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RESOLUTION NO. 1/40-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 39th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

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

1. Commends the initiative of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colours, races and cultures.

2. Also commends the continued efforts of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques in this regard, which led to the organization of a high-level meeting by the General Assembly of the UN in November 2008, to which many world leaders participated in support of the results of the Madrid Conference on the Initiative of the Custodian of the Two holy Mosques about dialogue. This was emphasized in the statement of the Secretary General who commended the initiative and its role in the dissemination of the culture of dialogue, tolerance and mutual understanding among all the peoples of the world.

3. Commends the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia aimed at activating this initiative through the establishment of a relevant mechanism, namely King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICID), whose headquarters were established in Vienna, and **calls on** the Member States to actively contribute with ideas,

suggestions, and recommendations of making the Center an effective institution for promoting interfaith and intercivilizational dialogue.

4. Commends the efforts exerted by His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in initiating, at the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2010, *The World Interfaith Harmony Week*, which was observed in the first week of the month of February 2011, 2012 and 2013.

5. Reiterates the support by the OIC to the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, convened triennially on the initiative by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, H.E. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, which held its 4th session in Astana on 30-31 May 2012, **encourages** religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community as a whole to continue their active participation in that meaningful forum.

6. Welcomes the Appeal by the Participants of the IV Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana and acknowledges that the only way to create a safe world is through a dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding, compassion and forgiveness, justice and solidarity, peace and harmony;

7. Commends the Secretary General for engaging in dialogue with the United Nations, and other international organizations, including the OSCE and Council of Europe, political leaders and civil society to underscore the concerns as well as raise global awareness over the dangers of Islamophobia and for his initiative calling for a historical reconciliation between Islam and the Christianity.

8. Calls on the OIC General Secretariat, UNESCO, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.

9. Commends the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West.

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

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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

Referring to the OIC's Ten-Year Program of Action and reemphasizing its premise that intercivilizational dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the Alliance of Civilizations, launched jointly by Turkey and Spain in 2005 to attaining the goals stated in the OIC's Ten-Year Action Plan,

Remembering its resolutions 1/38-C and 1/39-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38th and 39th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, respectively,

Recalling also the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, **underlining** the significance of the Conclusions of the various AoC global forums in stemming the tide of intolerance, extremism and polarization between the Islamic world and the West as well as **encouraging** greater cross-cultural understanding,

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

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

1. Appreciates the continuing determination and efforts of the Republic of Turkey in contributing to the overall work of the Alliance and the dissemination of its noble goals.

2. Commends the Republic of Turkey for hosting *Partners Forum*, held in Istanbul on 31 May -1 June 2012.

3. Also Commends the Secretary-General for his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Secretariats of the OIC and the Alliance of Civilizations, and also for the OIC's constructive contributions to AoC meetings and for proposing joint projects.

4. Welcomes the Alliance's decision to hold its Sixth Annual Forum in the Republic of Indonesia in February 2014, which it expects to be crowned with success.

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

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

7. Appreciates the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the *2nd Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States*, in coordination with ISESCO, in Rabat on 16-17 October 2011, and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the fifth AoC Annual Forum held in Vienna, Austria on February 27 - 28, 2013.

8. Appreciates the successful convening of the *3rd Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States* by the Government of the State of Kuwait in Kuwait city on January 12, 2013, and

calls on Member States to offer the hosting of the 4th Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member State prior to the 6th AoC Annual Forum.

9. Encourages the Secretary General to consider organizing a sub event on Islamophobia at the 6th Annual Forum of the AoC in Indonesia, in February 2014.

C) CULTURAL STRATEGY AND PLAN OF ACTION

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

1. Welcomes the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects to submit their projects to ISESCO.

2. Commends the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities in 2011 and 2012 to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and thanks the Member States for their active participation in these events.

3. Calls for the activation of the Council of OIC Member States ambassadors in Europe and the Americas to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to improve the image of Islam and spread Islamic culture so as to reduce Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in the above-mentioned countries.

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

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

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

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

1. Calls upon all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 2/40-C
ON
PALESTINIAN CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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Welcoming the membership of the State of Palestine in the United Nations as a non-State member; and as full member of UNESCO;

Taking into consideration the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continuation of Israeli policies of settlement, expansion and racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

Condemning the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif including the constructing of settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Wall around the city in order to annex it;

Recalling the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 1/11/2009 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque;

In line with the importance of rehabilitation of affected people of Palestine in their territory, the Member States of the OIC support generously the extension of development of quality of education of Palestinian people;

Expressing deep concern at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territory ;

Having considered the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

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

1. Calls on the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses** its appreciation to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.

2. Recommends also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.

3. Calls upon the Member States to participate effectively and generously in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

B) THE EDUCATIONAL SITUATION IN THE OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY AND THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN

1. Condemns strongly the decision by Israel, the occupation force, to attempt to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds instead of Arab Palestinian curricula, in the framework of a racist Israeli plan to judaize the city of Al-Quds, obliterate e its Arab identity and distort the awareness of emerging Palestinian generations in this holy city, in a blatant violation of international laws and conventions, and calls for issuing an international appeal to counter those measures and for the Islamic Group at the United Nations relevant fora to move promptly to compel Israel, the occupation force, to stop its heinous policies.

2. Calls upon Member States to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to provide the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the City of Al- Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, including imposing their own educational curricula and closing down schools outside their control and the erection of security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students preventing access to their places of work, schools and universities.

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

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

5. Calls upon the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

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

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

1. Reiterates the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

2. Condemns the systematic and the continuous Israeli attempts to plunder and falsify Islamic and Arab heritage in Palestine, including the recent discovery of stealing by Special Forces of the Israeli occupation army of Arabic and Islamic books and manuscripts from the homes of Palestinians who were forcibly expelled in 1948; these units plundered close to 80,000 books and manuscripts including about 30,000 books from Al-Quds alone, and forged their documentation before a part of them was exhibited at the so-called Israeli National Library. The Council mandates the Islamic Group in UNESCO, ISESCO and IRCICA to follow up investigation of this major theft of Islamic and Arab history and culture with a view to returning them to their original owners or their heirs.

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

4. Calls on the Holy See not to sign any agreement with Israel on issues of economic, financial and property ownership for the Catholic Church or institutions in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, and not conclude any agreement in this regard except with the State of Palestine, given that any agreement with Israel (the occupying power) is a flagrant violation of international law, international legitimacy and resolutions and a violation of the Vatican's commitment as a member of the United Nations. **Also calls** on the Vatican to abide by the Basic Agreement it signed with the Palestinian Liberation Organization in 2000, and calls on Member States to engage the Holy See and influential countries to ensure that the said agreement does not violate any of the above-mentioned principles.

5. Condemns again Israel's illegal decision to add the Mosque of Elibrahimi in Hebron and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque in Bethlehem to the Israeli heritage list. **Considers** the Israeli act as looting of Palestinian cultural and heritage sites. **Also Calls** upon the international community and UNESCO to show their responsibilities of protecting the Palestinian cultural and heritage places, and compelling Israel to abide by international law and Geneva conventions.

6. Requests the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnels constructed by Israel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque; and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at obliterating the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

7. Urges the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

8. Strongly condemns Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.

9. Requests Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to force Israel to give up the partitioning of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve its integrity as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

10. Calls on Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in order to counter Jewish settlements in the city.

11. Strongly denounces and condemns Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.

12. Requests the General Secretariat to constitute an ad-hoc committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds and other parts of Palestine.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also noting with regret that the 20th Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

Recalling also that the Organization of Islamic Cooperation made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Masjid and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Masjid and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists:

1. Strongly condemns the destruction of the historic Babri Masjid in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.

2. Expresses deep regret over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.

3. Condemns the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.

4. Expresses deep concern over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.

5. Recommends that the issue be submitted to (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Parties.

6. Recommends the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/38-C adopted by 38th CFM and Resolution 3/39-C adopted by the 39th CFM which call upon the Government of India to:

a) Ensure the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.

b) Take immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Masjid on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered Muslim symbol.

c) Take effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.

d) Take immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.

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

Deeply concerned that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Quran on 14 December 2002:

1. Strongly deplors the destruction of the 542 year old Islamic complex at Charare- Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.

2. Expresses its concern over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.

3. Strongly condemns the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.

4. Also condemns the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State of Jammu and Kashmir.

5. Urges the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

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

Emphasizing that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography remaining in the territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884, which call on the Armenian forces to effect a full withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, at the hands of Armenia, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity;

Noting the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors on the Islamic heritage in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

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

1. Strongly condemns the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressors in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.

2. Vigorously demands the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884.

3. Reaffirms its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.

4. Asserts that Azerbaijan is entitled to adequate compensation for the damages it has sustained and **affirms** the Republic of Armenia's responsibility to pay up full compensation for such damages.

5. Requests the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.

6. Thanks the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), UNESCO, and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also **thanks** those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 4/40-C
ON
SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 39th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Conscious of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

Reaffirming of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period;

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

A) PROMOTING WOMEN’S STATUS IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

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

Acknowledging the outcomes of the 4th Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia on December 04-06, 2012;

Reiterating the OIC’s commitment in addressing a range of difficulties envisaged by women and reducing inequalities between women and men, and between particular groups of women in the OIC Member States, which earmarks the visionary and comprehensive strategy of the OIC to advance the status of women;

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

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

Recalling resolution No. 2/37-Org on the Establishment of a specialized Organization for Women Development in OIC Member States and adoption of its Statute by the 37th Session of CFM held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2010;

Having taken note of the Report of the Secretary General on the matter:

- 1. Urges** the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with greater role in the development of Muslim society in various fields.
- 2. Considers** that poverty among women has to be alleviated to promote their status in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women.
- 3. Calls** upon the parliaments of the OIC Member States to pass necessary laws to combat trafficking, abuse of women, and other forms of violence against them.
- 4. Requests** the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit and empowerment of women.
- 5. Urges** the governments of the OIC Member States, yet to do so, to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the level of education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literary programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process.
- 6. Encourages** the OIC Member States to hold regional expert meetings to prepare guidelines aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts, and **recommends** that the results of these meetings be submitted to specialized international organizations.
- 7. Calls for** the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodsheds perpetrated against women and children by the occupation regime against Palestine.
- 8. Welcomes** the adoption of the Mechanism for the implementation of the OPAAW by the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States as a comprehensive plan of action and **endorses** it for the implementation by Member States in coordination with the General Secretariat within the prescribed timeframes.
- 9. Welcomes** also the Tehran Declaration of the 3rd Ministerial Conference on the Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women. In this context, endorses the implementation of the recommendations therein.
- 10. Reiterates** the urgent need to adopt the "Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam" within the framework of the Ten-Year Program of Action, section I (2) in accordance with Resolution No.60/27-P and Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam as outlined in the OPAAW, Section I (1) and Recommendation laid down in Para (30) of the Tehran Declaration issued by the Third Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States (Women, Family, Economy).

10. Appreciates the OIC General Secretariat and the Government of Indonesia for the successful holding of the 4th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Jakarta, Republic of Indonesia on 4-6 December 2012.

11. Welcomes the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 5th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in 2014.

12. Calls on the Member States to sign and ratify the statute of the specialized Organization for Women Development, based in Cairo with the view to operationalize it and to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat for the implementation of the Islamic Summit Conferences and CFM resolutions on women's advancement.

B) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Welcoming the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF;

1. Requests the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, and to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and to reiterate the Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.

2. Commends the role of UNICEF in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.

3. Urges Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.

4. Requests Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programs and to support programs which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.

5. Urges the Member States to take necessary action to-the implement Rabat declaration adopted by the 1st Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children.

6. Welcomes the outcome of the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood held in Tripoli, Libya on February 10-11, 2011 and calls for its implementation.

7. Welcomes the offer of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers Incharge of Childhood in 2013, and **encourages** Member States to actively participate and contribute for its successful outcome.

8. Commends the efforts of OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and other relevant OIC institutions in promoting the status of children and preserving their rights and further commended OIC's active involvement in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

C) PROMOTING THE POSITION OF THE YOUTH IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Reaffirming the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation and coordination among the Islamic States with a view to achieving the best levels of an all-embracing and just progress for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah;

Reaffirming further the importance of the institution of marriage in Islam which requires developing approaches by Member States to facilitate marriage among youth in the Islamic Societies;

1. Underscored the importance of the youth and their role in the society and **calls** for their further promotion and empowerment.

2. Calls on Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education and rehabilitation of Muslim Youths so as to enhance their role society with a view to meet the future challenges.

3. Welcomes the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein and calls for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth.

4. Welcomes the offer by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to host the second session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports in the last quarter of 2013, and requests the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, to make the necessary preparation in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and Saudi Arabia's Presidency of Youth Welfare in this regard.

5. Requests the Member States to increase efforts to fight drugs abuse by improving the role of family and NGO's advice centers.

6. Welcomes the readiness of the Republic of Turkey to exchange its experience and information in the area of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 5/40-C
ON
ISLAMIC, CULTURAL, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 39th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

A) REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE), ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

1. Emphasizes once again the importance of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.

2. Appeals to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.

3. Appreciates the plans of RICE project to design new programs in the spirit of information technology including television, the internet, emails etc for promoting the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic countries.

4. Expresses its appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to ensure operation of the Institute and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also **expresses** appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

B) ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM

Reiterating the importance of the mission of the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and the pioneering and vital role it plays in promoting translation, consolidating the bonds between the Islamic States themselves on the one hand and between them and the other States on the other, and enhancing intra-civilizational dialogue and reflecting the image of the Islamic world and the culture of the other such as to contribute to the intra cultural and scientific exchange in the service of the Islamic world and humanity at large. **Commending** the success and achievements of the institute during the previous years;

1. Urges and requests the Member States and the Islamic financial institutions foremost of which the IDB and the ISF, to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Translation Institute so that it may continue fulfilling its duties optimally. It also **pays tribute** in this connection to the ISF for its financial support to the Institute and urges it to keep up this assistance and **requests** the funds to set up special Waqfs to fund the institute and increase its financial resources.

2. Pays tribute, once again, to the Government of Sudan for its financial assistance to the Institute's budget such as to enable it to assume its role optimally, as well as for its contribution towards the resolution of the financial difficulties faced by the Institute and **expresses** thanks to the Government of the Sudan for this scholarships it offers to the students from the Member States and **urges** these states to benefit from them in the future.

3. Requests the Member States to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and **requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the institute in the field of training and to offer specialized training opportunities for the students of institute for them to benefit from the General Secretariat's expertise.

4. Requests the General Secretariat to make use of the various facilities offered by the Institute in the area of translation and training, for the General Secretariat and Member States' work and **requests** the administration of the institute to submit annual activity reports to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.

5. Requests the General Secretariat to open the Institute's door to the students from OIC Member States so that it may benefit all desirous citizens of the Islamic Ummah.

C) ASSISTANCE TO AHMED BABA INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC HIGHER STUDIES AND RESEARH IN TIMBUKTU (MALI)

Recalling the importance of the role played by the Institute in terms of research and preservation of manuscripts;

Mindful of Institute's need for support and assistance as proposed by the OIC mission to Timbuktu dispatched by His Excellency the Secretary General on March 04-09, 2006;

Recalling the appeal for support and assistance which the Secretary General had addressed to all OIC Member States and its specialized and affiliated organs;

1. Commends the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mali in taking charge of Institute's operating budget.

2. Pays tribute to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Libya, and the ISESCO for their qualitative contributions to Institute's functioning.

3. Urges other Member States, specialized institutions, and OIC affiliated cultural organs to extend the required material, financial and academic support to the Institute.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 6/40-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions of Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, specially the 12 Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference, the 39th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the Seventh Session of the Islamic Culture Ministers and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

Having considered the report of Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of the its budget for the year 2012, as well as the financial difficulties it is facing in the framework of executing its budget and annual programmes because of acute short resources;

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

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

1. **Notes with appreciation** the production of a number of reference books and organization of congresses on subjects relating to history, history of culture, architectural heritage, arts and traditional handicrafts of the Muslim world in the context of the Centre's various programs and research projects.

2. **Praises** the Centre's activities relating to the Islamic heritage of Al-Quds, in particular the 2012 and 2013 Annual Seminars held in the context of the "Al-Quds/Jerusalem 2015" program of architectural studies and workshops where professors and students from world universities study and highlight theoretical and practical aspects of the theme.

3. **Commends** the Centre's coordinating international projects aimed at promoting correct knowledge of Islamic civilization, highlighting its interactions with other cultures and peoples and revising references to these subjects in publications and textbooks which also help promoting intercultural dialogue and combating Islamophobia, and *notes* with appreciation in this regard the successful organization of the congress on "China and the Muslim World: Cultural Encounters" jointly with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China) on 28-29 June 2012, as well as of the Workshop on "Intercultural Dialogue through History Teaching: Best Practices and Challenges" and the Meeting of the Global Network of Historians and Educators both within the framework of the Second World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue which was held in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 29 May-1 June 2013.

4. **Takes note** of the series of regional congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries which help strengthen scholarly bonds between the Member States on one hand

and the Muslim communities outside the Member States on the other as well as with world academic circles, among which it organized during the last one year period, the fifth congress on “Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural” (Kazan, Tatarstan - Russian Federation), the congresses on “Iraq in Ottoman Archive Documents”, “Oman During the Ottoman Era” (Istanbul, Turkey), “Sudan during the Ottoman Era” (Khartoum, Sudan), “The Balkan Wars (1912-1913) on their Centenary”, and the second congress on “Islamic Civilization in Central Asia” (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan), among others, each in cooperation with the governments and academic institutions of the respective host countries.

5. **Welcomes** in this regard the preparations to organize pioneering academic events including a symposium on “The History of Islamic Civilization in East Africa” jointly with the Sultanate of Oman and the State University of Zanzibar, in Zanzibar, two conferences to be held in Amman, Jordan on “The Experience of Multifaith Coexistence in Bilad al-Sham”, “Architectural Heritage in Bilad al-Sham Between Past and Present” and an international conference on “The History of Gulf Region during the Ottoman Period” to be held in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

6. **Commends** the publication of original references and documentary works that fill gaps in studies on the history and culture of the Muslim world, lastly, in particular, the first edition of a series of books on the Muslim waqfs established in various regions and the first two volumes of a series on historical documents dating from the Ottoman period and concerning the history of Arab countries, and in particular, the forthcoming Album of Historical Photographs of Makka al-Mukarramah and al-Madina al-Munawara.

7. **Commends** the successful outcomes attained by the program titled “Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management” conducted jointly with Al-Turath Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the 2012 summer school held in Turkey and the 2013 winter school held in Saudi Arabia within the framework of this program, and *welcomes* the Centre’s instituting these schools on periodical basis with multicultural and/or historical cities as case studies.

8. **Takes note** of IRCICA’s activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, its contribution in this regard to knowledge and information for cultural tourism and its collaboration with international bodies concerned; *commends* the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and invites the Member States which have not done so yet to provide IRCICA with the required data and information on their Islamic sites and monuments and designate their respective focal points to collaborate continually with the Database unit at IRCICA.

9. **Takes note with appreciation** the innovative and regular activities of the Centre promoting the Islamic arts, in particular calligraphy, and in this regard, the success and impact of the Ninth International Calligraphy Competition in the Name of Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu the results of which were announced on 30 April 2013 having received 900 entries by 672 participants from 39 countries; the presentation of Ijaza – diplomas to 35 calligraphers from 11 countries trained under the coordination of IRCICA which brought the cumulative number of calligraphers having received Ijazas coordinated by IRCICA so far to 108 from 34 countries; and, the completion of the first teaching year of the regular calligraphy courses organized at the Centre since October 2012.

10. **Expresses its appreciation** of the co-organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, most recently the co-organization, jointly with the Organization for Culture and Islamic Relations, Ministry of Culture, Islamic Republic of Iran, and Tabriz University for Islamic Arts, the “Tehran-Tabriz International Congress on the Features, Characteristics, and Cultural and Economic Contribution of Arts and Handicrafts accompanied by an Exhibition of Albums, Catalogues and Books Published in the Field of Arts and Handicrafts”, and a variety of rich exhibitions of master artisans in the field of carpets, leather works, jewelry, silver works; miniature, illumination, pottery, ceramic and many more with paper presenters from 20 countries which was held in Tehran and Tabriz cities on 5-9 May 2013.

11. **Lauds** the leading services rendered by IRCICA’s library to development of librarianship in Islamic studies by introducing modern techniques on such subjects as digitization of books and automation of cataloguing programs, by organizing a conference in this field as well as through provision of training facilities for library and archive staff from the Member States in restoration and maintenance of old books and documents.

12. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the host country of IRCICA (the Republic of Turkey) and to the other Member States, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (host country of the OIC General Secretariat) for their continuous support of IRCICA.

13. **Expresses its thanks** to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and calls upon the other countries to do so and to settle their arrears due to IRCICA's budget.

B) INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC FIQH ACADEMY (IIFA)

1. **Expresses** its highest and deferential consideration to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, ruler of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and to Their Majesties the Kings, Their Excellences the Heads of State and Government, and Their Highnesses the Princes, leaders of OIC Member States, for their continued support to the action of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, in fulfilling the important mission it was entrusted with: that of highlighting to the face of world the dimensions of tolerance, balance and moderation embodied by Islam, while at the same time, reaffirming the role of the Academy as an institution of reference in the field of Islamic jurisprudence for the Islamic Ummah.

2. **Expresses** its appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the OIC for his interest in the Academy and for his unwavering support for its activities.

3. **Welcomes** the keen attention of His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Saleh Bin Humaid, Chairman of its Scientific Council, has towards the Academy, particularly in the framework of its Scientific Council activities and his continuing support to the Secretariat of the Academy, which allows it to better serve Fiqh, especially in dealing with new issues it faces.

4. **Welcomes** the expected completion, on June 30, 2012, of the work on the “Zayed glossary of basic rules and Islamic Fiqh” (Ma’lama Zayed Lilqawa’id al-Usooliyyas wal-Faqhiyyah) and **thanks** Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation, for its continued support to the action of the Academy, brilliantly expressed in the financing of this glossary project.
5. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI), for their constant support to the Academy and **Urges** them to complete the translation and publication of resolutions Academy given the importance of resolutions translated for non-Arabic-speaking Muslim countries.
6. **Welcomes** the leading role played by His eminence Professor Ahmed Khaled Babakar, Secretary of the Academy, and his efforts to support Islamic Fiqh and issues of concern to Muslims. It **also welcomes** the efforts made, on a daily basis, by the staff of the Secretary of the Academy, in the discharge of duties assigned to them.
7. **Expresses** its sincere appreciation to the Government and the competent authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for inviting the Academy to hold the 21st session of its Scientific Council, in November 2013, in Riyadh, in the premises of the Imam Mohamed Bin Saud Islamic University.
8. **Expresses** its appreciation to the following Member States that have so far hosted the sessions of the Scientific Council of the Academy; the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (7 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), the State of United Arab Emirates (3 sessions: one in Abu Dhabi, one in Dubai and one in Sharjah); the State of Kuwait (2 sessions); The Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia and Algeria (one session each). This is palpable proof, among others, of the strong support extended by these countries to the Academy.
9. **Appeals** to Member States of the OIC to host the next sessions Council of the Academy and in so doing, contribute to reach the goals and objectives for which this institution was created.
10. **Welcomes** the high quality of the Academy’s scientific publication and their content in terms of topics and research papers that provide answers Muslims as individuals and the Islamic Ummah, as community need to face questions and challenges they are confronted in all fields.
11. **Thanks** Member States that have paid their compulsory contributions to the budget of the Academy and **reiterates** its call on other Member States that have not yet settled their contributions to do so at their earliest convenience, as well as it **recommends** to all Member

States to lend their moral and material support to the Academy so that it can fulfill its lofty mission to serve the Muslim Ummah.

C) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF(ISF)

- 1. Expresses** its resolve to preserve this important Islamic body which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of the Islamic solidarity.
- 2. Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make donations annual- within their available means-in favour of the projects of the ISF, and contribute to the capital of the Waqf of the Fund.
- 3. Exhorts** Member States, which had announced their contributions to expedite action in paying these contributions to enable the Fund to maintain the solidarity bond of the Muslim Ummah.
- 4. Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to the Member States which made contributions to the Fund during the financial 2012-2013, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Turkey.
- 5. Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the ISF.
- 6. Adopts** the Permanent Council's approval of the closing accounts of the ISF for the financial year 2012.
- 7. Approves** the Permanent Council's adoption of the estimated projects budget of US\$ 20 million for the Fund for the financial year 2014.
- 8. Calls** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the operational budget of the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the financial 2013 which was approved by the Permanent Finance Committee at its Forty-first session, held in September 2012 which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.
- 9. Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistances to Projects and cultural, Islamic and educational centres in the Muslim world, focusing particularly on projects whose creation have been recommended during the Islamic summits and Conferences of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
- 10. Expresses** its profound gratitude and appreciation to the Emergency Committee for its rapid response, with its available financial resources, in dealing with catastrophes and natural disasters affecting the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to endeavor to make contributions for the purpose of making resources available to the Fund to enable it strengthen this aspect.
- 11. Expresses** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the General Secretary of the OIC for his outstanding efforts, attention, and continuous interest towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.

12. Also Expresses thanks and gratitude to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the Executive Bureau of the Fund for the efforts they are making in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 7/40-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions of the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary sessions of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 39th Session of the Islamic Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, and the 9th Session of COMIAC;

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

Taking note of the Report of the 28th session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Tunis- Republic of Tunisia on 2 to 4 May 2013

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

A) THE ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)

1. Commends the remarkable activities and programmes carried out by ISESCO in its various fields of competence: namely, education, science, culture and communication; **praises** its Director General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, for his efforts to develop the Organization's action and expand its scope; **commends** the content of ISESCO's Action Plan for 2012-2015, which reflects a holistic, innovative and coherent multidisciplinary strategic vision; **lauds** ISESCO's remarkable contribution to implementing the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation of the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.

2. Welcomes the signing by ISESCO of cooperation agreements and action programmes with a several international, Islamic and Arab organizations; **commends** the joint activities implemented in this connection, particularly international conferences and symposia and developmental projects, which have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous programmes which were implemented by ISESCO in association with parallel organizations and institutions, thus contributing to highlighting the true image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. Expresses its support and appreciation for the continued efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by the Director General of ISESCO to urge the international community to pressurize Israel into abiding by the international resolutions concerning the protection of religious landmarks, cultural and civilizational heritage, and educational, scientific and cultural institutions in Al-Quds A-Sharif, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions; **supports** ISESCO's efforts to document the war crimes and crimes against humanity which were and are still being perpetrated by the Israeli occupation authorities in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Gaza and all Palestinian territory ; and **welcomes** the convening by ISESCO of the sixth meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee on the new Israeli attempts to judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif (29-31 January 2013, Amman, Jordan).

4. Notes with appreciation the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanism devised by ISESCO, particularly in the areas of education, science, culture and communication; and **invites** the Member States to cooperate with ISESCO in implementing these strategies adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and relevant Islamic conferences, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and in cooperation with the relevant regional and international organizations.

5. Commends the actions made by ISESCO to develop educational capacities in the member States and beyond, in the fields of teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, literacy and adult education, through its specialized educational centers and delegations in the Republic of Chad, the Union of Comoros, the Republic of Niger, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Republic of Guinea and Malaysia, and through such advanced specialized teaching aids as (Al Amal) and (Alarabya Almuyassara) series, and **lauds** the educational and civilizational project on the transcription of Muslim peoples' languages in the Standardized Quranic Script being implemented by ISESCO in cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank, and the fruitful efforts exerted by the Organizing in cooperation with the International University of Africa towards digitizing the transcription system of languages in the Standardized Quranic Script and providing training on the use of the digitized transcription system.

6. Welcomes the steps taken by ISESCO towards updating the Strategy for the Promotion of Education in Islamic Countries in such a way as to keep abreast of new educational, social and economic developments in Member States and outside the Muslim world and to provide a comprehensive guiding framework for addressing present-time and future challenges, based on a holistic prospective vision that would promote joint Islamic action in education, and lay the ground for convening the Islamic conference of education ministers along the lines of specialized ministerial conferences ISESCO organizes on a regular basis.

7. Commends the efforts and actions made by ISESCO to foster intercultural dialogue and the alliance of civilizations and religions, redress the false image held about Islam and Muslims in the West and counter Islamophobia; **welcomes** ISESCO's initiative to strengthen Africa's role in the alliance of civilization, and **invites** the Organization to carry on such efforts inside the Muslim world and beyond, in association with its regional and international partner organizations, and to pursue coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the Member States to undertake innovative initiatives and put in place mechanisms to counter the fierce campaign targeting Islamic sanctities and cultural symbols, in coordination with national, regional and international media and communication outlets.

8. Requests the Islamic Executive Bureau for environment to implement the Environment Action Plan for the Islamic World, along with the outcome documents of the 5th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Astana, 17-18 May 2012), particularly the Strategy on Management of Disaster Risks and Climate Change Implications in the Islamic World, and to translate them into activities and projects capable of effectively addressing environmental concerns in the Islamic countries, by taking the necessary measures for devising the Bureau's related executive plan in collaboration with the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the parties concerned.

9. Thanks ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated as Islamic culture capitals, and **invites** it to pursue such support. It also **commends** the efforts that the Republic of Niger and the People's Republic of Bangladesh have put in preparing and implementing the celebration programmes for hosting Niamey and Dhaka respectively as capitals of Islamic Culture for 2012 and properly coordinating with the General Directorate of ISESCO in this connection; and **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's tenth General Conference calling for the expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals programme to include Islamic historic cities from outside the OIC Member States.

10. Invites ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further contacts with Islamic cultural centres and associations in Europe, Asia and Latin America, through the Supreme Council for Education, Culture and Science for Muslims outside the Islamic World, with a view to executing the Implementation Plan of the Strategy for Islamic Cultural Action outside the Islamic World, and the Strategy for Benefiting from Muslim Competencies outside the Islamic World. It also welcomes the convening of the First Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres outside the Islamic World, **calls on** ISESCO to pursue its efforts in this regard, **commends** ISESCO's efforts in responding to the media smear campaigns targeting Islam and its civilization and countering Islamophobia; and **praises** ISESCO's *Course to Train Journalists and Broadcasters in Addressing Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media, which was adopted by the 7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers* (Algiers, 18-19 December 2011) and the 9th Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, 17-20 April 2012).

11. Welcomes cooperation between ISESCO and international, Arab and Islamic organizations towards fostering the alliance of civilizations and intercultural dialogue and integrating the values of middle stance, moderation and respect for the other into the curricula of Member States in Europe and the Islamic world, **praises** ISESCO's programmes on the training of Imams and preachers for Muslim communities outside the Islamic world, **welcomes** ISESCO's publishing of the Guide for Imams and Religious Preachers outside the Islamic World as well as its organization of training sessions for Imams in several countries in Europe, Latin America and Asia; and **commends** ISESCO General Directorate's moves to strengthen cooperation and coordination with public authorities in "European, Asian and Latin American countries and involve them in the implementation of its activities geared to Muslim communities in these countries.

12. Commends ISESCO's efforts aimed at preserving Islamic heritage in the Member States, particularly the special attention it gives to the protection of endangered Islamic cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Iraq and Afghanistan, and **stresses** the necessity of coordination and collaboration with IRCICA in line with the relevant Resolution of the 27th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.

13. Lauds the efforts the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) devotes to establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies and implementing activities and programmes to promote university education as a means for championing Muslim communities' causes and as an agent of comprehensive sustainable development; and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation with the Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic action, particularly through the effective role it plays in the implementation of activities, programmes and projects within the framework of partnership cooperation.

14. Lauds the volume and quality of scientific, technological, communicational and IT-focused activities and programs co/implemented by ISESCO under the Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation in Islamic Countries and the Strategy for ICTs Development in the Islamic World; and invites ISESCO to take further interest in the training of executives specialized in science, technology, communication and information at ISESCO Center for Promotion of Scientific Research and ISESCO's Regional Training, Audiovisual and Multimedia Production Centres, and providing technical advice and expertise to the Member States to enable them to strengthen relevant infrastructure.

15. Commends ISESCO's efforts to hold the 4th Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, in 2013, the 8th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, in Jeddah in 2013, on the occasion of celebration of Al-Madinah Al-Munawarah as Islamic Culture Capital for 2013, in cooperation of the Competent national parties and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in these conferences.

16. Invites the OIC Member States to continue implementing varied comprehensive and efficient programmes geared to youth issues and exposure to other cultures in such a way as to strengthen their role in our societies and open wide avenues for them to interact with their peers across the world, and establish relations with them based on dialogue and mutual understanding; and further **invites** ISESCO to devote further attention to youth issues, implement major programmes and organize comprehensive field activities in this regard, in cooperation with international, Islamic and Arab organizations.

17. Adopts the declarations, resolutions, recommendations and reference documents issued by the specialized Islamic ministerial conferences held by ISESCO in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, especially the Extraordinary and the 8th sessions of the Islamic conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (respectively Riyadh, 4-5 October 2011, and Khartoum, 20-22 November 2012), the 7th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, (Algiers, People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, 18-19 December 2011) and the 5th Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Astana, 17-18 May 2012); **thanks** the Member States having hosted those conferences as well as parties and organizations having participated in them; invites ISESCO to ensure follow-up to the implementation of those resolutions in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the parties concerned; and **thanks** the Member States having offered to host future sessions of the Islamic ministerial conferences and their preparatory meetings.

18. Expresses its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman bin Abdulaziz, and their Majesties, Excellencies, Highnesses the Kings, Presidents and Emirs of Member States for their generous support to ISESCO and for financing several educational scientific and cultural programmes and activities.

19. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to ISESCO to discharge its mission in most optimal manner.

B) ISLAMIC COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRESCENT (ICIC)

1- Urges OIC member States which have not yet ratified the Agreement of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so as soon as possible so as to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives.

2- Invites all member States and Islamic institutions to extend material and moral support to the ICIC so that it may implement its programmes.

3- Calls on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to exert efforts regarding the victims of armed conflicts, refugees, displaced people and prisoners of war and provide care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner's Office for

Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Crescent and other relevant regional and international organizations.

4- Expresses its profound thanks to Libya (hosting State) for extending support and facilities to the ICIC Administration.

5- Expresses its sincere thanks to Libya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar ,States parties to the ICIC agreement that paid their financial contributions, to the ICIC budget of 2011 and 2012,

6- Calls upon States parties to the ICIC agreement, who have not yet done, to pay their contributions to the ICIC budget for 2009,2010,2011,and 2012 as soon as possible.

7- Welcomes the results , recommendations and Tunis declaration on the cooperation and partnership in the fields of humanitarian work adopted by the 3rd consultative meeting of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) and National Societies of Red Crescent/Red Cross in OIC member States held in Tunis- Republic of Tunisia on 2-3 May 2013 with the participation of thirty two National Societies, the International Federation of Red Crescent/ Red Cross Societies(IFRC), the International Committee of the Red Cross(ICRC), The Arab Organization of Red Crescent/Red Cross, and the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and expresses its deep thanks to the Tunisian Government and the Tunisian Red Crescent Society for hosting this meeting.

8- Expresses its sincere thanks to the Red Crescent Authority of the United Arab Emirates for its financial support offered to the ICIC.

9- Expresses its profound appreciation to the ICIC president, members and its administration for the humanitarian activities and assistances executed in different regions of the Islamic world.

10- Expresses its deep thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its support to the ICIC and calls upon the Fund to continue offering more assistance to it

11- Expresses its full appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent, the Saudi Red Crescent Authority and the Qatar Red Crescent for their cooperation with ICIC to implement permanent bilateral programs with the ICIC.

12- Calls on the Islamic Development Bank and other OIC concerned institutions to extend financial and material support to the ICIC humanitarian programs.

13- Calls upon member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the ICIC humanitarian programs within the framework of cooperation and partnership, in Somalia ,Mali and Niger, as well as the program of humanitarian assistances to the refugees from Mali in its neighboring countries.

14- Calls upon member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the ICIC program adopted in the frame work of cooperation and partnership adopted by the third consultation meeting of the ICIC and the Red Crescent/Red Cross national Societies in OIC

member States, on the awareness of the dangers of illegal immigration in concerned African countries.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION No. 8/40-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, 39th Session of Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), 7th Session of Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and 9th Session of COMIAC;

Cognizant of the resolutions issued by the 7th meeting of the General Assembly of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and those issued by the Federation's Board of Administration at its 17th meeting as well as of the report submitted by the Federation's Secretary General on its varied activities.

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

A) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF)

1. **Lauds** the future activities the I.S.S.F has decided to implement within the framework of its 2013-2014 Plan, urging the Islamic Member States to host and participate in these activities to ensure their success and achieve key I.S.S.F objectives;
2. **Congratulates** HRH Prince Nawaf Faisal Fahd Abdulaziz for his unanimous election as I.S.S.F President for the remaining term; and presents due thanks and appreciation to HRH Prince Sultan Fahd Abdulaziz for all the services and support he rendered to the I.S.S.F and the great progress achieved under his term;
3. **Welcomes** the adoption of a new logo for the I.S.S.F and recommends its circulations to all concerned parties;
4. **Presents** due thanks to the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the 3rd Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games (ISG) due in 2013; further urges all Member States to participate in this edition and wishes success for the Games in Indonesia;
5. **Welcomes** the bid of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 4th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in 2017;
6. **Presents** due thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, represented by the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee (SAOC) for the very successful organization of the I.S.S.F Weightlifting Championship in Dammam from 28 January to 2 February 2012 where 22 countries took part;

7. **Welcomes** the I.S.S.F Executive Board decision to admit Air Sports to the federation's program and lauds the successful organization of the 1st I.S.S.F Air sports Championship, in Saudi Arabia, September 2012;
8. **Extols** the execution of the Agreement signed between the I.S.S.F and the ISESCO, encourages the development of work plan for the implementation of the agreement and calls for the promotion of cooperation among OIC organs;
9. **Welcomes the decisions** of the I.S.S.F Executive Board approving the I.S.S.F Activity Plan for the next few years which highlights the incorporation of new aspects particularly women sport, environment, education and tourism with the I.S.S.F sport activities;
10. **Calls upon** Member States to fulfill their financial obligations towards the I.S.S.F and take the initiative to settle their outstanding subscriptions in order to enable the I.S.S.F to assume its roles and activities;
11. **Authorizes** the I.S.S.F, as the house of the Secretariat of the 2nd Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers, to take due action to prepare well for the best possible organization of the conference in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat as well as the General Presidency of Youth Welfare in Saudi Arabia.
12. **Commends** the proposal of the I.S.S.F to sign a partnership agreement with a specialized firm to undertake necessary studies regarding the realization of new financing resources for the Federation.
13. **Welcomes the decision** of the I.S.S.F Executive Board to have an overall study to select feasible activities for Implementation with the concerned organizations in the future in such a way that guarantees the enhancement of fraternity and solidarity among Muslim youth in all aspects.
14. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to HRH Prince Nawaf Faisal Fahd Abdulaziz, I.S.S.F President, for the considerable attention and continued support he devotes to the I.S.S.F and the keen interest he attaches to the issues concerning the sports community in the Islamic Ummah, conferring on the I.S.S.F a prominent position among international sports bodies;
15. **Expresses** its appreciation to the I.S.S.F General Secretariat for undertaking the preparations for the various I.S.S.F activities and events, contributing to the achievement of the I.S.S.F goals and objectives;
16. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz and H.R.H. Crown Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz – may Allah save them – for hosting the I.S.S.F headquarters and for their material and moral support to the I.S.S.F out of their unshakeable belief in the need to uphold all the issues concerning youth in the Islamic Ummah.

B) THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYF-DC)

1. **Appreciates** the financial contribution by the Government of Turkey towards the Forum's annual budget; and calls upon the Member States as well as the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions and other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC.
2. **Welcomes** contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC; and **looks forward** to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement related to providing ICYF-DC Regional Centre with appropriate office premises; **welcomes** also proposal by the Government of Kuwait to host the 2nd General Assembly of ICYF-DC in Al-Kuwait in Fall of 2013.
3. **Endorses** cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC on "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multifaceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; endorses also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB that envisages a number of activities including implementation of programs in support of youth of Muslim minorities in non-member states; **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB in order to provide sustainable financing towards different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Member States and of Muslim minority communities worldwide and calls upon the OIC Member States to contribute towards its development;
4. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) initiated by ICYF-DC and aimed at developing of youth entrepreneurship in the OIC Member States and growth in youth employment; welcomes cooperation between ICYF-DC and the State of Qatar on development of ICYEN Project and looks forward for implementation of the Agreement signed between the ICYF-DC and Qatar Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations; **invites** IDB and member states to closely work with ICYF-DC in implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Support Fund (YESF) for opening the special credit line discussed between ICYF-DC and IDB as well as for providing grant tools for ICYEN capacity building in the least developed countries of the OIC;
5. **Expresses** the assurances that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP SUSSC), UNESCO, ILO and UNEP will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC; **welcomes** the cooperation between ICYF-DC and UNDP SUSSC for implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Development (YED) programme.
6. **Appreciates** the activities of ICYF-DC in promoting the program of "The OIC Memorial Day for commemoration of humanitarian catastrophes of Muslim communities throughout the Twentieth century", including partnership with ISESCO and Parliamentary Union of the OIC

Member States to this end and calls upon the Member States to actively take part in the program; **welcomes** “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day Program” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity; and **calls upon** Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and International levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity;

7. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) at its First Convention held on 7-10 April 2011, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF-DC and presented at the High Level Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in November 2007 under the patronage of H.E. Mehriban Aliyeva, The First Lady of Azerbaijan, UNESCO/ISESCO Goodwill Ambassador; **recognizes** ICYF-DC as the OIC partner in youth related issues in OIC-AoC Cooperation and calls upon the Member States and OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC as the representative of the OIC youth in GYMAoC; and coordinate their relevant actions vis-à-vis UN AoC youth programs with relevant position of ICYF-DC including its position for advancing interest of Muslim youth at the forthcoming 6th UN AoC Forum in 2014, in Indonesia.

8. **Endorses** Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI) and action Plan signed by the parties in November 2010 in follow up to the said MOU; calls upon member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU and its Action Plan;

9. **Welcomes** launching of new global award by ICYF-DC for young Muslims from across the world titled “10 Young Muslims who can change the World” anticipated to be annual global award to celebrate the success of 10 exceptional young Muslims and the contribution they make to improve the world and calls upon the OIC member-states and institutions to cooperate with ICYF-DC to this end; **Appreciates** ICYF-DC’s initiative to establish National Youth Councils in the OIC member-states, in particular in the MENA region to coordinate the youth activities and calls upon the member-states and the OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC for implementation of this endeavor; **welcomes** the “OIC Model”, an International Relations Training Program initiated by ICYF-DC and envisaged to raise awareness on and promote the OIC as leading international institution throughout the community of Universities in the Member States; **endorses** “State of Muslim Youth” annual report prepared by ICYF-DC Secretariat in cooperation with eminent Muslim scholars and calls upon Member States and OIC institutions to support the project and contribute to researches conducted by ICYF-DC to this end;

10. **Welcomes** “Mevlana” international student exchange programme and “Ibn Batuta” international youth exchange programme, both for the OIC member states initiated by the OIC Youth Forum and given OIC General Secretariat’s activities in this field requests the Forum to coordinate implementation of these programmes with the General Secretariat;

11. **Welcomes** the cooperation of ICYF-DC with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and requests the Secretary General to submit annual report on the Forum's activities to the next session of Council of Foreign Affairs.

12. **Mandates** the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) and the host country to start preparations for the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth and Sports to be held in 2014 in Turkey in coordination with the General Secretariat.

13. **Requests** the ISSF and ICYF-DC under the guidelines of the Ministerial Meeting of Youth and Sports to coordinate their cooperation through memorandum of understanding, with a view of clarifying of their respective areas of activities.

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. **Endorses** the future activities the IUMS decided to carry out as part of its 2013-2014 Plan and **urges** Member States to host and participate actively in these activities in order to ensure their success and to provide the IUMS with every possible material and moral support.

2. **Thanks** the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and to their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz and the Second Deputy to the Head of the Ministerial Council, Prince Mugren Bin Abdulaziz, for hosting the IUMS in Jeddah as well s for the material and moral support they extend to it proceeding from their full interest in the issues pertaining to the Muslim youth.

3. **Expresses thanks** also to HRH Prince Saud Al Faisal, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and HRH Prince Khalid Al Faisal, Governor for Makkah Al-Mukarramah Province, for supporting the IUMS activities and facilitating its work to help it achieve its objectives.

4. **Extends thanks** to H.H. Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Muhammad, the Minister of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Head of Saudi Scouts Society, for his interest in and support for the IUMS.

5. **Expresses** its profound appreciation to H.E. Prof. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, and to all the OIC General Secretariat staff members for their continuous support to the IUMS.

6. **Expresses** its warm congratulations to H.E. Dr. Zuheir Husein Ghuneim, Secretary General of the IUMS on being awarded the (Wolf Bronze Medal), the highest scouting medal awarded by the World Scouting Organization (WSO) seated in Geneva.

7. **Expresses thanks** to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria for organizing the 27th Arab Scouting Conference, along with its congratulations on the success of the event.

8. **Congratulates** Mr. Scott Teyr on being selected to the office of the WSO Secretary General and, whilst wishing him every success in his endeavours, **invites** him to increase cooperation with IUMS.

9. **Calls on** the Member State's Ministers of Higher Education to encourage the universities to participate in the international travels organized by IUMs for the benefit of the youth and university students in implementation of the wish expressed by the Kings and Heads of States of the Islamic States at the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in 2005, at the kind invitation of the Custodian of Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz.

10. **Calls upon** the Member State's Ministers of Higher Education and Ministers of Education to extend their support to IUMS in opening chapters of "Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz World Center to Train Residents' Children Registered in Distance Learning" in the Member States that host foreign communities, and to issue instructions in this respect to their relevant authorities. **It calls** for support to these chapters in view of their importance offering in training to the residents' children among Muslim communities, in commemoration of the name of the late Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz, may Allah bless his soul, for having initiated this center.

11. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank (Awqaf Properties Fructification Fund) and to the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) on the occasion of the signing of the agreement to construct the IUM building.

12. **Expresses satisfaction** with the IUMS's launch of its activities to offer computer training for Muslim youth such as to prepare them for computer diplomas and such as to evolve a new computer-qualified generation from the Member States' universities, and **urges** the Ministers of Higher Education to direct the university directors to encourage their students to participate in this activity.

13. **Expresses deep appreciation** to H.E. Dr. Khaled Al Angari, KSA Minister of Higher Education, for his approval for the Saudi university students to participate in the international travels organized for the benefit of university youth and students.

14. **Urges** the Scouting Societies in the Member States to participate in the 40th international Scouts Conference due to be held in Slovenia on 11-15 August 2014, and also to participate in the 12th International Muslim Scouts Conference scheduled to be held in Slovenia too, on 10th August 2014.

D) THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS (WF-IAIS)

1. **Recommends** to the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, and the Islamic Development Bank to support the plans and projects of the World Federation of International Arab Islamic Schools in spreading Arabic language and Islamic culture and to extend every possible assistance for the implementation of such plans and projects.

2. Recommends continued support for the organisation of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.

3. Recommends to the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of textbooks series, prepared by the WF-IAIS, for teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic speakers, the distribution of those books among Muslim learners, and the establishment of a WF-IAIS printing press at its headquarters, as well as other printing presses in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their utilization in those countries and among Muslim communities.

4. Recommends support for the Assistance Fund for International Arab-Islamic Schools and Educational Institutions members of WF-IAIS with a view to helping them promote Islamic education standards, in particular in non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.

5. Requests support for the WF-IAS project to establish an education section at the Imam Shafii College – Comoros Islands University to award Bachelors Degree in all Arabic language specialties in accordance with the agreement signed between the WF-IAIS and the Comoros national Ministry of Education preparatory to Masters and Doctorate studies in Teaching Curricular and Methods in the Section.

6. Recommends support for the Examination Council of International Arab-Islamic Schools Project, set up by the WFIAIS in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, which aims to set the examinations of private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic universities, and to activate this Council and establish its regional branches.

7. Recommends support for the projects undertaken by the WFIAIS to set up the Arabic language centre and forum of civilizations in London, the educational centre in Cairo, and Turkish Arab University in Istanbul.

8. Recommends support for the WFIAIS activities towards the establishment of an examination council in Uganda in collaboration with the Islamic University in Uganda as well as an examination council in Malaysia in collaboration with the International Islamic University in Malaysia.

Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 41st Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION No. 9/40-C
ON**

**STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
(COMIAC)**

The 40th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), (Session of Dialogue of Civilizations, Factor for Peace and Sustainable Development). held in Conakry, Republic of Guinea, on 06-08 Safar 1435H (09 –11 December, 2013),

Recalling Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favor of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the decisions of the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences in particular the 12th Ordinary and the 3rd Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 39th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 7th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 8th Session of COMIAC, and 9th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Libreville, Gabon, on 17-20 April 2012,

Recalling the recommendations contained in the 10-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

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

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Permanent National Secretariat and the Follow-up Committee.
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC.
- 3. Thanks** the Government of Senegal for convening successfully the 9th Session of COMIAC in Dakar on October 11-12, 2010, which was preceded by a follow up meeting of COMIAC.
- 4. Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Senegal to host the 10th session of the COMIAC before the end of 2013
- 5. Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the Financing of the COMIAC activities.
- 6. Welcomes** the constant contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the COMIAC and invites the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programs and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.
