OIC Member States to contribute to the efforts made by the Central African Republic in the DDR and DDRRR processes that are of vital importance to the country for peace to prevail after decades of civil strife and widespread violations of human rights. **Calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank, and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to send a mission to the Central African Republic to assess the humanitarian situation there, and to consider ways to provide the necessary support.
- 54 Calls upon** the Member States of the OIC to focus and cooperate on the voluntary repatriation of the Rohingyas who have been forced to take shelters in refugee camps in Bangladesh and in many other parts of the world by stressing on the Myanmar government to adhere and implement the ICJ issued provisional measures on 23 January 2020, and demonstrating the impact thereof on continuing humanitarian work.
- 55 Thanks** the Member States who have contributed to the OIC fund for Rohingya and requests all Member states of the OIC to contribute generously to the fund for the case at the ICJ in order to ensure safe and voluntary repatriation of the Rohingya refugees, while stressing the impact thereof on supporting the humanitarian work for the Rohingya and **commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's support to the said fund with amount of 1 Million USD in addition to pervious donation of 300 thousands USD
- 56 Calls upon** the Member States of the OIC to focus and cooperate on the voluntary repatriation of the Rohingyas who have been forced to take shelters in refugee camps in Bangladesh and in many other parts of the world by stressing on the Myanmar government to adhere and implement the ICJ issued provisional measures on 23 January 2020.
- 57 Expresses** serious concern on the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Myanmar, particularly the plight of the Rohingyas, for more than five and half years since August 2017 and 1.2 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas who fled Myanmar to seek refuge in Bangladesh following the acts of genocide and gross Human Rights violations by Myanmar and entities under its control and **calls on** Member States, donors and humanitarian NGOs to provide humanitarian assistance to these refugees and those in need of humanitarian assistance in Myanmar. **Hails** the Government and the People of Bangladesh for their relentless efforts and initiatives in providing hospitality and all necessary assistance to these 1.2 million Rohingyas who have been living in Bangladesh for more than five years and half despite real financial constraints;
- 58 Calls on** the Government of Myanmar to honour and implement the Bilateral Arrangements on Return between Bangladesh and Myanmar on November 2017 and two other subsequent bilateral instruments.
- 59 Commends** the Government of Bangladesh for the initiatives undertaken to facilitate Rohingya children with learning activities inside the camps through around 6000 learning

centers in the Myanmar language following the Myanmar Curriculum from KG to Grade 9, which will be expanded in a phased manner for grades one to twelve. This initiative will help the children in their reintegration into their ancestral society upon voluntary return. Further appreciates the Bangladesh governments initiative in working with the UN to adopt a Skill Development Framework compatible with their life in Myanmar, with the hope that these efforts will facilitate their repatriation.

- 60 Commends** Indonesia for the support in the form of relief to fulfil basic needs, shelters, health service assistance, and educational assistance, to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh valued over USD 2,800,000 and in the form of schools, hospital, basic needs, relief tents and medicines in Rakhine State, Myanmar.
- 61 Expresses** appreciation to the Government of Malaysia on the establishment of the Medical Field Hospital in the Kutupalong refugee camp and services it rendered, to alleviate the sufferings of the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and for hosting more than 141,000 refugees from Myanmar in Malaysia; and **calls upon** the Member States to extend their assistance to the Rohingyas in whatever ways possible.
- 62 Further calls upon** the government of Myanmar to honour the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the General Secretariat and the government to open a humanitarian coordination office in Myanmar and facilitate humanitarian access, particularly to the Rakhine State, and **urges** the Member States to carefully follow the repatriation process of Rohingyas refugees to Myanmar under the aegis of the Governments of Myanmar, Bangladesh and the UNHCR, and invites the Government of Myanmar to make the return of the Rohingya refugees possible.
- 63 Commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for providing assistance to the Rohingyas, amounting to more than US\$ 25 million, and also for arranging a pledging session for Rohingyas during Annual Coordination Meeting of OIC Member States at the sidelines of 74th UNGA High Level Segment in New York.
- 64 Commends** Türkiye for providing humanitarian and development assistance to alleviate the suffering of the Rohingyas since the beginning of this crisis in 2012 through its aid agents in various fields ranging from health, infrastructure, housing, education, agriculture, provision of shelter, basic relief, distribution of food and support packages, child services to capacity building and income generating projects etc, amounting to over 70 million Dollars in value, including the establishment of the field hospital in the Cox's Bazar refugee camp in Bangladesh
- 65 Commends** the delivery by the UNHCR a briefing on 27 January 2021 of to the Members of the OIC Contact Group on the Rohingya Muslim Minority regarding developments in the humanitarian situation of the Rohingya Muslim refugees.
- 66 Praises** the meeting of the 35th Session of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent on 5-6 January 2022 at the General Secretariat in Saudi Arabia, and **strongly appeals** to the Member States that are yet to accede to the Convention establishing the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so, as soon as possible to enable the Committee to perform its duties, and realise the objectives for which it was established; and **calls upon** States party to the Convention that are yet to pay their contributions to the Committee's budget to do so to allow the Committee to play its role and fulfil its obligations.

- 67 Recalls** its previous relevant resolutions 1/45-ICHAD operative paragraph 41 (2018), 1/44-ICHAD operative paragraph 40 (2017) and resolutions 1/46-ICHAD operative paragraph 54, and 1/47 ICHAD operative paragraph 58, pertaining to the efforts of the General Secretariat in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil society organisations in the OIC Member States; and **further calls upon** the General Secretariat to continue its efforts in developing the capacity of humanitarian civil society organizations in the OIC Member States through its joint programme with USAID.
- 68 Acknowledges** the important role that the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) has played in shaping the principles and policies of the contemporary humanitarian diplomacy, therefore **expresses** determination to make a meaningful follow-up to the outcomes of the WHS, in particular formulating policies and developing tools in further strengthening the nexus between humanitarian and development assistance.
- 69 Requests** Member States, international and regional organisations, humanitarian NGOs, financial institutions and philanthropists to contribute towards alleviating the plight of orphans in the Islamic world, and beyond; and **calls upon** the Member States and their civil societies to commemorate the OIC day of Orphans on the 15th of Ramadan.
- 70 Expresses** the hope that the General Secretariat intensifies its efforts in advancing cooperation with the IsDB, IRTI, SESRIC, ISF and the Islamic Fiqh Academy on the humanitarian front, including on issues pertaining to resilience to natural disasters, disaster risk reduction, Islamic social finance, and on delivering humanitarian assistance in general.
- 71 Calls upon** the General Secretariat to follow up on the outcomes of the International Conference on Refugees in the Islamic World, which was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in May 2012, including holding workshops in this regard.
- 72 Calls upon** the General Secretariat to follow- up on the outcomes of the 8th OIC-IPHRC International Seminar which was held on 5 and 6 October 2022 in Kuala Lumpur on “Islamic Perspectives on the Protection of Refugees - Rights and Access to Education”
- 73 Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and its specialized financial bodies in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, especially the initiatives to assist the least developed member states in combating the pandemic and providing the necessary vaccines. **Also appreciates** solidarity initiatives by some of the member states to provide financial and medical support and vaccines to the least developed countries in the organization.
- 74 Commends** the generous donation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair Country of the 14th Islamic Summit, of over US\$800 million in 2021, including US\$500 million which was pledged at the G20 Summit. The total amount of donations by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to OIC Member States totalled more than US\$147 million, in addition to US\$699 donated to international research organizations to address COVID pandemic. This is in addition to the donation of SAR20 million to provide COVID-19 vaccines, in coordination with Salman Relief and Humanitarian Action Centre, in support of the OIC initiative to help least developed country (LDCs) Member States by supplying COVID vaccines, while inviting the Member States to donate to the account designated for this purpose by the General Secretariat,
- 75 Welcomes** the decision to establish the Afghanistan Humanitarian Trust Fund and commends the role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the initiative to establish this Fund

and supporting it with a grant of US\$30 million – through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center.

- 76** **Recalls** the Resolution on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, adopted during the 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers on December 19, 2021, in Islamabad, and welcomes the decision to launch an Afghanistan Food Security Programme (AFSP) and urges all OIC Member States, the Islamic Organization for Food Security, the UN Funds and Programmes and other international financial institutions to generously contribute to the implementation of the AFSP.
- 77** **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/49-ICHAD
ON
THE HUMANITARIAN SITUATION IN SYRIA

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Recalling the objectives and principles enshrined in the charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), particularly those calling for promoting solidarity among Muslims and defending rights of the people;

Referring to the resolutions on the situation in Syria by the 46th CFM held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 1-2 March 2019;

Reiterating their commitment to the sovereignty, independence unity and territorial integrity of Syria, also to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Expressing serious concern over the level of violence and killing of hundreds of thousands of people including heavy civilian casualties as a result of the Syrian conflict;

Reiterates its grave concern at the continued humanitarian crisis in Syria as well as the fact that urgent humanitarian relief, including medical provision, is required by more than 15.3 million people in Syria of whom 6.8 million are internally displaced including Palestinian refugees;

Deplores the escalation of violence in the north-west of the country and stresses the situation of particular concern in the province of Idlib;

Recalls the international community's legal obligation under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as well as the relevant decisions of the United Nations Security Council and in this regard, **invites** the international community including international humanitarian organizations to consolidate their efforts aimed at addressing the humanitarian situation in Syria and underlines the primary responsibility of Syrian authorities to protect the people in Syria;

Notes with appreciation the efforts of the United Nations and its implementing partners, having reached an average of 7.8 million people with humanitarian aid each month in 2022 and the assistance delivered cross border represented a significant part of this;

1. **Commends** the cooperation extended by the Government of Türkiye, in facilitating cross border humanitarian operations and in this context, **acknowledges** the fact that 100% of the cross-border assistance to Syria is conducted through the borders of Türkiye.
2. **Appreciates** the constructive role and steps taken by the Astana guarantors in the field of confidence building measures, including concrete steps undertaken by the Working Group on the Release of Detainees/Abductees, Handover of Bodies and Identification of Missing Persons.
3. **Reiterates** their firm belief that in the absence of a political solution to the Syrian conflict in line with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2254 (2015) the

humanitarian crisis will prevail, leading to its further deterioration. With this understanding **welcomes** the establishment of the constitutional committee, **recognizes** the important role of the Office of the UN Special Envoy and **underlines its determination** for a continued cooperation with Ambassador Geir Pedersen.

4. **Emphasizes** the critical role of the UN cross-border assistance mechanism in delivering humanitarian assistance to the people inside Syria and in this regards **welcomes** the adoption of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2642 (2023) on the humanitarian situation in Syria and calls upon the United Nations Security Council to renew the mandate on cross-border mechanism for humanitarian assistance to northwest Syria for another 12-month period by the UN Security Council as of 10 July 2023.
5. **Reiterates** grave concern at the humanitarian situation in Syria and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which presents a profound challenge to health system, socio-economic, and humanitarian situation in Syria. **Rejects** all unilateral sanctions imposed against Syria in contravention of international law, international humanitarian law and the UN Charter
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.3/49-ICHAD
ON
THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CAPACITY AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OIC
MISSION IN KABUL**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Reaffirming the Resolution adopted during the 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) on “Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan”.

Expressing the strong commitment of the OIC to the sovereignty, independence, national unity and territorial integrity of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, expressing its solidarity with Afghanistan in its efforts to bring peace, prosperity, security and economic and social development;

Appreciating the essential role of the OIC Mission in Kabul regarding the political representation of the Organization, which would also be expected to facilitate an Afghan-owned and Afghan-led process for the formation of an inclusive and broad-based government in the country;

Taking note of the efforts prior to the 17th Extraordinary CFM Session, including the resolution No.3/47-ICHAD and a note submitted by the General Secretariat for reinforcing the OIC Office in Kabul including the resolution No.4/46-POL adopted by the 46th CFM (1-2 March 2019), Abu Dhabi) which reactivated the OIC Kabul Mission.

Considering that the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan continues to deteriorate and more than half of its population faces acute food shortage, with women and children to bear the brunt of this shortage.

Deeply convinced at the breakdown of Afghanistan’s health system, disease outbreak and severe malnutrition in that country.

Reiterating the importance of sustainable humanitarian and development assistance to Afghanistan, to support the efforts of this country for rehabilitation reconstruction and development, which will contribute to regional stability and security,

Considering the serious and urgent challenges, stemming from poverty and instability to the economic and social development of Afghanistan and conscious of the urgency of the reconstruction process and necessity for building human capacity in Afghanistan,

- 1- **Agrees** that urgent actions are critical to implement the resolution adopted during the 17th Extraordinary Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) on “Humanitarian Situation in Afghanistan”;
- 2- **Reaffirms** the decision at the 17th Extraordinary CFM Session in Islamabad that the OIC should play a lead role in delivering humanitarian and development aid to the people of Afghanistan and that in the context, reinforcing the OIC Kabul Mission, to

enable it to assume a central role in the delivery of the humanitarian and development aid, and forging partnership with the UN System as well as with the international financial institutions, will be essential;

- 3- **Decides** that the General Secretariat shall immediately undertake all necessary measures to implement the resolution titled “Reinforcing the OIC Mission in Afghanistan and Establishment of the Secretariat of the Special Envoy for Afghanistan”;
- 4- **Invites** all OIC institutions to step up their humanitarian and development assistance to Afghanistan in coordination with the OIC Kabul Mission.
- 5- **Commends** the inauguration of the new premises of the OIC mission in Kabul on 14 November 2022, and calls on the General Secretariat to reinforce it with the necessary personnel in order to carry out its tasks in supporting the Afghan people.
- 6- **Requests** Afghanistan to extend full support to the OIC Kabul Mission by allocating required premises and security;
- 7- **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/49-ICHAD
ON THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE NORTH-EAST NIGERIA OTHER COUNTRIES OF
LAKE CHAD BASIN AND THE SAHEL, AFFECTED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF
TERRORIST GROUPS**

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

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

Recalling the resolution 3/44-ICHAD adopted by the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire on 11 July 2017;

Acknowledging the concern of the OIC General Secretariat and other OIC institutions to the plight of the displaced persons;

Appreciating the assistance of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for extending humanitarian assistance to the IDPs in North East of Nigeria through the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center;

Noting the recent successes recorded by the countries of the Lake Chad Basin against Boko Haram and ISWAP terrorist groups;

Further noting the efforts of the Federal Government of Nigeria the Sahel countries concerned by the activities of the terrorist groups in addressing the humanitarian situation of the IDPs;

Commending the Federal Government of Nigeria for the establishment of the North-East Development Commission (NEDC) to assess and coordinate all intervention programmes and initiatives by the federal Government and Development Partners;

Reiterating the need for OIC to render humanitarian assistance to the IDPs in the North-East Nigeria and other Countries of Lake Chad Basin as well as the Sahel;

Emphasizing the necessity for full implementation of Resolution 3/44-ICHAD and other necessary measures by the OIC and its Organs to extend humanitarian assistance to the IDPs in Lake Chad Basin and Sahel;

Commending the OIC for signing Headquarters Agreement with the Government of Niger Republic for the establishment of an OIC Office in Niamey, Niger Republic to coordinate the OIC response in political, economic, development, and humanitarian fields to cater for its Member States of the Sahel and Lake Chad Basin region;

Appreciating the Republic of Chad for the efforts put in hosting, in cooperation and coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, a large number of refugees from neighboring countries such as the Central African Republic, the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Republic of the Sudan and the Republic of Cameroon;

Commending Burkina Faso for the efforts deployed in hosting refugees, particularly from Mali and for developing and implementing the Sahel Emergency Programme.

1. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat to empower and strengthen the new OIC Mission in Niamey to render desired services to its Member States in the Sahel Lake Chad Basin region;
2. **Urges** the OIC to join other international efforts to address the challenges of IDPs in the Lake Chad Basin and Sahel;
3. **Calls on** OIC Secretary General to set up a Special Committee comprising Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon, Chad, Burkina Faso, OIC Mission in Niamey, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, IDB and OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with relevant international institutions to work out the implementation of this Resolution, including the possibility of convening a resources mobilization or pledging conference in support of the plight of the IDPs and refugees in the region;
4. **Welcomes** the outcome of the first meeting of the Special Committee at the General Secretariat on 28 July 2022 and the decision to assign the Federal Republic of Nigeria as chair of the said committee;
5. **Welcomes** with appreciation the generous offer by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the proposed pledging conference in support of the plight of the IDPs and refugees in the region; and request the General secretariat to follow up with the host country and the Special Committee on all issues pertaining to the conveying of the said conference;
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5/49-ICHAD
ON
STRENGTHENING COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY IN RESPONSE TO
COVID-19 IN THE MUSLIM WORLD

The Forty-Ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Moderation: Key to security and stability) held in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, on 16 – 17 March 2023 (24-25 Shaaban 1444H).

Guided by the noble Islamic values of unity and fraternity,

Affirming their resolve towards promoting and consolidating cooperation and solidarity among Member States in securing their common objectives and interests,

Noting with deep concern that the total number of cases recorded close to 664 million persons worldwide have contracted Covid-19 disease and people will fall sick as the pandemic continues,

Mourning the loss of life of more than 6 million people due to Covid-19 disease and paying sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims and those whose lives and livelihoods have been upended by the pandemic,

Noting with deep concern the disproportionate social, economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on developing and least-developed States, including among OIC members,

Also noting with deep concern that the pandemic has accentuated debt burdens of several developing and least developed countries, thereby reducing their fiscal space and liquidity, deepening inequalities and impeding their progress for achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC),

Recalling the relevant resolutions and declarations adopted by the successive sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) including Resolution No. 3/47–S&T on Health Matters and the Niamey Declaration, adopted by the 47th session of the CFM held in Niamey, Republic of Niger, on 27-28 November 2020,

Taking note of the Statement of the Steering Committee on Health (SCH) of the OIC, which was virtually convened on 9 April 2020,

Highly appreciating and endorsing the final communique of the Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the Level of Foreign Ministers on the Consequences of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic and Joint Response of April 22, 2020, which was convened upon the call made by the Republic of Türkiye,

Welcoming the virtual extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to follow-up on the outcome of the final communique of the Extraordinary Meeting of the OIC Executive Committee at the Level of Foreign Ministers on the Consequences of the Novel COVID-19, on 29 October 2020,

Considering the relevant provisions of the resolution on Health Matters adopted at the Forty-Eighth Session of the CFM of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation,

Commending the extraordinary efforts made by all Member States, as well as contributions by

OIC General Secretariat, Islamic Development Bank, the COMCEC Coordination Office, COMSTECH, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and all other relevant OIC institutions in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate the negative impacts on lives and livelihoods of the people, including social life and economic activities,

Welcoming advocacy by the Prime Minister of Pakistan to declare COVID-19 related vaccines and health products as global public good and provision of debt relief for developing countries to respond effectively to the impact of the pandemic,

Cognizant of the need to strike the right balance between protecting the public health against the virus and maintaining the social life and economic activities,

Recognizing the wide deployment of vaccine certificates, recovery certificates and PCR tests in facilitating the safe conduct of social life and economic activities, as well as international flights and travel,

Acknowledging with appreciation the central role, coordination and awareness raising efforts of the WHO, including its Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (SPRP), and its support for establishment of ACT-A and C-TAP and in this regard takes note with appreciation of contribution being made by the COVAX Facility in facilitating vaccine procurement and supply to developing and least developed countries across the world,

Paying tribute to the religious and community leaders and Islamic scholars in raising public awareness about inoculation of vaccines, personal hygiene, and appropriate social behaviors as important tools to curb the spread of the pandemic in Member States, **Expressing** grave concerns at the disturbing surge, both offline and online, in stigmatization, xenophobia, intolerance, misinformation, disinformation and violence targeted against Muslim minorities, migrants and refugees surfacing during the pandemic in many parts of the world, (*based on PP16 of HRC consensual resolution 44/2*),

Stressing that safe and effective vaccines are the most important tool to prevent, contain and mitigate the impact of the virus and to save lives all around the world,

Reminding that global vaccination coverage is far from being at the scale needed to curb transmission, thereby perpetuating the risk of emergence of new variants worldwide,

Emphasizing that the huge gap between high income and low-income countries, in particular LDCs, in terms of access to vaccines exposes millions unprotected against the virus,

Recognizing that unless every corner of the world is safe from the virus, not a single nation or society will be able to feel safe,

Supporting the goal of the United Nations to vaccinate 70 per cent of the world population in 2022, as well as enhancing co-operation in the framework of multilateral initiatives,

Welcoming the donation of vaccines and medical supplies by member states: namely, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Türkiye, the Kingdom of Morocco, the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the State of Qatar,

Commending the generous US\$20 million donation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Chair Country of the 14th Islamic Summit, to provide COVID-19 vaccines, in coordination

with Salman Relief and Humanitarian Action Centre, in support of the OIC initiative to help least developed country (LDCs) Member States by supplying COVID vaccines, while inviting the Member States to donate to the account designated for this purpose by the General Secretariat,

Commending the State of Kuwait's efforts to support the global response to COVID-19, through supporting WHO's work against COVID and assisting a number of affected countries, generously contributing donations exceeding US\$ 327 million, and supporting international initiatives for equitable and secure distribution of vaccines, particularly to developing and least developed countries,

Commends the support provided by Algeria to African countries, particularly medical assistance, in order to help them cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, and to achieve post-crisis recovery, in line with Algeria's policy of international solidarity and cooperation.

Welcoming the donation of 400,000 doses anti-COVID vaccines by the Organization of Turkic States to Burkina Faso and 211,200 doses by the government of Hungary in its capacity of observer state through the Organization for Togo COVID,

Commending the medical support provided by the Kingdom of Morocco to several African States members of the OIC to support their COVID-19 response efforts,

Commends the important role of the Republic of Tunisia during its non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council to push for issuing resolution No. 2532 on the immediate cessation of hostilities and calling for a humanitarian pause to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic

Stressing that the global pandemic should not constitute a new area of competition between states, and all states and international community should cooperate and act in solidarity to effectively combat the virus all over the world without further loss of life,

Underscoring that an effective fight against COVID-19 requires active political leadership of OIC Member States and their respective authorities,

1. **Urges** Member States to strengthen their cooperation and solidarity in their common efforts against the Covid-19 and to meaningfully address its public health, social and economic impacts;
2. **Calls upon** Member States to support efforts to take appropriate measures to guarantee fair, transparent, equitable, efficient, universal and timely access to and distribution of safe, quality, efficacious, effective, accessible and affordable COVID-19 vaccines, and the related essential health products, equipment and technologies;
3. **Encourages** Member States to promote joint research and capacity-building initiatives and to enhance cooperation on and access to science, innovation, technologies, technical assistance and knowledge-sharing, on vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and protective equipment, and commends Saudi Arabia's partnership with the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) that works in countries around the world, including OIC Member States;

4. ***Supports and encourages*** joint research, trial, development and production among member states in vaccines particularly against Covid-19;
5. ***Highly appreciates*** the donation of 4,500,000 doses of anti-Covid vaccines by the government of Türkiye to African States in 2022;
6. ***Commends*** the assistance provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to many countries around the world including Muslim states, which placed it third in terms of international assistance, and first among Muslim States in 2021 in absolute terms, with the total humanitarian assistance reaching US\$ 1.268 Billion amounting to 4.8% of the total international humanitarian assistance; (with emphasis on the content of paragraph 6 and 71 in Resolution 1/49-ICHAD
7. ***Welcomes*** the vaccines developed by certain Member States: namely, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and the Republic of Türkiye, and ***invites*** them to make them available for the OIC Member States to increase vaccination levels of their populations;
8. ***Calls for:***
 - a) Positive consideration and affirmative actions including debt relief for developing and least developing countries, in particular OIC countries, as a means of alleviating their fiscal space to counter the devastating effects of the pandemic;
 - b) intensified international cooperation among States and pharmaceutical companies to ease restrictions including through temporary waiver of patents in order to facilitate timely, equitable and affordable access to and production of COVID COVID vaccines and treatments;
 - c) sharing of knowledge, lessons learned, experiences, best practices, data, materials, and commodities needed in the response, with WHO and other countries, as appropriate;
9. ***Invites*** Member States to continue to donate vaccines and medical supplies to those OIC Member States in need;
10. ***Further invites*** Member States to support vaccine storage, distribution and national absorption capacities of those Member States in need;
11. ***Calls upon*** all Member States and the OIC institutions to demonstrate their solidarity with those OIC member States having LDC status against the COVID-19 pandemic, which are in a more vulnerable and disadvantaged situation;
12. ***Underlines*** the importance of supporting the Member States in Africa as well as Afghanistan, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Syria which experience difficult political, economic, social and humanitarian situations in their fight against COVID-19, with a view to demonstrating Islamic solidarity and cooperation;
13. ***Encourages*** OIC member states to support efforts at the World Trade Organization, in seeking a temporary waiver from certain provisions of the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) in order to accelerate global vaccine

manufacturing capacity,

14. **Recognizes** the need to further assist the State of Palestine and Palestinians to combat COVID-19 and its repercussions in various other sectors, considering the hardships imposed upon them due to continuing occupation and deprivations;
15. **Takes note** of the decisions made by the COMCEC Ministerial Session on the COMCEC Covid Response Programme and invites Member States to apply for project financing under this programme;
16. **Urges** the Islamic Development Bank Group (IsDB) and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to allocate more funds to Member and Observer States as well as Muslims living in non-member states to strengthen their capabilities in response to the pandemic, particularly in the health sector;
17. **Calls upon** Member States and the OIC General Secretariat as well as the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) to further intensify their efforts to counter the spread of disinformation on vaccines and other health measures against the COVID-19 and continue to run awareness campaigns;
18. **Requests** the IIFA to continue to inform public to refute baseless allegations on the measures to fight the pandemic;
19. **Encourages** cooperation among Member States to consider mutual recognition of vaccination, recovery and test certificates in order to facilitate safe movement and travel of persons, in accordance with their domestic rules and regulations,
20. **Urges** Member States to take additional measures to protect psychical, mental and social wellbeing of vulnerable individuals who are disproportionately affected by the pandemic such as the elderly, women, caregivers, youth, and children. There should also be scale up efforts to keep refugees, asylum seekers and migrants safe across the nations affected by the pandemic;
21. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to engage with all relevant international partners including the UN, World Health Organization and all other stakeholders in support of the Member States and their efforts;
22. **Urges** the OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC (COMSTECH) to devise ways and means for information exchange and cooperation between public health authorities and medical institutions of OIC member states including for training, capacity building and research & development aimed at improving preparedness and response to deal with the current and future pandemics and to coordinate with interested Member States, relevant OIC institutions and international partners to establish a consortium of research institutions of the Member States for strengthening vaccine production in the OIC Member States;
23. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 50th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
