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SECOND MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON
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The OIC Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the Member States at its second session held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, on 5 and 6 June 2023 (16 – 17 Dhul Qa’ada 1444 AH), under the theme: Social Justice and Social Security”;

Guided by the provisions and principles of the OIC Charter and the work of the OIC, its subsidiary organs and institutions, and affirming the importance of promoting cooperation among Member States in the social, cultural and information fields, promoting the notion of the family, protecting and developing it as the natural and core unit of the society, and the importance of preserving stability in the family which bears the first responsibility for child care and protection;

Taking note of the articles of the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and Social Rights (ICESCR) which affirms the provision of conducive conditions to enable everyone to enjoy their economic, social and cultural rights, where Article 6 of the ICESCR mentions the adoption of policies and the formulation of mechanisms that will achieve economic, social and cultural development that guarantee the freedoms and rights of societies from the development perspective which seeks to promote the economic, social and cultural rights of citizens, notably the right to development, by empowering them and boosting their various capacities through diverse legislations, policies and programmes;

Recalling the resolutions and final communiqués of the various sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, especially the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Summit) and the Final Communiqué of the 13th ordinary session of the Islamic Summit, and the Final Communiqué of the 14th Islamic Summit which emphasized that the social dimension is essential for to achieve sustainable development and that investment in social protection is a way to achieve those objectives;

Recalling also resolution 4/46-C on Holding OIC Sectorial Meetings of Ministers of Social Affairs in the Member States, adopted by the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held on 1-2 March 2019 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates;

Taking note of the resolutions on cultural, social and family affairs adopted by the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held on 1-2 March 2019 in Abu Dhabi, particularly Article 4/46-C on social and family affairs which called for preserving the well-being and social security of the elderly and persons with disabilities and for promoting their participation and integration in society, and for eradicating all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence and violence against children;

Recalling the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005 and the strategic programme of action 2016 – 2025 to confront the social, developmental, intellectual and cultural challenges; affirming the importance of the OIC-2005 Programme of Action, which deals with issues of women advancement, family wellbeing and social security;

Also recalling the outcome of the first session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development, held in Istanbul, Republic of Türkiye from 7 to 9 December 2019;

Recalling the resolutions of the 8th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women held in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt (8 July 2021) and the resolutions of the 5th session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers, held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 – 9 September 2022);

Expressing its appreciation to the “Akhuwat Islamic Microfinance”, based in Pakistan, the Islamic Development Bank and the OIC General Secretariat for organizing a seminar, on March 9, 2023, on the business model represented by “Akhuwat” with regard to interventions in the field of microfinance in the OIC Member States, in the context of encouraging interest-free microfinance as a tool for poverty alleviation and social development in member states;

Recalling the resolutions of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development in the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Türkiye, on November 1-3, 2016;

Taking note of the Khartoum Declaration “*Towards a Brighter Future for Our Children*,” adopted by the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, held in Khartoum 2-3 February 2009), which refers to the resolution adopted by 11th session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Dakar (March 2008) on child welfare and protection in the OIC Member States;

Guided by the Covenant on the Rights of the Child adopted by the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers at its 32nd session in Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, in June 2005;

Taking note of Article 22 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which urges states parties to take appropriate measures to ensure that a child who is seeking refugee status or who is considered a refugee shall receive appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance;

Recalling the UN Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability and the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW);

Recalling the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the United Nations General Assembly at its 70th session, and the need for the OIC Member States to pay more attention, within sustainable development literature, to highlighting the central role of the family in achieving sustainable development, as there is a lack of attention to the family in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations and the erosion of the marriage institution in some regions of the world, which calls for according the utmost importance to the marriage and family institution in the OIC Member States;

Also commending the efforts of the Republic of Türkiye during its chairmanship of the first Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States in following up the implementation of the conference’s recommendations;

Commending SESRIC for organizing, on August 2-4, 2022, the virtual workshop on strengthening the capacities of institutions concerned with national social development in Member States, in cooperation with the Ministry of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, Chair of the First Ministerial Conference on Social Development, and in coordination with relevant OIC bodies and institutions, including the Islamic Development Bank, ICESCO, IPHRC, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, IRCICA, ICCIA, and the International Islamic University in Malaysia;

Also commending the efforts of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) in preparing a study on “the so-called sexual orientation and gender identity” and in following up implementation of the resolutions of the Council of Foreign Ministers on rejection

of the United Nations Human Rights Council's resolution of sexual orientation and the appointment of an independent expert on the issue;

Aware that the civil society enjoys high technical capacities enabling them to contribute to the development process by strengthening and empowering the local communities, in addition to their role in building capacities, developing skills and training in various fields of development, development programme design and implementation and expanding popular participation, as well as in volunteer action;

Emphasizing the need to pay utmost attention to strengthening and consolidating the marriage and family institution in Member States;

Recalling that family empowerment policies are effective public means to reduce social risks and problems;

Underlining the importance of developing family-based social policies, in line with a participatory approach that involves all stakeholders, in order to improve the quality of services provided to the family, expand their scope and increase their effectiveness;

Expressing the current changes and trends affecting the family and marriage institution in OIC countries, such as declining fertility and marriage rates, increasing divorce rates, and population aging;

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on follow up of the resolutions adopted by the first Ministerial Conference on Social Development;

Decides as follows:

A) PROMOTING FAMILY WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING THE VALUES OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INSTITUTION IN THE MEMBER STATES:

- 1. Welcomes** the relevant Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) resolutions on social affairs, particularly those adopted by the 47th CFM (Niamey, 2020); 48th CFM (Islamabad, 2022) and 49th (Nouakchott, 2023) on social development, in particular resolution 4/49-C on protecting marriage and family institution values in the framework of original Islamic values, and **calls** on Member States and relevant OIC institutions to implement them;
- 2. Reaffirms** its rejection of the UNHRC Resolution on the so-called Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject; **commends** the efforts of the OIC Group in Geneva and New York and calls upon them to take a common position against that mandate, further calls on Member States to unite their positions at international fora to oppose these resolutions and **further calls** on the relevant OIC institutions to provide the required support to the Member States facing pressure in this regard;
- 3. Calls** for highlighting the major role played by the family in the achievement of sustainable development at all international and regional forums, and making it a permanent item in all OIC meetings on social and humanitarian affairs and the

- corrosion of the family institution in some parts of the world, requiring that maximum attention is accorded to the marriage and family institutions in the OIC Member States;
4. **Urges** Member States to work towards expanding loans to small scale and micro enterprises to ensure provision of material support to the family to achieve independence and enable children of the family to pursue education rather than being pushed early to the job market;
 5. **Calls** for cooperation between the General Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, taking into account the family perspective, protection and promotion of the family notion, the achievement of social protection for persons with disabilities and reducing the risks and challenges that could affect the elderly and children;
 6. **Emphasizes** investment in the care economy in the world, given its positive impact on employment in general, and its importance in supporting social policies as well as policies for the promotion of gender equality, women's empowerment and family care, within an ever-changing demographic and socio-economic context;
 7. **Urges for** the training of religious scholars to disseminate social awareness, especially among the youth and children about the importance of the role of the family in building and strengthening society, particularly in view of the cultural, economic and technological changes and to standardize social, cultural and religious messages on social issues, such as population problem, family development, domestic violence and positive family training, guided by the OIC Charter which provides for the achievement of sound upbringing of children and youth and promotion of social and family values;
 8. **Welcomes** the comprehensive study prepared by the IPHRC on "the so-called Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" as contained in document no. "OIC/IPHRC/REP/SOGI/CFM-44/2017"; pursuant to CFM Resolution no. 4/43-C, and **urges** the General Secretariat to formulate a comprehensive strategy, based on the recommendations of the study, to vehemently oppose the UNHRC Resolution no. 32/2 on the so-called Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject, and to stress this stance at different levels.
 9. **Call on** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the OIC organs and institutions concerned, especially ICESCO, IPHRC, WDO, SESRIC, IRCICA, IIFA, IIUM to finalize the preparation of the document on Islamic values relative to women, children, in accordance with Council of foreign Ministers resolutions.
 10. **Urges** Member States to sign and ratify the Statute of the OIC Women Development Organization, and calls on Member States that have signed the Statute to ratify it as soon as possible in order to strengthen the OIC's role in the area of women empowerment.
 11. **Calls on** the Member States to support youth, provide employment opportunities and financial facilities and proper housing for them to start a family.

12. **Calls** for promoting and strengthening the family mediation profession in OIC Member States in order to support family wellbeing and preserve the marriage and family institutions and reduce divorce and family disintegration rates; **Also Calls** for enhancing joint cooperation among Member States in sharing their successful experiences in this regard;
13. **Calls on** Member States to strengthen coordination and integration among national family and marriage institutions with the aim of promoting joint action to achieve family stability, to consider social, economic and media changes and their impact on the family and the role of social institutions, to combat ideas related to the so-called sexual orientation, and to promote humane values and ideals;
14. **Calls on** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to hold specialized workshops aimed at strengthening the role and duties of social institutions towards the family before and in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic;
15. **Calls** on the General Secretariat to hold workshops with specialized international and regional institutions in order to raise awareness about the importance of preserving family values, protecting children, building youth capacities, and empowering them to fight extremist ideas, addiction, domestic violence and other problems confronting families or family members, and to exchange successful experiences in this regard, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, particularly ICESCO, SESRIC and Women Development Organization;
16. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Türkiye and the OIC General Secretariat for the successful organization of First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in OIC Member States, hosted by the Republic of Türkiye in Istanbul on 7-9 December 2019; welcomes the outcomes of the Conference and its resolutions; and takes note of the Istanbul Declaration;
17. **Welcomes** the convening of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts (IGGE) in virtual format, the first on 18 October 2021 and the second on 15 February 2022, chaired by the Republic of Türkiye, chair of the first Ministerial Conference on Social Development, to discuss the internal and financial rules of the Family Committee;
18. **Requests** Member States to take necessary measures to reduce the negative effects of the media on the family members and to increase family-friendly media broadcasts and productions;
19. **Urges** the Member States to organize workshops to share their best practices and experiences and awareness raising programs with a view to support and strengthen family well-being;
20. **Encourages** Member States to implement policies, programs and services to develop and expand family training and counseling services that promote and preserve marriage institution;
21. **Requests** the Member States to organize workshops to share their best practices and experiences about family training programs, premarital training programs, marriage enrichment programs and family counselling services;

22. **Urges** the Member States to create a supportive environment to strengthening the family and marriage institution while recognizing that respect for fundamental rights and freedoms of all family members is essential to family well-being;
23. **Invites** the Member States to develop policies and services to expand accessible and family-friendly environments where family members can spend safe and quality time together;
24. **Invites** the member states and the OIC organs and institutions to develop policy, programs and services in order to increase the resilience of individuals, families and communities in the face of disasters and emergencies such as earthquakes and floods;
25. **Calls** on the General Secretariat, in coordination with the relevant OIC organs and institutions, to conduct studies and research on the impact of globalization on family values, the ways to benefit from technology, as well as the ways to face its impacts on the family;
26. **Emphasizes** the importance of programs integrating orphaned children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, and promote inclusive family care as a substitute for institutional care, which will strengthen family cohesion and have a positive impact on societal security;
27. **Calls for** establishing programs and mechanisms to promote the integration of vulnerable segments of society, which will ensure their sustainable integration in the family and within society;
28. **Calls on** relevant OIC Institutions to support national institutions in the protection and preservation of the values of family and marriage institution in Member States by organizing awareness raising campaigns, specialized workshops and training courses;
29. **Calls on** Member States to share experiences and successful practices in the field of social development, including social rehabilitation, child care, protection of the elderly, and family counseling. (Proposed by Bahrain).

B) CHILDCARE AND CHILD PROTECTION ACROSS THE MUSLIM WORLD:

30. **Calls on** the General Secretariat and the IPHRC to continue convening open-ended intergovernmental experts' group meetings to discuss the draft OIC convention on Rights of the Child in Islam, ahead of its submission to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
31. **Urges** for action to combat child labor through spreading awareness about the risks of child labor, enacting more stringent laws and enforcing them effectively, working to combat school dropout and proposing social initiatives and programmes helping to boost these efforts, to develop and activate appropriate legal framework to address issue of child labor, and to provide educational services to scale up the quality of education. **Also** urges the development and activation of an appropriate legislative framework to

address the issue of child labor, provide educational services, and improve the quality of education.

32. **Stresses** the importance of fighting all forms of discrimination against children, including bullying, particularly of those with disability. **Calls** for action to attract and return homeless children to schools through children-incentivizing initiatives, including expansion of school feeding programme;
33. **Calls** for action to combat child marriage in view of its health, educational, social and legal risk by enacting legislations preventing such and by raising awareness about the dangers of early marriage for children, leveraging the Arab Republic of Egypt's lead on the matter through numerous initiatives, including the campaign (Girl's Marriage before Age 18 is Denial of Her Rights);
34. **Calls** for attention to children starting from the stage of mother's pregnancy until weaning stage at age 2 by improving the nutritional situation of pregnant and lactating women and infants in order to boost the cognitive and physical growth of children and to protect them from the impact of malnutrition, including stunting, thinness and low weight;
35. **Urges** for attention be paid to early childhood stage of children under the age of four, in response to the 4th objective of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on developing early childhood: "ensure lifelong learning", which provides for upbringing and education as basis for child's development, academic success and increased productivity through improvement of the physical environment of kindergartens, developing model kindergarten curriculum, building capacities of service providers and cooperating with relevant international organizations and bodies in the early childhood sector;
36. **Calls** on Member States to implement obligatory health follow-up for children under the age of 6 for families that receive cash assistance by conducting visits to the health unit to follow up on children's health and weight and verify the completion of their vaccinations, in addition to checking the reproductive health of the mother;
37. **Also calls** on Member States to deploy efforts to protect and care for children and to eliminate all forms of violence against them;
38. **Also urges** Member States to provide a conducive environment to strengthen and support the family, while recognizing that respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all family members is necessary for the welfare of the family and society as a whole and recognizing the principle of joint parental responsibility for child upbringing and development;
39. **Calls** on Member States to enact national legislations that guarantee provision of protection for children without discrimination, to exchange experiences to improve their conditions, and to promote joint action with civil society organization and non-governmental organization in Member States in this area;
40. **Also calls** for the formulation of a vision of social welfare policies aimed at realizing social security that include the importance of exploring social welfare policies for the most vulnerable groups "orphans", rights of children with disability, exchanging

experiences among States on alternative care systems and the formulation of vision for social welfare policies;

41. **Calls on** Member States to support a project to sponsor an orphan within his family, provide the necessary financial assistance to secure a decent life for him, and empower substitute families within humane and legal frameworks to prevent exploitation;
42. **Also calls on** the relevant OIC organs and institutions to support the programmes and structures working on preventing and protecting child victims of addiction, especially the aspect related to treatment and rehabilitation, drawing on comparative experiences.
43. **Also calls upon** the Member States, which have not yet done so, to establish psychosocial intervention units to provide technical advice to the relevant authorities to enable them to carry out their duties towards children, older people, people with disability, and those with special needs.
44. **Also calls on** the Member States to exert more efforts to confront the phenomenon of female genital mutilation as one of the harmful and violent practices against girls.
45. **Also calls upon** the relevant OIC organs (ICESCO, the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), and IPHRC) to take the necessary measures, in coordination with the General Secretariat, to finalize the draft OIC Strategy of Childhood Care and Welfare and submit it to the next session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States or the CFM.
46. **Urges** the Member States to organize workshops to share best practices, experiences, and awareness programmes, with the support of ICESCO, the IIFA, SESRIC, the IsDB, and relevant non-governmental organizations, to protect and advance the rights of children, including those with special needs and with disabilities;
47. **Urges** the strengthening of cooperation between countries hosting refugee children and United Nations organizations in order to register them, provide all means of social protection for them, and prevent their exploitation;
48. **Requests** the Member States to increase cooperation and coordination regarding their policies and programmes and to develop and implement strategies to protect children against current challenges and risks, such as cyber and drug addiction, abuse, and exploitation of children via the Internet, violence between peers, and electronic harassment;
49. **Stresses** the need to continue supporting the Member States hosting refugees, which disproportionately bear a large part of the burden of aiding and protection, and **calls on** the international community to increase and coordinate its support to these countries and countries of transit, in coordination with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
50. **Calls on** the Member States to increase cooperation and coordination in their policies and programmes to support and rehabilitate refugee children, per the resolutions issued by the OIC and the United Nations.

51. **Urges** the Member States and relevant OIC organs to enhance cooperation and coordination with partners at the regional and international levels, particularly United Nations agencies, regarding refugee children in the Member States.
52. **Calls for** organizing a workshop, in cooperation with the relevant United Nations agencies and stakeholders in the humanitarian field, to exchange experiences and study best practices in the field of services and activities provided to refugee children in the OIC Member States.
53. **Also calls on** the IsDB and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to explore the possibility of allocating resources to projects that prioritize enabling refugee children and their families to access health and education services.
54. **Also calls on** the IsDB and the ISF to explore the possibility of setting up comprehensive projects that support refugee children that consider the child's best interest.
55. **Commends** the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) for the implementation of the Project for the Advancement of Women and Protection of Children in Emergency Situations in OIC Member States including Burkina Faso and requests Member States, relevant OIC institutions and partners to support the implementation of the said project;
56. **Calls** on Member States to hold enlightenment campaigns to raise awareness about the rights of the orphans and its reward in Islam;
57. **Calls** on the General Secretariat in coordination with relevant OIC organs and institutions, in particular ICESCO and SESRIC, to support Member States' efforts in addressing challenges they face with protecting children, especially dropout and helping to reduce school violence, bullying and working to make schools purposeful training and educational environment for students in order to ensure the building of an effective society that contributes to development;
58. **Calls** on Member States to develop programmes to protect children and their families from the harmful effects of drugs and addiction, with the aim of assisting addicted individuals to find cure and to provide educational programmes to prevent drugs and reduce damage;
59. **Commends** the increase of social, sportive, artistic, cultural and scientific activities and studies for children and young and their accessibility to all individuals;
60. **Calls** for paving the way for children's meaningful participation in decision-making processes at all levels, in all matters concerning children, and monitoring the results of this participation;
61. **Stresses** the development of child welfare policies that take account of the differences in countries with children and families of different religious beliefs, races and nationalities;
62. **Emphasizes** the importance of developing action plans and strategies in disaster-affected countries to protect children in crisis and emergencies based on children's rights;

63. **Calls** for inclusion and implementation of modules on child rights and child participation in family trainings to promote child participation;
64. **Reminds** the Member States the necessity of developing policies and interventions for structural problems in society, as well as punitive measures, in order to prevent child abuse and early and forced marriage, which is a form of child abuse;
65. **Commends** the establishment of reporting systems to which children can apply at the points where their rights are violated in line with the empowerment of children;
66. **Welcomes** a collaborative approach, as inter-institutional coordination is essential for promoting child welfare;
67. **Calls** for child welfare and family policies to be designed to meet the needs of different developmental periods in line with the fact that different developmental periods create different needs for the child and family;
68. **Call on** Member States and relevant OIC organs and institutions to raise public awareness with the aim of promoting healthy lifestyle for children and other segments of the population, especially in the domains of health problems related to environmental pollution, violence, inadequate physical activity and malnutrition;
69. **Commends** Member States' efforts in confronting challenges pushing children to live or work on the street, especially poverty, violence against children, armed conflicts and displacement, and calls on Member States to provide opportunities for all children to attend schools;
70. **Calls on** relevant OIC organs and institutions to support Member States' efforts on Child protection by holding specialized training courses and workshops for national institutions working in this field.

C) IN THE FIELD OF PRESERVING THE WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY OF OLDER PEOPLE:

71. **Calls on** the Member States to take the necessary actions and appropriate measures to implement the provisions of the OIC Strategy for the Welfare and Protection of Older People and to coordinate its activities to enhance their social security for the elderly.
72. **Calls on** the Member States to enhance social protection for older people through a social approach directed at them and to combat the neglect of older people by their offspring by providing the necessary social assistance and accompaniment, as well as promoting joint Arab-Islamic cooperation and expertise-sharing;
73. **Also calls for** the development of programmes to encourage positive behavior and change society's view of older people and programmes for curative and preventive

services, such as appointing a companion for this category from among family members or outside it if it is not possible to provide financial grants to care for older people within the family environment and, **calls for** supporting and urging the Member States to establish cultural and social forums for older people, people with disability and those with special needs.

74. **Also calls on** the Member States, in the light of the OIC Strategy on the Welfare of Older People, to coordinate their policies and strengthen their cooperation to ensure the active participation of older people within their societies without discrimination and to make the protection of their Islamic and traditional role within their families and societies a priority, by supporting intergenerational solidarity and educating future generations.
75. **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat and SESRIC in organizing a specialized workshop to strengthen the capacities of national social development institutions in the Member States on August 02-04, 2022, in coordination with the relevant OIC organs to address the challenges facing the Member States in the field of protection of older people and persons with disabilities, in cooperation with the Republic of Türkiye Chair of the Conference, and **calls upon** the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to implement the recommendations of the workshop above.
76. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen and implement laws, policies, and regulations related to the rights of older people and to support the institutions responsible for promoting active and healthy life for the family and society.
77. **Calls upon** the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to implement the OIC Strategy on the Welfare of Older People;
78. **Also calls for** the provision of protection and care for older people and to guarantee their enjoyment of all fundamental rights and freedoms, the provision of social, health, rehabilitation and long-term-care programmes, the improvement of medical services provided to secure a decent life for them, and consideration of the development of laws and legislation that guarantee this;
79. **Also calls for** the exchange of experiences concerning mechanisms for developing and raising the efficiency of long-term institutions for older people, protecting the rights of homeless adults, and providing them with health, psychological, and social care;
80. **Urges** the Member States to provide social services for older people with disability and to prepare training courses for professionals in long-term-care institutions to improve the quality of services and activities provided to them;
81. **Calls** for strengthening cooperation among the OIC Member States in the fields of social protection, especially, well-being and social security for the elderly;
82. **Also stresses** the importance for OIC Member States to commit to taking all measures that can provide wellbeing and social security for the elderly, persons with disability, women and children as the most vulnerable groups;
83. **Calls** on Member States to enhance joint cooperation in preserving the well-being and social security of the elderly;

84. **Establish** a unified mechanism in Muslim countries to link sources and banks of information in Muslim countries on the elderly and related topics (if any);
85. **Increase** awareness on the importance of providing quality life for the elderly and conduct awareness campaigns at the level of Muslim countries, which contribute to supporting the well-being of the elderly, improving their living conditions and providing them with a decent life;

D- PROMOTING INCLUSIVE AND RIGHTS-BASED POLICIES AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND WITH DISABILITY

86. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Guinea for hosting two workshops on the inclusion and empowerment of persons with disability, in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat and SESRIC on 23-24 December 2019, and on 24-25 February 2021 in Conakry;
87. **Welcomes** the efforts of SESRIC for organizing a Webinar in collaboration with the Ministry of Family and Social Services of Republic of Türkiye on “The Impact of COVID-19 on Elderly People and Persons with Disabilities in the OIC Member States” on 23 December 2020;
88. **Commends** the initiative of SESRIC and the Ministry of Family and Social Services of Republic of Türkiye for organizing a training workshop on “Health and Social Care Policies towards Supporting Independent Living for People with Disabilities” within the framework of Social Development Capacity Building Programme (SD-CaB) on 8-10 February 2022 through an online video conferencing platform;
89. **Takes note of** the results of the open-ended government expert meeting to discuss and enrich the draft OIC Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, held on May 21, 2023 at the OIC headquarters; **commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and SESRIC in formulating the draft Action Plan; **adopts** the document of the OIC Action Plan for Persons with Disabilities, and **calls on Member States**, relevant OIC organs and institutions to implement it;
90. **Invites** General Secretariat and SESRIC to coordinate the formulation and adoption of a mechanism to follow up on implementing the OIC Action Plan on Persons with Disabilities to monitor the progress made and to evaluate the efforts exerted by the Member States;
91. **Calls on** Member States to put in place social support programmes for people with disability, such as providing and making available decent housing, financial support, work spaces and a percentage of employment in order to integrate them into society, and **requests** Member States to follow up on adopting decisive and comprehensive policies to ensure the active participation of people with special needs and people with disability in the labor force and labor market;
92. **Requests** the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) to conduct and submit a study on international legal standards and mechanisms that guarantee and protect the rights of persons with special needs and with disabilities;

93. **Calls** upon SESRIC to evaluate the process of collecting and incorporating new data and indices through the OIC Statistics database (OICStat) on persons with special needs and persons with disability in OIC Member States;
94. **Urges** facilitation for persons with special needs and persons with disability to access economic empowerment loans, provision of opportunities for vocational training and rehabilitation to them, in cooperation with associations and institutions to qualify them for the labor market, and that employers be compelled to recruit a percentage of persons with disability;
95. **Stresses** the need for non- discrimination against persons with disability and provision of all social services for them on an equal footing;
96. **Calls** for integrating persons with disability into various community activities and securing and protecting all their rights by including relevant articles in national legislation and strategies;
97. **Calls for** considering the possibility of establishing a fund under the supervision of the OIC, in light of the relevant forthcoming study on the part of the General Secretariat, to be in charge of supporting the establishment of facilitative arrangements, providing all necessities for access to health and social services, and providing material, logistical and technical capabilities for persons with disabilities, especially in countries affected by wars and crises, in order to facilitate their lives and ensure a minimum level of autonomy and dignity;
98. **Further calls** for the exchange of experiences among Member States in the areas of training and qualifying teachers with mechanisms, skills and foundations of modern methods of dealing and communicating with persons with disability in order to enable them to learn, achieve well and excel in various fields of study and practice;
99. **Calls for** preparing and implementing programs to ensure the well-being and stable living environment for people with special needs, including the elderly, and organizing training courses in the craft and technical professions;
100. **Calls** on relevant OIC institutions to support Member States' efforts to empower the families of persons with disability and integrate them socially by launching series of alternative services and family-supporting programmes;

E – Supporting Social Development in Palestine:

101. **Calls on** the Member States' ministries in charge of social affairs / and development to upscale their initiatives and projects in cooperation with the ministry of social development in Palestine, to bring support to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its institutions, particularly those concerned with social, educational and women's affairs, as well as to societies that cater for the older persons with disabilities ,children and the youth;
102. **Also Calls** on Member States' ministries and the General Secretariat, in the framework of social development in Palestine through the Ministry of Social Development's programmes implementation mechanisms, to support relevant paragraphs in this resolution and ensure that financial allocations in this regard are covered;

103. **Calls** on Member States' ministries of social/development affairs to enhance their engagement through field visits to Al-Quds Al-Shareef by their specialized institutions;
104. **Calls** for enhancing social development efforts in Al-Quds Al-Shareef and **values** the role played by Bayt Mal Al-Quds Agency of the Al-Quds Committee under the leadership of His Majesty King Mohamed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco in the area of social development, women empowerment, care for orphans, the older persons, persons with disabilities, and **calls** on Member States to allocate necessary support for the Agency's projects in this field.
105. **Recommends** providing attention and entertainment for children of *Al-Quds* through the organization of annual educational and cultural camps to be hosted by Member States, such as the annual summer programs organized by Bayt Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif for Jerusalemite children in Morocco and *Al-Quds Al-Sharif*, which have benefited over 3,000 children.
106. **Calls for** designation of support programmes to establish the Palestinians on their land in *Al-Quds Al-Sharif* through programmes dedicated for needy families, including renovation of homes and securing food and seasonal aid, inspired by the experience of Bay Mal Al-Quds Al-Sharif in supporting initiatives to promote local and socio-economic development in the City of Al-Quds
107. **Calls** for the support of Palestine in their places of abode until a just solution is found for their cause, in accordance with international resolutions, working through relevant institutions for the continuity of budget support for UNRWA, providing support especially for, health, educational and special services for persons with disability, persons with special needs: women, the older persons and children, also **calls** for support to economic empowerment projects for families with women bread-winners and to graduates with small enterprises;
108. **Also calls** for the continuation of the World Food Programme in Palestine, particularly because the programme benefits very poor families in Gaza Strip, Al-Quds, rural settlements and poor areas;
109. **Calls** for enhanced bilateral cooperation with the State of Palestine on the issue of protecting Palestinian children under occupation;
110. **Calls** for support for the Palestinian economic empowerment institution and for a move from relief to development, need to production and from technical assistance to enhanced services systems, empowerment and self-reliance by providing soft loans to the vulnerable and marginalized groups.
111. **Calls** for supporting Member States to have bilateral agreements between the State of Palestine and ministries of social and development affairs, their specialized agencies and bodies and to exchange experiences on childhood, juveniles, poverty alleviation, care and protection of the older persons, issue of disability, rehabilitation of school dropouts, cooperation on charitable and volunteering activities through charitable associations and bodies and local initiatives in the social field.
112. **Calls** for action with specialized agencies to strengthen the steadfastness of the citizens on their land, in particular in the Gaza Strip, Al-Quds, the rural settlements and

refugees' camps by preparing quick response plans as a consequence of occupation violations which have economic and social implications for these regions in particular.

113. **Calls** on Member States to respond to the crisis resulting from political pressure in Palestine to stop the allocations for prisoners, detainees and families of martyrs, and to recognize that these families are among the most susceptible to economic and social marginalization and, therefore, place them on top of relief and development priorities.

E - Other Social Development Issues:

114. **Requests** the OIC Group in New York and Geneva to take a unified negotiating position in various forums on all social issues mentioned in this resolution;
115. **Calls** for strengthening communication, coordination, and integration among government development partners, civil society, the private sector, and donors, through holding community dialogue activities among development partners (conferences, workshops, meetings), and launching interactive electronic platforms to support coordination, integration, and partnership among development partners;
116. **Also calls** for strengthening communication between governments and civil society organizations through consultative meetings between governments and civil society in the field of social development, especially organizations working in the field of supporting vulnerable groups;
117. **Urges** for sensitization of the civil society organizations to the development dimensions in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals issued by the United Nations in 2015;
118. **Calls** for promoting a culture of volunteerism and community participation through preparation of national strategies for voluntary work;
119. **Also calls** for the establishment of platforms for voluntary work that include information about those wishing to volunteer, available volunteering opportunities, and associations, institutions, and entities that provide voluntary work opportunities.
120. **Also calls** for raising societies' awareness of the importance of cooperation in order to achieve sustainable development that focuses on developing social policies with the aim of developing society, with the participation of the people, government and civil society institutions, and **stresses** the role of the private sector in providing the necessary financing sources in this regard;
121. **Urges** the development of mechanisms to complete the monitoring and oversight of the working mechanisms of the agencies concerned with social issues, follow-up and evaluation of the implementation of the five-year plans and relevant national strategies, while maximizing the role of social oversight;
122. **Calls** for the establishment of a working group to study the impact on public values and morals, through cooperation with the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO), and to achieve safety and protection for the family system, especially for children, as well as to consider establishing a platform that

- focuses on social values and public morals to confront other platforms that contradict public morals and societal values;
123. **Urges** exploring ways of cooperation between OIC Member States and SESRIC with the aim of strengthening the human capacities of national institutions and assisting countries in achieving development goals by organizing training courses and workshops for capacity development;
 124. **Calls** for the organization of joint workshops among OIC Member States under the umbrella of the OIC to share experiences in the care of children victim of human trafficking, and agree to develop joint strategy for greater unification of efforts and support countries facing difficulties in dealing with the issue;
 125. **Requests** the OIC group in New York and Geneva to take a unified negotiating position in various forums on all social issues mentioned in this resolution;
 126. **Urges** the General Secretariat to conduct studies and hold meetings on technological developments, maintain the confidentiality and security of personal information, and study how to confront the impact of the use of technology on societal values in the societies of OIC Member States;
 127. **Calls** for joint action to present new proposals to change negative societal behaviors and raise awareness about the importance of confronting all forms of violence;
 128. **Also calls** for examining opportunities to unify national initiatives and regional frameworks concerned with the rights of women, children, youth, the older persons and persons with disabilities, within the framework of the OIC and in line with the national priorities of each of the Member States;
 129. **Stresses** the importance of providing adequate housing and eliminating slums by adopting development policies based on comprehensive development to improve and rebuild housing and raise the level of infrastructure to provide basic services to citizens, including water and sewage networks, electricity and roads, which contributes to the eradication of poverty, unemployment, delinquency, crime and addiction and other problems that threaten societies;
 130. **Commends** the efforts of Arab Republic of Egypt for successfully organizing the Second Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States, and the support provided by the OIC General Secretariat for the success of the conference.
 131. **Calls for** the exchange of experiences and expertise among Member States in the field of social security at the level of the legal framework, by supporting it with the necessary legislation, regulations and procedures to ensure the expansion of the scope of social coverage so that it covers the various segments of society, and provide a range of social services, family benefits and social work;
 132. **Calls for** supporting the social dimension, being a key driver for achieving sustainable development in the Member States and enhancing investment in social protection;
 133. **Stresses** the need to promote cooperation among Member States in the field of social protection to achieve well-being and social peace, especially for vulnerable groups;

134. **Commends** the efforts of Jordan in hosting the Arab Center for Social Studies and Poverty Elimination, and **Calls** on Member States to support the Center and benefit from its studies and research;
135. **Urges** Member States to facilitate the access of all citizens, especially the poorest social groups, to health and education services, and to put in place mechanisms to preserve the dignity of poor and neediest groups and to prevent violations of their privacy on social media;
136. **Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Indonesia to host the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States in 2025, and mandates the General Secretariat to follow up the matter to approve the date of the session in cooperation with the host country and to inform the Member States of what is being done in this regard;
137. **Calls** on the Secretary-General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the third session of the Ministerial Conference on Social Development in the OIC Member States and to the Council of Foreign Affairs.

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