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RESOLUTION NO. 1/45-C
ON
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th 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, at the initiative of the Republic of Iran, 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-2025 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 on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue propounded by the Previous Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz, which was concretized in the Conference of Makkah in 2005 which saw the participation of Muslim Scholars from different schools of thought and which paved the way to the organization of the International conference held in Madrid with the participation of a large number of followers of world civilizations and cultures and insisted on the unity of the humanity and on equality among peoples, regardless of their colors, races and cultures.

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

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

4. Also commends the continued efforts of the Previous 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 Previous 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.

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

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

7. Commends the outcomes of the Strategic Workshop on “Religious Coexistence in South Asia: Addressing the contemporary challenges related to Buddhist-Muslim relationships” held on 18-20 December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand, in cooperation with KAICIID, Interreligious Council of Thailand (IRC)/Religions for Peace (RfP), the Mahidol University, and Fatoni University.

8. Also commends the outcome of the Washington Conference on the “Alliance Religions” organized by the Forum for Promoting Peace on 5-7 November 2017, with the participation of religious leaders representing different divine religions, and influential academics and researchers from the US, Muslim countries and other countries; which culminated in the establishment of the global “Alliance of Virtue for the Common Good”, for the good of all humanity.

9. Commends the efforts of the United Arab Emirates through the Peace Promotion Forum which was established in 2014 under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah and held three sessions in Abu Dhabi, the UAE, and Marrakesh, Kingdom of Morocco; It also made significant efforts to promote sound Islamic thought and the civilized image of Islam in dealing with others and protecting non-Muslim minorities in Muslim countries.

10. Pays tribute to the extensive efforts made by the United Arab Emirates through the Muslim Council of Elders, sponsored by the United Arab Emirates, which was established in 2014 under the

chairmanship of Sheikh Al-Azhar Al-Sharif and has made considerable efforts through dialogue of civilizations between East and West in both Italy and France. Several meetings with the Elders of the West were held to bring together the Islamic and Christian perspectives through the common denominators that unite Islam, Christianity and other monotheistic religions for the sake of peaceful coexistence and cooperation among civilizations to the benefit of mankind.

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

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

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

14. Reiterates the OIC's support 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, and encourages religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community to actively participate in the VI Congress to be held in Astana on 10-11 October 2018 under the slogan of "Religious Leaders for a Secure World".

15. Commends the outcomes of the international symposium on "Promoting the Values of Peace and Dialogue", held on 18-20 April 2016 in Sousse in Tunisia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education in the Republic of Tunisia, the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).

16. 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.

17. Calls on the OIC General Secretariat, 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 inter-civilization dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide with possible financial support for the success of these dialogues.

18. Commends the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and inter-civilization dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, including through the *World Forums on Intercultural Dialogue*, held in Baku since 2011 and Seventh Global Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 25-27 April 2016.

19. Commends the measures taken by the Republic of Azerbaijan for strengthening interfaith dialogue around the world, including through the organization of an international conference titled “2017 – Year of Islamic Solidarity: Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue” at Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, on 21 December 2017.

20. 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.

21. Calls upon all Member States to give necessary assistance and support to the Dialogue and Outreach Department in implementing its new mandates, considering the important role that the OIC plays in boosting dialogue, outreach and openness with all other cultures and civilizations, as described in the Secretary General’s Report at the 44th CFM.

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

B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

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

Referring to the OIC-2025 Vision and reemphasizing its premise that inter-civilization dialogue, based on mutual respect and understanding, and equality amongst peoples are prerequisites for international peace and security, tolerance and peaceful co-existence,

Acknowledging, in this respect, the valuable contribution of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), 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, 1/39-C, 1/40-C, 1/41-C, 1/42-C on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd and 43rd 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 contribute 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 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.
3. **Welcomes** the results of the Alliance’s Seventh Global Forum held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 25-27 April 2016, which has been crowned with success.
4. **Appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the Seventh AoC Global Forum held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 26-27 April 2016.
5. **Welcomes** the outcomes of the Group of Friends Ministerial Meeting of the UNAOC themed “Youth Engagement: The Nexus to Building Inclusive Societies and Sustaining Peace” held in New York on 22 September 2017.
6. **Calls on** Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations. Through the Baku Declaration, adopted at the Seventh Global Forum of the Alliance, the Group of Friends reaffirmed its support to UNAOC and expressed its conviction that UNAOC plays an important role as a global platform for sharing good practices for living together in inclusive societies.
7. **Calls** upon Member States of the OIC to actively participate in the work of the Alliance, particularly the development and adoption of the Alliance’s regional strategies and related guiding documents, and the implementation thereof.
8. **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 12 January 2013.
9. **Commends** the successful convening of the *4th Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member State*, hosted by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia in Bali, prior to the 6th AoC Global Forum.

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 amended Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world that was adopted by the 10th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, held in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan, on 21-23 November 2017, and calls upon ISESCO to develop a comprehensive plan of action to ensure the effective implementation of the Strategy.
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement cultural projects in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO in line with the amended Cultural Strategy for the Islamic World.
3. **Commends** the activities carried out by ISESCO and cultural capitals since 2011, and expresses deep gratitude to Member States that actively participated in these events.
4. **Calls** for the activation of the Council of the ambassadors of the OIC Member States in Europe and the America to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to convey the true message of Islam, improve the image of Muslims, spread Islamic cultures to confront Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in these countries.
5. **Calls upon** the Secretary General to take necessary measures to introduce the OIC prize for Islamic art to be awarded during the regularly held Asian Art Biennale in Dhaka, which may commence with the 18th Biennale in the last quarter of 2018; furthermore, requests the Member states to encourage participation of their artists, art galleries and institutions in the 2018 Biennale and thereby promote peace and understanding through art in various forms.
6. **Calls upon** the Member States for taking up a plan of Islamic action on OIC Cultural Strategy with a view to enhancing and projecting the cultural values and strengths of the Muslim world and especially in mitigating and dispelling Islamophobia thereby. Also calls upon the General Secretariat to devise a mechanism of encouraging soft counter terrorism narratives through such plan of action with particular emphasis on creation of literature, films, etc.

D) THE UNIFIED HIJRI CALENDAR

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

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

- **Need to** rely on vision while making use of astronomical calculations and observatories and to take into account scientific facts and fixed and accurate astronomical calculations.

- **Make** use of Al-Shahid System of the Tunisian Scientist Mohamed Al Awsat Al-Iyari.

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

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

- 1. Calls on** OIC Member States and institutions and civil society organizations to financially contribute towards the establishment and manufacturing of the Islamic satellite.
- 2. Requests** the Secretary General to take all necessary measures in this regard in coordination with *Dar al-IftaaAl-Misriyah* with a view to starting the effective implementation of this project.
- 3. Calls upon** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and through cooperation with Turkish Administration of Religious Affairs (Diyamet).
- 4. Takes into consideration** the efforts exerted by the United Arab Emirates to achieve the unity of Muslim countries through the two meetings of the sharia scholars and astronomers held in (1438/2016– 1439/2017) that agreed to the unification of the Hijri calendar."
- 5. Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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

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

Condemning the aggression perpetrated by Israel in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif including the construction of colonies and the racist annexation and expansionist wall around the city for its Judaization;

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

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

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

Recalling the Final Communiqué of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit, held in Istanbul, on 13 December 2017 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, President of the Republic of Turkey, to consider the situation in the wake of the U.S. Administration's recognition of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the so-called capital of Israel, the occupying power, and the relocation of the US Embassy to Al-Quds.

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

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

- 1. Calls on** Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students in all areas of study; **expresses** appreciation to Member States that have already given more scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce tuition fees for Palestinian students;
- 2. Recommends** lending all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities to enable them to play their national and educational role; **calls upon** the League of Islamic Universities to coordinate with the League's member universities to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between Palestinian universities and member universities of the League with a view to fostering cooperation between; **calls upon** these universities to send and receive training and academic missions to and from Palestinian universities; and calls for a conference of universities from the Member States and Palestine to support the Palestinian universities in all fields;
- 3. Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the State of Palestine, in implementation of the resolution of the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the Establishment of Al-Aqsa University in Jerusalem, to commence the necessary procedures for the establishment of the university; and **calls upon** Member States, Islamic funds, the IDB and other OIC organs to contribute effectively and generously to the establishment of the university, which is considered an important national achievement for the Ummah at large;
- 4. Calls on** Member States to boycott Israeli universities, until Israel, the occupying power, ceases all its violations against the Palestinian people in general and the Palestinian university and school students in particular;

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

- 1. Condemns strongly** the attempts of Israel, the occupying power, to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds to replace Arab Palestinian curricula, as an attempt by Israeli occupation authorities to impose its version of history on Al-Quds citizens as a prelude to **J**udaize the city and obliterate its Arab identity, which constitutes a blatant violation of international laws and instruments; and **calls** for an international appeal to counter those measures and for the OIC Group at the relevant UN fora to act promptly to compel Israel, the occupying power, to stop its egregiously colonial and racial policies;
- 2. Calls upon** Member States to implement its previous decisions to find the Multi-Sectoral Strategic Plan and to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to secure the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the East Jerusalem, in particular, and to work to actualize the educational aspect of the Strategic Plan for the development of East Jerusalem adopted by the 4th session of the Extraordinary Islamic summit, and subsequent summits in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy

City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities to impose their own educational curricula, prevent the construction of schools or refuse their expansion and restoration, impose high taxes on schools reporting to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, close down schools outside their control, and erect security barriers impeding movement and transportation of teachers and students and prevent access to their places of work, schools and universities. They are also subjected to harassment and attacks by settlers. **Calls on** the Secretary General to set up a fund, under the supervision of the OIC, to support schools in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

3. Invites Member States to introduce an academic subject about the history of the city of Al-Quds into the Member States' curricula, so as to acquaint generations of the Muslim Ummah with the religious significance of the city of Al-Quds and Al Aqsa Mosque and the coexistence between followers of revealed faiths, show the Palestinian people's suffering under occupation and identify their inalienable rights in their land. The Conference also calls on the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and with the State of Palestine, to prepare such materials and translate them into the OIC official languages, and hold in 2017 a symposium of experts to prepare this academic subject.

4. Stresses the importance of organizing, in cooperation with the State of Palestine, cultural symposia, lectures and such activities as may address the Palestinian cause and its significance to the Muslim countries, the aim being to sensitize future generations to the importance of the Palestinian cause;

5. 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;

6. 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;

7. Calls upon the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of human rights, including the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly those related to human rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and **calls upon** the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, to implement the measures adopted by the successive conferences of High Contracting Parties, according to the first article of the treaty, and take the necessary steps to end the violations and crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian civilians measures, and work collectively to hold the perpetrators of these crimes accountable,

8. 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; and calls on the Member States to respect these resolutions, including through supporting and voting relevant resolutions at international institutions;
- 2. 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. And reiterates that all practices through which Israel, the occupying Power, seeks to change the character and status of the city and its demographic composition null and void and should be abolished,
- 3. Condemns** the ratification of the bill to "ban the call for prayer" which seeks to prevent other religions from freedom of worship, especially that Adhan (Mosques' call for prayer) is one of the rituals of the Muslim faith; and calls on the Secretary General to address a letter to the UN counterpart to pressurize Israel to stop its provocative acts which hurt the feelings of Muslims the world over;
- 4. 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 and, in this regard, calls on Member States to support the efforts of the State of Palestine in its quest for the inclusion of a group of Palestinian positions, including the old city in Hebron and the Cremisan Valley in Beit Jala, in the World Heritage List;
- 5. 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 Palestinian homes and institutions following the Nakba in 1948; 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 and establish a joint follow-up expert group;

6. 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; and urges Member States to import Hebron's beautiful and famous pottery pieces in support for its people's steadfastness;

7. Requests the General Secretariat to continue working with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to restore 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 counter any designs aimed altering and obliterating the Islamic character of the blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

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 Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks. It also insists on the implementation of the advisory opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice on 9 July 2004 concerning the legal consequences of the construction of a wall in the occupied Palestinian territory; and condemns all states and entities that encourage this illegal behavior;

9. Strongly denounces and decries the continued aggression perpetrated by Israel, the occupying power, against the Al-Aqsa Mosque, along with the Israeli attempts to install its temporal and spatial division by allowing settlers to enter and pray in the Mosque's compound; decries the continued excavations carried around and under the Mosque which led to the fall of a large section of the Mosque's fence on the Western Gate; and **condemns** Israel for denying the Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempts to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (endowment) matters and prevent the repair of holy sites;

10. Requests Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to counter the attempts of Israel, the occupying power, to alter the religious and historical character of Islamic and Christian sanctuaries, and also to counter the partitioning of Mosque in Al-Khalil;

11. Demands Member States to support resolutions related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif in international , while taking part in relevant sessions; and **expresses** in this regard its regret at the failure of a number of Member States to support decisions related to Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the Palestinian cause, including Cameroon, Albania, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo;

12. Requests the General Secretariat to devise a plan of action to promote religious tourism in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif in coordination with member states with a view to raising awareness of Israeli violations in the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharqiya; and calls for practical steps to organize cultural weeks in member states, including photo exhibitions, seminars and the projection of documentaries on the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.

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

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

15. Requests the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 3/45-C
ON
PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

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

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

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

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

Also noting with regret that the 25th Anniversary of the attack on 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. **Further condemns** the growing intolerance and extremism in India, including the increasing number of cow vigilants and lynching incidents, resulting in the deaths and injuries to many Indian Muslims.
5. **Expresses deep concern** over the failure of the Government of India to resolve the dispute and to provide safety and security to the Muslim minority in India.
6. **Further expresses deep concern** at the recent provocative statements of BJP leaders about Taj Mahal of having been built on the site of a Hindu temple, and views such statements as reflective of sinister plans to desecrate this historical site.
7. **Strongly believes** that such statements are totally against historical facts and are only aimed at humiliating Muslim minority in India, and urges the Indian government to ensure the protection of this great historical site.
8. **Calls** on OIC Member States to raise the case of Babri Mosque at the UNESCO and the Islamic group at UNESCO to follow it up in a result-oriented manner in order to prevent occurrence of incidents of desecration of Islamic sites in India in future.
9. **Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 3/11-C (IS) adopted by the 11th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39th CFM, Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40th CFM, Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41st CFM, Resolution 3/42-C adopted by the 42nd CFM and Resolution 3/43-C adopted by the 43rd CFM 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 Dargah Hazratibal in 1993 and 1995, the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Qur'an on 14 December 2002, Khanqah-e-Faiz Panah Tral in 2012, Dastger Sahab in 2012, Zarith Zain Shah Wali Ashmaqam in 2013:

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

C) THE DESTRUCTION AND DESECRATION OF ISLAMIC HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RELICS AND SHRINES IN THE 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 its territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

Reaffirming United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), and 884 (1993), which call on the Armenian forces to withdraw immediately, completely and unconditionally from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and Shusha areas, and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

Reaffirming also that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijani territories occupied by, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a war crime and 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;

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

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

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 historic and cultural heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories.
2. **Vigorously demands** the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993), 874 (1993), and 884 (1993).
3. **Stresses** the need to ensure the protection of cultural heritage, cultural property and sacred sites in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, including, inter alia, the prohibition and prevention of any illicit export, other removal or transfer of ownership of cultural property, any archaeological excavation, as well as any alteration to, or change of use of, cultural property which is intended to conceal or destroy cultural, historical or scientific evidence;
4. **Demands** that Armenia cease any attempts to introduce Azerbaijani historical and cultural heritage as its own, including at tourism fairs and exhibitions.
5. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.
6. **Reaffirms** also Azerbaijan's right to claim appropriate reparation for the damages it has sustained, and **affirms** Armenia's responsibility to provide such reparation.
7. **Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.

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

9. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO.4/45-CUL
ON SOCIAL AND FAMILY AFFAIRS**

The Forty-fifth Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development) held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 19-20 Shaban 1439H (5-6 May 2018);

Recalling the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the Thirteenth Ordinary and the Third Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the Forty-Third Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States, the First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining Its Values in the OIC Member States, the Islamic Ministerial Conference on Youth and Sports, and the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Child Care and Protection in the Islamic World;

Having considered the report of the Secretary General:

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

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

Recalling the OIC Charter;

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

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

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

Commending the decision taken by the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level, which rejects this resolution, and the position of the Muslim and non-Muslim States, which opposed the resolution at the Human Rights Council because it includes many unacceptable issues that are in total contradiction with the teachings and values of Islam and other divine religions and with the human common sense;

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

- 1- **Commends** the efforts of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in hosting the First Session of the Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining Its Values in the OIC Member States, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on 8-9 February 2017, and the efforts of the General Secretariat in this regard, and **Welcomes** the outcomes of the Conference and its resolutions; also **takes note of** the Jeddah Declaration, and **calls** for the implementation of all the Conference outcomes.
- 2- **Expresses** its appreciation to the Government of Turkey for offering to host the second session of the Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institution and Maintaining Its Values in the OIC Member States in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey in 2019, and **requests** the General Secretariat to take the necessary measures to prepare for the Conference for Ministers of Social Affairs that will follow up issues pertaining to Family Affairs and the institutions of marriage in coordination with the host country and the concerned OIC institutions.
- 3- **Invites** the General Secretariat to convene an open-ended meeting of intergovernmental experts group to prepare the OIC strategy to empower marriage and family institution and safeguard their values in the Muslim world, in cooperation with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) and relevant OIC institutions and to present the outcomes of the meeting to the 3rd session of the sectoral ministerial conference of the marriage and family institutions scheduled to take place in the Republic of Turkey in 2019.
- 4- **Reaffirms** its rejection of the HRC Resolution on Sexual Orientation and the establishment of the mandate of Independent Expert on the subject; **provides** full support for the position of the ambassadors of the OIC Group in Geneva that would neither recognize or cooperate with this new mandate; and **commends** the declaration it prepared titled: Condemnation of the Human Rights resolution "protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity;" Calls on Member States and relevant OIC institutions to provide the required support to Member States facing pressure in this regard.
- 5- Commends the efforts of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) for preparing a study on "sexual orientation and identity."

B) PROMOTING WOMEN'S STATUS AND EMPOWERMENT AND FAMILY WELLBEING IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES

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

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;

Welcoming the outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016, in particular Resolution 4/6-W on the Women Consultative Council of the Women Conference;

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

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

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

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

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

Recalling the adoption of the basic statute of the Organization of Women Empowerment in OIC that would be hosted by Egypt, urging all Member States to sign and ratify and those who signed to swiftly ratify it, as soon as possible so that the organization would go into effect and then OIC will have a body to work on women empowerment.

- 1- **Calls** for the Member States to implement the provisions of the updated OPAAW that was adopted under "Resolution 3/6-W (Conference on Women) on Adoption of the amended OPAAW and its annexed implementation Mechanisms", during the 6th Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, in coordination with the General Secretariat, through the approved mechanisms and in line with the indicators of evaluation of achieved progress in this area;
- 2- **Urges** the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to provide women with better opportunities through enacting and consolidating laws that empower women and provide them with a comprehensive role in the sustainable development of Member States.
- 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- **Calls** for poverty among women to be alleviated in order to promote their status in the Muslim world, and for the formulation of a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women.
- 5- **Requests** the OIC Member States that are yet to do so to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unity, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls.

- 6- **Urges** the governments of the Member States that are yet to do so to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls through providing uncomplicated and free access to literacy programs and also providing easy, inexpensive and equal access to higher education and removal of any possible draw backs in this field and ensure, through legislation, women's access to advanced technologies including ICT in order to promote their role in the decision making and development process.
- 7- **Encourages** the OIC Member States to hold regional expert meetings to prepare recommendations aimed at supporting women and the family in cases of armed conflicts and economic blockades and sanctions, and recommends that the results of these meetings be submitted to relevant international organizations.
- 8- **Calls for** the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodshed perpetrated by Israeli occupying power against women and children in Palestine, especially in Al-Quds and the Gaza Strip.
- 9- **Welcomes** the Tehran Declaration of the Third Ministerial Conference on the Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, which enhances OIC collective work towards the advancement of women. In this context, it **endorses** the implementation of the recommendations therein.
- 10- **Reiterates** the urgent need to adopt the "Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam" and the Cairo "Declaration on Human Rights in Islam."
- 11- **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat and the Republic of Turkey for the successful holding of the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016. It **welcomes** its resolutions and **takes note** of the Istanbul Declaration that, inter alia, adopted the amended OIC Plan of Action for Advancement of Women and its implementation mechanisms.
- 12- **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat and Republic of Turkey for convening the meetings of the Women Consultative Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women and requests the Council to submit the outcomes of its work to the 7th session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States to be held in Ouagadougou in November 2018.
- 13- In this regard, **welcomes** Burkina Faso and thanks Member States that have expressed their support to Burkina Faso; and calls on others to assist the Government of Burkina Faso in bringing this Conference to a successful conclusion;
- 14- **Calls on** relevant OIC organs, particularly IDB, ISESCO, SESRIC, ISF, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), and the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) to work for the success of the Conference, in cooperation with the OIC General Secretariat and Burkina Faso.
- 15- **Welcomes** the convening of the two meetings of the OIC Advisory Council and encourages the Council to continue its work in accordance with its mandate that has been stipulated in the Statute of the Council and asks for General Secretariat to continue to support the consultative work of the Council.

- 16- **Appreciates** the General Secretariat for hosting the 2nd meeting of the Council on 18 December 2017 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah;
- 17- **Requests** the General Secretariat to follow up on all the recommendations of the Council.
- 18- **Takes note** of the General Secretariat's work on the "ALLY for the Future" annual leadership program for young Muslim women and a platform for institutions and NGOs active in the field of Women empowerment executed by Turkey.
- 19- **Calls on** the General Secretariat to further cooperate with all OIC member states for the promotion and implementation of OPAAW and the resolutions of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in OIC Member States and report thereon to the fifty-Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers. (Proposed by Turkey)
- 20- **Commends** the efforts of the OIC General Secretariat, the Islamic Development Bank and SESRIC for holding a workshop to strengthen the capacities of national institutions concerned with women empowerment at the General Secretariat on 17 – 18 December 2017, and **calls** for the implementation of the recommendations of the workshop.
- 21- **Commends** the efforts of the Government of Burkina Faso to host, in Ouagadougou in 2018, the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in OIC Member States' Development; and **invites** the Member States to support actively Burkina Faso's government in making this Conference a success.
- 22- **Calls** on the OIC Member States, which have not yet done so, to sign and ratify the statute of the specialized Organization for Women Development, based in Cairo with the view to activate its role in the promotion of women, and follow up on the implementation of OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW).
- 23- **Welcomes** the UN Human Rights Council resolution on the "Protection of the Family", which was issued over the past three years with the initiative of Egypt and with the support of the vast majority of the OIC Member States; and invites all the OIC Member States to join the Family Friends Group in Geneva and New York and to support the UNHRC resolution.
- 24- **Appeals** to OIC Member States, which suffer from all forms violence of against women, including domestic violence, underage marriage and female genital mutilation and cutting, to take appropriate measures to prevent and criminalize such practices, and **calls** on the Member States to make the necessary efforts to exonerate Islam from false claims linked to all forms of violence against women and children.
- 25- **Commends** the designation of H.H. Princess Lalla Meryem, daughter to the late King Hassan II, as Goodwill Ambassador of the OIC for women and family advancement, youth support and child welfare; thanks His Royal Majesty Mohammed VI for acceding to this role entrusted to Her Highness the Princess; and calls on the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions to provide support for the Princess to succeed in her mission.
- 26- **Invites** the Islamic Development Bank to cooperate with SESRIC and General Secretariat to contribute to the implementation of the OIC Plan for the Advancement of Women, especially in the field of economic empowerment of women, the fight against poverty and the empowerment of women in order to ensure a decent living for women and girls in conflict, refugee camps areas.

- 27- **Encourages** the General Secretariat to cooperate with philanthropic societies in supporting poor and needy families, as well as with civil society in taking an active role in gender and family well-being.
- 28- **Invites** the specialized institutions and subsidiary organs that are yet to do so to establish a social affairs and family section to carry out the role in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat .
- 29- **Takes note** of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Women and calls for the implementation of the terms of the agreement in order to boost cooperation and implement the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW).

C) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN “OIC AWARD ON WOMEN ACHIEVEMENT”

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

Recalling the Resolution of the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the Establishment of an OIC Award on Women Achievement;

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

- 1. **Takes note** of the Concept Paper on the OIC Award for Women's Achievements prepared by the General Secretariat and calls for its presentation to the meeting of the Committee of Permanent representatives for consideration before its submission to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in Development of the Member States, to be held in Burkina Faso in 2018, for adoption.
- 2. **Welcomes** Turkey’s commitment to support the first OIC Award on Women’s Achievements both conceptually and financially;
- 3. **Calls upon** the General Secretariat to further support the Award’s sustainability;
- 4. **Decides** that the Award will be granted by the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in OIC Member States’ Development, to recognize the best initiatives undertaken by women, and to honor, encourage and promote women’s roles in OIC Member States;
- 5. **Requests** the General Secretariat, to consider the contributions of the Women Consultative Council in preparation, finalizing and submitting the concept note of the Award for final adoption to the 7th Women Ministerial Conference;
- 6. **Calls upon** the Chair of the OIC Women Ministerial Conference and General Secretariat to take practical steps by seeking nominations from Governments of Member States, and organize the first Award to be granted by the 7th Women Ministerial Conference;
- 7. **Decides** that the Women Consultative Council, in its capacity as a selecting committee, would advise the Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in OIC Member States’ Development, on the shortlisted Award nominations and the winners.

D) PROMOTING YOUTH BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1- **Underscores** the importance of the youth and their role in the society and **calls** for raising their awareness through building youth capacity by further training, promotion and empowerment, and promoting them in all fields to play positive roles in the renaissance of their respective countries.
- 2- **Calls** on Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education of Muslim youth to enhance their role in comprehensive development with a view to meeting future challenges.
- 3- **Welcomes** the working paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1st Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing their status in the society.
- 4- **Takes** note of the outcomes of the intergovernmental experts group meeting to discuss the OIC Youth Strategy.
- 5- **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting the 4th Islamic Solidarity Sports Games in 2017 and to the General Secretariat of the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for a good organization of the games, and thanks the states that participated in this important sports show.
- 6- **Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to host the 5th edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Istanbul in 2021.

- 7- **Welcomes** the outcome of the Ministerial Brainstorming Session on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held on 11 July 2017 on the sidelines of the Forty-Fourth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, held in Abidjan, Republic of Azerbaijan, and **invites** Member States, General Secretariat and relevant institutions to implement the initiatives proposed during the meeting.
- 8- **Appreciates** the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for facilitating the 1st Youth CFM held by the ICYF-DC in Dhaka on 04 May 2018, as the youth segment of the 45th CFM in implementation of the initiatives proposed at the brainstorming session at the Ministerial level on "Youth, Peace and Development in a World of Solidarity", held during the 44th CFM on 11 July 2017 in Abidjan and calls on the host of the 46th CFM to consider organizing the 2nd edition of the Youth CFM in 2019 in coordination with the General Secretariat and ICYF-DC and recognized national youth institution.
- 9- **Commends** the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for hosting and excellent organization of the 4th Session of the ICYSM on 17-19 April 2018, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan; endorses the decisions of the 4th Session of the ICYSM, including adoption of the OIC Youth Strategy; calls upon the Member States to exert necessary efforts in successful implementation of these decisions, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISSF and ICYF-DC.
- 10- **Welcomes** the establishment of the Youth Section in the OIC General Secretariat and **invites** Member States and relevant institutions to support, cooperate and coordinate with it to reach its desired goals for youth in the Muslim World and beyond. The General Secretariat shall adequately partake in organizing the sessions of the OIC Islamic ministerial conference on the youth and sports, and coordinate all the OIC sectoral ministerial meetings, reports of which are submitted to the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit. The General Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of all the subsidiary organs as well as specialized and affiliated institutions, without prejudice to the OIC Charter and regulations, to avoid duplication and to streamline work, in fulfillment of the duties entrusted to it by the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit.
- 11- **Welcomes** the accession of the Islamic Development Bank and SESRIC to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the OIC institutions in the area of youth, and calls on all relevant institutions to further cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat in order to achieve the aspired objective in the interest of the youth in the Muslim world.
- 12- **Requests** Member States to intensify their efforts to raise awareness among young people on the dangers of drug abuse by strengthening the role of the family institution, the media institution, youth centers and non-governmental organizations in spreading awareness, and promoting a spirit of cooperation, recognition, citizenship and positive participation in society. **Welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experiences and information in the field of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.

- 13- **Calls on** the OIC Member States to ensure the provision of equal opportunities to young people with special needs and those who are socially and economically underprivileged to participate effectively in the development process.
- 14- **Calls on** the OIC institutions Active in the field of youth to provide training and learning opportunities for OIC youth and initiate events to promote youth capacity building, awareness, participation and a culture of moderation.
- 15- **Takes note** of recent developments leading to major changes affecting, in large part radicalization, and in follow-up on the declarations of Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers concerning safeguarding and protecting youth from social illnesses and extremism, and **calls upon** the OIC institutions Active in the field of youth to take action on the following items:
 - a. Developing further youth platforms for learning, growth, interaction, and sharing of experience;
 - b. Sustaining safe environment for youth development and improvement of diverse youth empowerment programs;
 - c. Providing youth with the knowledge base and positive experience required for the fine shaping of their character and values, healthy lifestyle, intellectual competence and social responsibility;
 - d. Equipping youth with social and professional skills alongside character development, with the goal of strengthening their personal and professional contribution to society;
 - e. Engaging youth in social work, volunteerism, development and environment; and
 - f. Empowering youth to complete tertiary education and motivate them to further excel in their academic and professional careers.

E) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

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

Welcoming the Rabat Declaration on issues pertaining to Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the first Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November 2005;

Welcoming the Act No. 3 of 2016 on the Rights of the Child issued by the President of the United Arab Emirates, which guaranteed the child's right to life, survival and development and the provision of all the opportunities needed to facilitate and protect the child from all forms of negligence, abuse and maltreatment, and from any physical and psychological violence, and to

educate Muslim children to adhere to Islamic faith and cherish their national identity and protect the child's best interests.

Recognizing that the family has the prime responsibility for nurturing and protecting children as well as for the development of their personality;

1- **Requests** Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women, children and the family in general to convey the right image of Islam and improve the conditions of children in the Islamic world.

2- **Urges** Member States to improve the conditions and wellbeing of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and to provide for the physical and moral needs of displaced and refugee children by assisting in their education, health and helping them to return to their normal lives. Commends the efforts by a number of Member States in this area.

3- **Urges** Member States to improve the conditions and wellbeing of children suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries.

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 for children and families.

5- **Welcomes** the contribution of UNICEF in supporting the improvement of the conditions of children in the Islamic world. Hails the fruitful and continued cooperation between Member States, the General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other hand to improve the well-being and protection of children and calls for the development of joint programs and plans to advance the conditions of children in Member States.

6- **Welcomes** the outcome of the Fourth Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood, and appreciates the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful outcome of the 4th Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood, held in Baku in November 2013 and calls for their implementation.

7- **Welcomes** the outcome of the 5th Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood, and expresses appreciation to the Kingdom of Morocco for hosting the 5th session of the Conference in Rabat on 21-22 February 2018; and calls for implementing the resolutions adopted in this Conference.

8- **Commends** ISESCO's contributions, in coordination with the General Secretariat, to the organization of the 5th Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood (ISESCO headquarters, Rabat on 21-22 February 2018).

9- **Thanks** the Member States which hosted the previous sessions of the Islamic Conference of Ministers in charge of Childhood and the Conference on the marriage and family institution; and expresses gratitude to the ISESCO General Secretariat for its efforts in this regard.

10- **Welcomes** the merging of the sectoral ministerial conferences on Strengthening the Marriage and Family Institution and the Preservation of its Values in the OIC Member States, the Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, the Ministerial Conference on Safeguarding the Social Well-being of Elderly and People with Special Needs in the Islamic World, under one sectoral conference for the Ministers of Social Affairs in Member States. The General Secretariat and ISESCO will be in charge of holding this conference, in cooperation with the concerned OIC institutions. Expresses its gratitude to ISESCO for its efforts in holding the Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood; and invites it to follow the outcome of previous sessions in the context of the forthcoming sessions of the Conference on Social Development, and continue the preparation of the documents on childhood to be submitted to the aforementioned conference.

11- **Commends** the efforts of the General Secretariat, ISESCO and other relevant OIC institutions in promoting the status of children and preserving their rights and in particular the OIC's active involvement in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative; and urges the promotion of initiatives aimed at advancing the health, safety and psychological well-being of children.

12- **Requests** Member States to act to eliminate violence against children.

13- **Requests** the General Secretariat to engage in media awareness that highlights the role of the family to safeguard the future of the next generations and help develop national strategies to preserve and strengthen the institution of the family.

14- **Requests** the General Secretariat to prepare an OIC strategy in the field of childcare and well-being in the Islamic World and calls on the General Secretariat to coordinate in particular with ISESCO and other relevant OIC organs and convene an intergovernmental expert meeting to achieve this objective.

15- **Requests** the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) to review and update the "Covenant on the Rights of the Child in Islam" in accordance with the international human rights instruments, while taking into account the views of the General Secretariat, ISESCO, Islamic Fiqh Academy and other relevant OIC organs as well as the contemporary developments and challenges faced by Member States in the promotion and protection of the human rights of children.

16- **Further requests** the General Secretariat, following the above review process, to convene an intergovernmental experts meeting to discuss and review the recommendations of the IPHRC and present its recommendations to the CFM for consideration and approval.

17- **Commends** Bangladesh's substantive role in the advocacy for and exemplary care and protection of the autistic children through adoption of national policy, mechanisms and programmes and holding international seminars and sideline events in the margins of various

international fora and conferences including the UN ones; also calls upon Member States to express their support for such advocacy efforts;

18- **Requests** Member States to develop and implement strategies for the prevention of online child abuse.

19- **Urges** Member States to develop measures to ensure that girls remain in the education system.

20- **Also urges** Member States to provide privacy education to children and their families.

F) SAFEGUARDING THE WELLBEING AND SOCIAL SECURITY OF ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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

Aware of the lack of effective OIC policies to promote and safeguard the wellbeing and social security of the elderly and people with special needs in the Islamic world;

Also aware of the increasing number of elderly in Member States due to improvements in health services and other areas over recent decades;

Affirming the need to enhance the participation and inclusion of senior citizens and people with special needs, including their role in educating future generations;

Aiming to ensure that senior citizens and people with special needs are not discriminated against due to their age and conditions;

Reaffirming the need to promote and implement laws, policies and regulations pertaining to the rights and treatment of the elderly and people with special needs, as well as supporting institutions responsible for achieving a healthy life for the family and society;

Bearing in mind that the elderly together with women, children and those with special needs are the most vulnerable among refugees and internally displaced persons;

1- **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, including the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), to develop an OIC Policy on Elderly (OPE) and an OIC Policy on People with Special Need (OPPSN), which would provide guidelines for safeguarding the wellbeing and social security of the elderly and people with special needs, as well as enhance their engagement in all aspects of development in OIC Member States. Further requests the General Secretariat to present the outcome to the next session for consideration by Member States.

2- **Calls on** the General Secretariat, in cooperation with relevant OIC institutions particularly ISESCO and SESRIC, to study different kinds of social safety net programmes in Member States with the objective of encouraging the sharing of best practices in addressing the wellbeing and social security protection of the elderly and people with special needs.

3- **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the relevant OIC specialized institutions, particularly ISESCO, the Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) and the Center for Statistical and Social Research (SESRIC) and the IDB, to organize specialized workshops to address the challenges faced by Member States in the field of protection of the elderly and people with special needs.

4- **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

G) Holding OIC Sectorial Ministerial Meetings on Social Affairs

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers,

- **In light of** Article 10 of the Charter, which calls for holding sectorial meetings to consider matters of concern and reporting thereon to the Council of Foreign Ministers;
- **Recalling** resolutions and final communiques issued by the Islamic Summit Conference, especially the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit of Makkah, along with the final communique of the 13th ordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Secretary General to examine the regulatory provisions and mechanisms for the effective work of sectorial ministerial meetings;
- **Having reviewed** Resolution No. 13/31-C on the Convening of the First Islamic Ministerial Conference on the Child, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 31st Session (Session of Global Progress and Concord) held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 14-16 June 2004, within the frame of which ISESCO in conjunction with the OIC General Secretariat held four sessions as follows: Rabat (7-9 November 2005), Khartoum (2-3 February 2009), Tripoli (10-11 February 2011), Baku (11-12 November 2013), and UNESCO, is currently preparing for the convening of the fifth session at its headquarters in Rabat on 21-22 February 2018. Having also taken cognizance of Resolution No. 4/42-C on Initiating Two Ministerial Conferences, the first on Preserving the Values Inherent to Marriage and Family Institutions, and the second on Preserving Wellbeing and Social Security for the Elderly and Special Needs Persons, issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 42nd Session (Session on Joint Vision for Tolerance and Counterterrorism) held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, on 27-28 May 2015;
- **Recalling** Resolution No. 4/44-C issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 44th session (Session of Youth, Peace and Development in a Solidarity World) held on 10-11 July 2017 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on welcoming the Republic of Turkey's offer to host in 2019 the Second Sectorial Ministerial Conference on Marriage and Family Institutions;
- **Being aware of** growing, urgent need to promote social development;
- **Desirous of** ensuring optimal deployment of resources and effective implementation of and follow-up to the resolutions of the Organization's sectorial meetings; and in

implementation of the key elements of paragraph 200 of the final communiqué of the 13th ordinary session of the Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Secretary General to “examine the working rules of procedure and mechanisms for sectorial ministerial meetings for greater effectiveness”;

1. **Decides** to hold a Sectorial Ministerial Meeting on Social Development to discuss social work issues in the Muslim world, leaving to it the examination of those matters that fell under the remit of sectorial ministerial conferences on the institution of marriage and family, the sectorial ministerial conference on child welfare and child protection in the Muslim world, and the sectorial ministerial conference on wellbeing and social security preservation for the elderly and special need persons in the Muslim world, thereby acting in substitution for these sectorial ministerial conferences.
2. The Sectorial Ministerial Meeting on Social Development shall examine matters that were considered, or are to be considered, by the sectorial ministerial conference on the family, on child welfare, as well as on wellbeing and social security for the elderly and special need persons, in addition to examining such Muslim world social issues as it may consider appropriate.
3. The Sectorial Ministerial Conference on Social Development shall convene in regular sessions hosted each by a Member State, at the frequency to be approved by the conference’s first meeting and adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers.
4. The General Secretariat and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) are hereby assigned to hold the first session of the Sectorial Ministerial Conference on Social Development in 2019, at the date of and venue for the first of the sector-wise ministerial conferences, mentioned in paragraph 1 above, as approved by Resolution No.4/44-C of the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 44th session held in the Ivorian capital of Abidjan, on 10-11 July 2017, in coordination with the Member States and the relevant OIC organs and institutions.
5. The General Secretariat and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) are hereby entrusted with following up on the implementation of all the resolutions and recommendations issued by the sectorial ministerial meetings mentioned in paragraph 1 above, and reporting there on to the sectorial ministerial meeting on social development, in coordination with the relevant OIC organs and institutions.
6. The Secretary General is hereby requested to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Council of Foreign Ministers at its 46th session.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5/45-C
ON
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

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

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

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

2. **Commends** IRCICA's program of Studies on The Holy Quran involving historical and orthographical research and scholarly and reference publications about earliest copies of the Holy Quran which serve academic objectives and at the same time highlight the clear evidence invalidating ill-intentioned claims of some Orientalists about the Holy Quran.

3. **Takes note** of the academic congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries and intercultural relations which help advancement of research in these fields by diffusing objective scholarly information and highlight experiences of cultural dialogue and scientific interactions that represent among others, Islam's contribution to world civilization in various domains, and *lauds* in particular the international congress on "China and the Islamic World: Mutual Learning of Civilizations" organized as third in a series jointly with Chinese Academy of Sciences (Beijing, 4-5 July 2017), and active participation in the meetings of the Group of Strategic Vision

“Russia–Islamic World” held in Grozny, Chechen Republic, Russian Federation and Russia-Islamic World Kazan Summit 2017 in Kazan, Tatarstan Republic, Russian Federation (16-20 May 2017).

4. **Takes note** of the various initiatives and activities that contribute in promoting inter-cultural harmony and countering extremism and Islamophobia, particularly the International Symposium on “Islamophobia in Europe, Past and Present” organized jointly with Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul on 13-14 January 2017, the coordination with Member States’ high-rate participation, of the OIC Expert Group Workshop for Evaluating the First Decade of the OIC Islamophobia Observatory, on “The Role of OIC Islamophobia Observatory in Bolstering Muslim World’s Efforts to Address Islamophobia Around the World” in Istanbul, on 4-5 April 2017, as well as the report published on “Anti-Muslim Extremism in Europe” and others in preparation.

5. **Expresses** its appreciation of the research projects on the history of al-Quds and Palestine based on first-hand archive documents which result in publications on administrative, cultural, educational and social life in al-Quds and Palestine in recent centuries, including the second volume, related to the 17th century, of the book concerning Al-Quds in Muhimme Registers and the series of volumes on Sharia Court Registers of al-Quds six more of which published in 2017 brought the total number of volumes to 17.

6. **Commends** the pioneering research projects and publications on history of different regions of the Muslim world based on first-hand sources which render those sources and their studies available to researchers including: the series entitled *The Arab Provinces in the Ottoman Documents* of which volumes 5 and 6 published in 2017 are related to history of the region of Iraq; the editions and translations of authentic scholarly sources on history of Islamic civilization in Central Asia, including, recently, the two volumes on Islamic scholars of Kazakhstan, as well as the book resulting from the conference on Islamic studies in Central Asia, and the research project on Islamic heritage in Aral Caspian region launched with a seminar in Almaty, on 29 March 2017.

7. **Praises** the Centre’s permanent program on Islamic Heritage of al-Quds that includes organization of various architectural and opinion-building activities and *welcomes* in this regard the comprehensive Al-Quds Atlas project together with the continuing projects aiming to improve life standards in Al-Quds and Palestine and preserve its Islamic heritage.

8. **Expresses** its appreciation of the highest-standard and high-profile realization of the International Conference on “Protecting Cultural Heritage of the Muslim World” organized by OIC General Secretariat, IRCICA and ISESCO in Istanbul on 1-2 November 2017 in the presence of Dr. İsmet Yılmaz, Minister of National Education of Turkey and H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, President of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia together with authorities from Member States, heads of international organizations and international experts from around the world; also *commends* IRCICA’s studies on heritage facing destruction in conflict areas, in particular, in Azerbaijan’s Nagorno Karabagh region occupied by Armenia, as well as in Syria, and in Jammu and Kashmir, and its co-organizing the international conference “Urbicide II–Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Yemen - Post-War Reconstruction and Development” held in Beirut on 6-8 April 2017.

9. **Commends** IRCICA's projects for upgrading skills and expertise on different dimensions of heritage preservation, in particular the short-term schools titled "Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management" conducted jointly with Al-Turath Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, of which three school programs were implemented during 2017 in Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Uzbekistan respectively; *welcomes and expresses its appreciation* of IRCICA's preparing series of regional seminars to be held in cooperation with the Member States and international organizations aiming to expand state-of-the-art standards and modalities of heritage preservation to different parts of the Muslim world.

10. **Lauds** the authentic initiative entitled "Prince Sultan bin Salman Islamic Architectural Heritage Database" sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, President of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage (SCTH), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and implemented by IRCICA, and given its importance for exhaustively recording the Islamic world heritage, 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 regularly with the Database unit at IRCICA.

11. **Praises** the Centre's assistance to Member States, at their request, in its different fields of expertise and experience in research, documentation, arts and cultural cooperation including, among others, the project undertaken to contribute technically to preservation of Timbuktu manuscripts in Republic of Mali.

12. **Takes note** of the Centre's promoting the Islamic arts, particularly calligraphy, by organizing workshops, competitions, lectures and exhibitions in different geographical regions, which were held during 2017 in Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and through the co-organization of the ASEAN Calligraphy Festival and Exhibition 2017 in Jombang, East Java, Indonesia; *commends* the continuing training programs in Islamic calligraphy that lead to granting of *Ijaza* – license for practicing and teaching calligraphy – to artists from the Member States and other parts of the world.

13. **Expresses** its appreciation of the organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, in particular the "Tabriz International Festival for Arts, Crafts and Creativity" (7-12 May 2017), in Tabriz, Iran; the "International Congress on Crafts and Arts of the Muslim World with a Focus on Miniature, Paper Making, Book-Binding and Ebru" (4-6 May 2017); "Third Tabriz International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Crafts", Awards worth \$80.000 and the International Exhibition of Artisans-as at-Work with craftspeople from 31 OIC Member States who displayed and practiced their techniques in the fields of Miniature, Sadaf Works, Pottery, Ornamentation, Gilding, Leather and accessories, Metal repousse, Coppersmith, Carpets, Kilims, Tapestry and Felting, Wood Engraving, Handmade Suzani and Embroidery, traditional Costumes, Fashion designing, Jewelry, Batik, Painting, Mosaic, Stone handmade Products, Lacquer Works, Silk, and many more.

14. **Takes note** of the project of IRCICA to organize the Baku International Festival of Arts, Crafts and Creativity in Baku on 23-30 June 2018 which include the International Congress on Traditional Costumes of the Muslim World, Baku International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Crafts (Awards worth \$80.000), Live Presentations of Artisans of the Muslim World -as at-Work;

the Riyadh International Festival for Artisans of the Muslim World as at Work, Riyadh, October 2018 which include the Riyadh International Prize for Innovation in Crafts, Live Performance of Artisans as at Work, Bazaar for handicrafts and the International Conference on the Marketing of Handicrafts in the Islamic World; and, Khartoum International Handicraft Festival, in Khartoum on 23-30 November 2018 which include Khartoum International Congress on Cultural, Heritage, Tourism and Economic Dimensions of Handicrafts, Khartoum International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Handicrafts (worth \$ 60,000) and the Khartoum Bazaar (Souk) of Handicrafts. Commends the publication of the two books, namely *Album of Tabriz International Award for Innovation and Creativity in Crafts* and *Handmade Prayer Carpets Through History*.

15. **Welcomes** the proposal of the Government of Bangladesh to establish a Special Chair at the University of Dhaka, intended to study OIC related issues in humanitarian and human rights affairs, and requests relevant OIC organs, bodies and institutions to render necessary assistance.

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

17. **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)

Recalling the resolutions of the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic Conferences, particularly the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 44TH Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the 40th Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs;

Having considered the activity report of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy;

1. **Expresses** its profound gratitude to The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, King of Saudi Arabia and to Their Majesties, Excellences and Highnesses the leaders of Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for their constant support towards the international Islamic Fiqh Academy, to enable it to play an active role highlighting the tolerance of Islam, a religion of moderation and justice, and **Reaffirms** that the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) is the reference institution in the field of promulgation of Fatwas for the Islamic Ummah.
2. **Expresses** its sincere thanks to H. E. Dr. Yusuf bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, for his special attention and support towards the Academy and its activities.
3. **Appreciates** the benevolent attention, by H. E. Sheikh Dr. Saleh bin Abdullah bin Humaid, Chairman of the Council of the Academy, towards the Scientific work undertaken by the latter, and for his unwavering support to the Secretariat of the Academy, which

gives it a boost in its efforts to bring, through its Scientific Council, the appropriate solutions to the new issues and topics that arise every day.

4. **Expresses** its appreciation to H. E. Prof. Abdul Salam Daoud Al-Abbadi, Secretary of the Academy, for his performance at the head of this institution and for his effective role in the development of its administrative and scientific work, in addition to the various important projects he endeavours to implement, particularly in the framework of his plan for the renovation of the Academy and the impressive projects it contains.
5. **Congratulates** the staff of the Secretariat of the Academy for the work done since the 40th Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
6. **Thanks** the Member States for having adopted the “*Waqf*” (Endowment) Fund’s the Statute as negotiated and agreed at the Intergovernmental Experts Group Meetings on 12-13 April 2017, during the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held on July 10 and 11, 2017, in Abidjan (Republic of Côte d'Ivoire) and **Calls upon** the General Secretariat to circulate the officially-adopted Statute of the Waqf Fund to all Member States.
7. **Expresses** appreciation for all efforts of the Islamic Fiqh Academy, and expects practical measures from the religious point of view to raise its voice against terrorism, extremism, suicide attacks, killing innocent people, through media as well.
8. **Invites** the General Secretariat of the OIC, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Islamic Solidarity fund to exert necessary efforts for financing the International Islamic Fiqh Academy so as to enable it to set up its Endowment (Waqf) Fund, in compliance with the provisions of its own Fund, which has just been adopted.
9. **Urges** Member States and organizations to contribute voluntarily to this important fund, through their information bodies and to promote it in international for a as a project that serves the causes of The Ummah, which solves its problems at the jurisprudential level and examines, in an authentic way, the emerging issues that it addresses through the schools of thought (Mazahib) that are dominant by their moderation the justice of their thoughts, and also because the Academy is the reference institution in matters of Fatwa for the Islamic Ummah.
10. **Thanks** the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and its Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) for their continued support to the Academy, and **Urges** them to continue the translation work of the resolutions of the Scientific Council of the Academy and to accelerate the publication of these decisions that are of great importance for non-Arabic speaking Islamic countries.
11. **Expresses** its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for agreeing to host the 23rd annual session of the Scientific Council of the Academy, to be held during 2018, in the premises of the Islamic University of Medina.
12. **Expresses** its thanks to Member States that have hosted the annual sessions of the Scientific Council of the Academy, namely the United Arab Emirates (3 sessions), -in the *Emirates of Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Sharjah*, respectively-, the State of Kuwait (3 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom

of Jordan (2 sessions), The Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, The Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria (1 session each), thus providing concrete evidence of the support of these countries towards the activities of the Academy.

13. **Invites** OIC Member States to host the next sessions of the Scientific Council of the Academy, contributing, in doing so, to achieving the goals and objectives for which the Academy was created.
14. **Acknowledges** the outstanding quality of scientific publications of the Academy, given the importance of the topics dealt with and the quality of the studies and research papers published, that respond to the needs and aspirations of the Islamic Ummah in the face of the cultural, intellectual and scientific challenges, and published in the *Magazine of the Academy*, the volumes of which, up to the 19th session of the Council, has reached the number of sixty-two (62).
15. **Thanks** the Member States that have settled their compulsory contributions to the budget of the Academy; **Renews** its appeal to Member States that have not yet done so to fulfill their financial duties in the best possible time and **Recommends** that all Member States continue to support the Academy, inter alia, through the funding of some of its projects, to enable it to carry out its noble mission in the service of Islam and Muslims.
16. **Invites** the IIFA to prepare a comprehensive action plan to counter terrorism and extremism in the Muslim world by focusing on the youth and Islamic fora to study, and to submit the same to Member States for examination and adoption, while identifying the financial resources needed for such a plan. In preparation for the comprehensive action plan to counter terrorism and extremist thought, Iraq's experience in this regard could be used, as an international counter-terrorism conference was held under the theme "Education in the Post-*Daesh* Era", which made solid recommendations that are in the process of implementation in relevant bodies (ministries of education, labour, social affairs, youth and religious endowments).
17. **Invites** to benefit from the Sudan's experience in combating terrorism and extremism through dialogue with the youth who embraced an extremist approach of thought in order to bring them back to reason. The Sudan has a documented approach of thought which was successfully tested and which could provide an addition in this regard.

C) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF (ISF)

Having considered the report of Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council, on the activities of the Fund and the execution of its budget for the financial years 2017-2018, in which he referred to several projects implemented by the Fund in spite of the financial difficulties it faces in financing its projects budget and implementing its annual programs;

- 1) **Expresses** its keen interest to preserve this important Islamic organ, which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of Islamic solidarity.

- 2) **Approves** the renewal of the Permanent Council mandate with its current composition, including the chairman, Ambassador Nasser Bin Abdullah Bin Hamdan Al Za'abi, from 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2022.
- 3) **Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make annual donations - within their available means - in favor of the ISF budget and contribute to raise the capital of the ISF Waqf.
- 4) **Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of Turkey, which made voluntary donations to the projects budget of the Fund and its Waqf during the financial year 2017-2018.
- 5) **Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council to the 41st Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs.
- 6) **Adopts** the Permanent Council's approval of the ISF Closing Accounts for the financial year 2016.
- 7) **Approves** the Permanent Council's adoption of the ISF budget estimates for projects, of US\$ 20 million, for the financial year 2019.
- 8) **Calls upon** Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the ISF operational budget for the financial year 2018, which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.
- 9) **Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistance to projects as well as cultural, Islamic and educational centers in the Muslim world.
- 10) **Expresses** appreciation to the Emergency Committee for its prompt response, by providing relief during catastrophes and calamities that afflict some of the Muslim countries, and exhorts Member States to make donations to provide the Fund with resources that enable it to strengthen action of this important body.
- 11) **Expresses** appreciation to H.E. the OIC Secretary General for his efforts, distinct sponsorship and continued attention towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.
- 12) **Also Expresses** appreciation to the Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the ISF Executive Bureau for their efforts in order to achieve the objectives of the Fund and its Waqf.
- 13) **Requests** H.E the Secretary General to follow up this matter and submit a report to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO. 6/45-C
ON
SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 43rd Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th 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 32nd Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Tunis- Republic of Tunisia on 12-14 October 2016.

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

Having considered with appreciation the reports submitted by 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 educational, scientific, cultural, communicational and social fields of competence; praises its Director General, Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, for his efforts to develop the Organization's action and expand its scope; commends the content of ISESCO's Draft Action Plan and Budget for 2019-2021, which reflects a holistic, innovative and coherent multidisciplinary strategic vision; commends ISESCO's outstanding contribution to implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme adopted by the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference; and expresses appreciation for the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.

2. **Welcomes** the signing by ISESCO of new cooperation agreements and action programmes with several Arab, Islamic and international organizations; commends the joint activities implemented in this connection, particularly the international conferences and symposia and developmental projects that have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous programmes with parallel

organizations and institutions, thus contributing to highlighting the positive true image of the Muslim world; and invites ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. **Expresses** support and appreciation for the continued efforts and contacts made at the regional and international levels by ISESCO Director General 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 Al Sharif and counter any unilateral decisions in this regard, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions; and 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 and all Palestinian territories.

4. **Notes** with appreciation the content of the joint Islamic action strategies and their implementation mechanisms 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 the relevant specialized Islamic conferences, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, and in cooperation with the relevant regional and international organizations.

5. **Commends** the actions being made by ISESCO to build national educational capacities in the Member States through implementing the Strategy for Development of Education in the Islamic World; setting up the Consultative Council for the Promotion of Education in the Islamic World; and sustainable education programmes such as the Programme of ISESCO Regional and National Educational Centers in the Republic of Chad, Union of the Comoros, Republic of Niger, Islamic Republic of Mauritania and Malaysia; commends the considerable educational and developmental project implemented in cooperation with its partners in Africa for the sake of educational and economic empowerment of newly literate women in various Sub-Saharan African countries; and lauds ISESCO's efforts in developing the programmes of original education, supporting its institutions and promoting its complementarity with formal education institutions, and the considerable progress of the Project of the Transcription of Muslim Peoples' Languages into the Standardized Quranic Script through cooperation with specialized partners, especially by exploiting information systems and software to develop the project and ensure its compatibility with modern needs.

6. **Welcomes** the steps taken by ISESCO towards boosting the roles of education in the Islamic world and beyond in building a system of values on the basis of dialogue, peace, coexistence, and the rejection of violence, extremism, hate and terrorism, through the training and rehabilitation systems and programmes dedicated to programme officials, educational planners, experts, school counselors and teachers in the field of education on dialogue, human rights and democracy, or by drawing on the guiding frameworks that the Organization published for integrating values in education systems and redressing distorted concepts and images in curricula.

7. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to improve higher education systems in Member States and establish the High-Level Quality and Accreditation Committee to ensure follow-up to the implementation of the "Key Performance Indicators" in the OIC Member States; thanks the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its sustained support for the Committee; expresses

support and appreciation for the launching of ISESCO's "TAFAHUM" project on exchange of students, faculty and researchers among universities of the Islamic World; and urges ISESCO and the OIC to enhance partnerships among prestigious universities and schools and share expertise and knowledge, with the ultimate aim to foster peace, understanding and mutual respect among Member States and with the Other.

8. **Thanks** ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated every year as capitals of Islamic culture and invites it to pursue such support; commends the efforts put by Member States in hosting capitals of Islamic culture for 2017, namely Sinnar, Amman, Mashhad and Kampala; welcomes the selection of Muharraq, Nakhchivan, and Libreville as capitals of Islamic culture for 2018; and invites the competent parties to work on successfully implementing this key cultural programme.

9. **Welcomes** the resolution whereby the 10th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, which took place in Khartoum in November 2017, decided to convene the ICCM's 11th session in Tunis in the second half of November 2019, on the occasion of Tunis as the second capital of Islamic culture for 2019; and **calls** on the Member States to take an active part in this session and in the various activities that will be held in this connection.

10. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to pursue work on spreading awareness, encouraging Member States and national academies of science to incorporate the science element in political and diplomatic action programmes; and promote scientific diplomacy in Member States in the context of relevant talks, debate strategies, foreign policies, and 21st century global challenges that have a scientific dimension such as climate change, food security, nuclear disarmament, and energy resources management.

11. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to coordinate with the competent parties in the Kingdom of Morocco to follow up on the necessary practical procedures to establish "the Islamic Academy for the Environment and Sustainable Development"; and commends the efforts of ISESCO to take charge of the General Secretariat of the "the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Award for Environmental Management", awarded biennially at the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment, as an aspect of supporting joint environmental action in the Islamic world.

12. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to cooperate with the General Secretariat to coordinate joint action in the fields of water and boost the action of the "OIC Water Council" emanating from the "the Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Water", in light of the "ISESCO Strategy for the Management of Water Resources in Islamic Countries", its implementation plan and the "OIC Water Vision 2025", in such a way as to achieve water safety in Islamic countries.

13. **Invites** ISESCO to sustain its efforts in the fields of human rights, face extremism and fanaticism; promote peace and security; capitalize on Islamic values to fight all forms of social discrimination; and foster the socioeconomic and cultural environment, in accordance with Islamic and international declarations of human rights, in order to anchor peace and justice and enable people to coexist peacefully in dignity and freedom.

14. **Urges** ISESCO to dedicate more efforts to empower the youth in the Islamic world through playing the roles relevant to devising educational and cultural policies for the youth; implement relevant plans in their countries; and develop educational systems, academic disciplines and vocational and technological trainings that cater for the changing needs of the labor market, invigorate the sense of initiative among the youth, and help reduce unemployment rate among them, in such a way as to contribute to the elimination social tensions and thwart the likelihood of being a target of destructive and aberrant trends and terrorist groups.

15. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to keep abreast with the Conference of the Parties on Climate Change and its preparatory activities, namely the contribution to drafting the Islamic Declaration on Climate Change for the COP 21, held in Paris in 2015 and following up on its implementation aspects at the COP 22, held in Marrakesh in 2016, as well as at the COP 23, held in Germany in November 2017, and future conferences.

16. **Invites** ISESCO to pursue its efforts and increase 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 activating 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.

17. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts devoted to technical and professional training of media and communication professionals in Member States through the establishment of regional centers for media training in Khartoum for the Arab, African and Asian regions respectively; praises the activities ISESCO carried out in a number of European capitals to counter anti-Muslim media smear campaigns and Islamophobia; takes notes with appreciation the Study on Western Media Content on Islam in Light of International Law; and invites ISESCO to disseminate the study to the competent bodies and media faculties and institutes in Member States for a wider benefit.

18. **Reiterates** ISESCO's efforts aimed at boosting the Islamic World Heritage Committee's action towards preserving Islamic heritage in the Member States, with special emphasis on the protection of endangered Islamic cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Iraq, Yemen, Syria and Afghanistan, inter alia; and stresses the necessity to coordinate and collaborate with IRCICA in this regard.

19. **Lauds** the efforts the FUIW exerts in establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies and implementing the activities, programmes and projects adopted by the 7th FUIW General Conference (Rabat 13-14 February 2017) to promote higher education. It also commends the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation with Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the Federation its position as a leading player in joint Islamic higher education action.

20. **Commends** ISESCO's contributions in coordination with the General Secretariat to holding the 5th Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood (ISESCO headquarters, Rabat, 21-22 February 2018), the Extraordinary Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Manama, 28 November 2018), the 10th Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Khartoum, 21-32 November 2017), in cooperation with the competent national parties and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat; invites Member States to actively participate in implementing the outcomes of these

conferences; lauds the efforts exerted by ISESCO, the OIC General Secretariat and the General Authority of Meteorology and Environmental Protection in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in holding the 7th Conference of Environment Ministers (ISESCO headquarters, 25 October 2017); and invites the Member States to contribute to implementing the recommendations of the Conference on sustainable development.

21. Welcomes the merging of the sectoral ministerial conferences on Strengthening the Marriage and Family Institution and the Preservation of its Values in the OIC Member States, the Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, the Ministerial Conference on Safeguarding the Social Well-being of Elderly and People with Special Needs in the Islamic World, under one sectoral conference for the Ministers of Social Affairs in Member States. The General Secretariat and ISESCO will be in charge of holding this conference, in cooperation with the concerned OIC institutions. Expresses its gratitude to ISESCO for its efforts in holding the Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood; and invites it to follow the outcome of previous sessions in the context of the forthcoming sessions of the Conference on Social Development, and continue the preparation of the documents on childhood to be submitted to the aforementioned conference.

22. Welcomes the assistance of the ISESCO in the creation of the Special ISESCO Chair at the Tashkent Islamic University.

23. Welcomes the initiative of ISESCO to hold the international conference on “Al-Quds, History, Identity and Future”, at ISESCO headquarters; and **commends** the efforts of the Director General of ISESCO to prepare for this important international conference.

24. Welcomes the cooperation agreement between ISESCO and the government of the Republic of the Sudan to establish Sennar Regional Centre for Dialogue and Cultural Diversity, with the mission to promote awareness of cultural diversity issues, promote dialogue among cultures and civilizations in the Member States, present the true image of Islam, as well as entrench human rights and religious respect and publicize the Sudanese experience in moderation in Sennar, drawing on it to foster ethnic and cultural diversity management and promote awareness of cultural and civilizational diversity in the Sudan.

25. Welcomes ISESCO’s initiative to supervise Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashed Al-Makthoum Award for the Development of Educational Institutions in the Muslim World.

26. Expresses sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, and to 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.

27. Expresses sincere thanks, appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for his high patronage of ISESCO conferences and for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to it to fully discharge its mission.

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 programs.
- 3. Calls** on the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to exert efforts regarding the victims of natural disasters, victims of armed conflicts, refugees, displaced people and prisoners of war and provide humanitarian assistances, care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner`s Office for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross/ Red Crescent, the National Societies of Red Cross /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. Calls** upon OIC Member States parties to the ICIC agreement, who have not yet done, to pay their contributions to the ICIC budget for the years 2009 to 2017.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Expresses** its deep thanks to the Islamic Solidarity Fund, for its support to the ICIC and calls upon them to continue offering more assistance to it.
- 8. Expresses** its full appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent, the Qatar Red Crescent, the Red Crescent of Iraq and the Tunisian Red Crescent for their cooperation with the ICIC to implement permanent bilateral programs.
- 9. Expresses** thanks and appreciation for the contribution and participation in the ICIC project to assist the children of Rohingya refugee in Bangladesh by the General Secretariat of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization, (ARCO) and the following OIC member States Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies : Kuwait Red Crescent Society, Bahrain Red Crescent Society, Turkish Red Crescent, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Iraqi Red Crescent Society, Senegalese Red Cross Society, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the General Secretariat of the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization, (ARCO), and the International Islamic Relief Organization in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 10. 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 Palestine, Somalia , Syria , Niger, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Chad, Bangladesh and Central Africa.

11. Calls upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the Contribution program in facing the irregular migration, hosted by Tunisian Red Crescent in the framework of cooperation and partnership on the irregular migration in concerned African countries, adopted by the third consultation meeting of the ICIC and the Red Crescent/Red Cross National Societies in OIC Member States held in Tunis.

12. Calls upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to financially support funding the budget of the ICIC humanitarian programme for the return Syrian refugees and displaced persons, to be implemented by the ICIC regional Office for North Asia and Europe in Ankara.

13. Calls upon Member States and concerned Islamic Institutions to support the Social peace Centre established in virtue of the decision adopting its strategy of work, by of the Islamic Committee of International Crescent (ICIC) in its 30th session, and hosted by the Iraqi Red Crescent Society as joint programme of cooperation with the ICIC in accordance with the Memorandum of understanding signed by both sides on 27/5/2017.

14. Calls upon Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the Islamic Forum for International Humanitarian Law, the joint program hosted by the Qatar Red Crescent Society, and in cooperation in the areas of the promotion of international humanitarian law, particularly the revival of the national day of international humanitarian law on May 8 of each year, in accordance with Resolution no. 41/1 adopted by 42nd Session of the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Islamic Countries in Kuwait in 2015.

RESOLUTION NO. 7/45-C
ON
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

A) Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)

- **Recalling** the Resolutions adopted by various Islamic Summits and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary Islamic Summit, the 3rd extraordinary Islamic Summit, the 42th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, the 9th Islamic Summit of Culture Ministers, the 10th session of the Standing Committee for Information & Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) and the Sessions of Youth & Sport Conferences &
- **Taking note** of the Resolutions adopted by the 9th and 10th Sessions of the General Assembly of ISSF, the Resolutions adopted by Sessions Nos. 24th, 25th and 27th of the Board of Executives of ISSF.
- **Emphasizing** the necessities, for the relevant Affiliated Committees, to submit their work programs and annual reports on their activities by November of each year to complement the work and to avoid duplications.

And after reviewing the report submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation, would like to:

1- **Congratulate** His Excellency the Consultant Mr. Turkey bin Abdulmohsen Al-Sheikh on the occasion of being recommended for the position of the President of ISSF and would like to wish His Excellency all the success and good luck to accomplish the serious tasks entrusted to him to fulfill the objectives of ISSF and to serve the Youth in our Muslim Nation.

- 2- **Congratulate** the ISSF on the success accomplished in organizing the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku, Azerbaijan during the period 12-22 May, 2017.
- 3- **Thank** the Government of Azerbaijan headed by His Excellency the President of Azerbaijan Mr. Ilham Aliyev and his wife the First Lady of Azerbaijan, the Vice President of Azerbaijan and the Chairman of Organizing Committee of the Games, and to extend thanks to His Excellency Mr. Azad Rahimov the Minister of Youth and Sport in Azerbaijan for their interest and full support to host and organize the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games in Baku, 2017.
- 4- **Thank** the President, Board Members and General Secretariat of ISSF for the great efforts they have rendered to prepare for and to organize the Games, their keen interest to facilitate the participation of all Islamic Countries in the Games and for their valuable cooperation with the organizing Committee of the Games that enabled high standards of organization. The organization of the Games in Baku was praised by participants , and to extend thanks to all NOC Members of ISSF for their interaction and keenness to take part in the Games.
- 5- **Welcome** the decision taken by the 10th General Assembly of ISSF to approve the hosting of 5th Islamic Solidarity Games in Istanbul, Turkey and would like to extend thanks to the Government of the Republic of Turkey represented by the Turkish Ministry of Youth and Sport and the Bureau of the NOC of Turkey for their keen interest to host and organize the Games.
- 6- **Welcome** all Resolutions adopted by the 3rd Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Youth and Sport held in Istanbul, Turkey during the period 3-5Muharam 1438(H) that corresponds to 5-7 Oct.2017, and would like to urge all Islamic Countries to activate implementing these Resolutions and to cooperate with the General Secretariat of both the OIC and ISSF to develop necessary strategies and plans to accomplish the objectives targeted.
- 7- **Affirm** the Resolution adopted by the 3rd Conference of the Ministers of Youth and Sport held in response to the invitation made by the OIC and its Committees aiming at providing the ISSF with a “Constant Financial Support of one Million Dollar every four year to contribute to the good preparation of the Islamic Solidarity Games and to support all Islamic countries taking part in the Games.
- 8- **Express** a special thanks to the President and General Secretariat of ISSF for the distinguished efforts exerted to prepare the “Strategy Plan” submitted by the ISSF to develop the sports in the Member States Members of OIC.
- 9- **Mandate** the General Secretariat of ISSF to follow up the implementation of the “Strategy Plan” put to develop sports in the Islamic Countries as adopted in the 3rd Session of the meeting of the Ministers of Youth and Sport held in Turkey to suit the objectives, needs and capacities of ISSF, and to urge the Ministers of Youth and Sport as well as the NOCs Members of ISSF to cooperate with the ISSF to achieve maximum benefits of the programs and plans (involved in the strategy) as per the capabilities of each country.

10 – **Invites** the Ministers and NOCs Members of ISSF To interact and cooperate with the ISSF and the General Secretariat of OIC to activate the “Strategy Plan” for the benefit of youth in the Member States.

11 **Bless** the future activities that the ISSF decided to undertake, as part of his plan for 2018-2019, and to urge the Islamic Countries to host the programs and activities of ISSF and to participate actively in them to guarantee their success and to urge granting the ISSF with all possible “Financial and Moral Support”.

12 – **Welcome** hosting the 4th Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Youth and Sport in 2018 by the Republic of Azerbaijan, represented by the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Azerbaijan and to stress the continuation of the ISSF in carrying out the tasks of the secretariat work in the field of sports during the Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Youth and Sport in coordination with the General Secretariat of OIC.

13 – **Praise** the efforts exerted by the Executive Board of ISSF for its cooperation with the various sports organizations in regard to (organizing and hosting activities of ISSF) and to urge the NOCs Members of ISSF to participate actively in such activities to help achieving the objectives of ISSF in all fields of sport (i.e. to serve the largest possible segment of young athletes in the Muslim countries and to organize championships and training courses to qualify distinguished athletes in various sports with the importance of adhering to joint Islamic action.

14 – **To Extend** thanks and gratitude to the Government of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia headed by the Custodian of the Two Holly Mosques and the Crown Prince His Royal Highness Mohammed Bin Salman for hosting the Headquarters of ISSF and for the Financial and Moral Support assigned for the ISSF.

B) THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYFDC)

1. **Acknowledges** ICYF-DC as an affiliated OIC youth institution and its mandate as endorsed by the 3rd Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM); **appreciates** important activities carried out by ICYF-DC in various fields pertaining to youth development; calls upon the Member States and the OIC Institutions to coordinate with ICYF-DC realization of the Recommendations of the First OIC Young Leaders Summit successfully organized by the ICYF-DC in cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat on 11-13 April 2016 and approved by the 13th Islamic Summit Conference as an important guideline for Joint Youth Policy by the Member States; **praises** the President, the Board and the Secretariat of ICYF-DC for continuous efforts towards development of Muslim youth; and **endorses** decisions of ICYF-DC Board held since last CFM on institutionalization and strengthening of ICYF-DC’s organizational capacity;

2. **Commends** the role of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey as the Chair of the 3rd Session of the ICYSM in particular in follow up of the 3rd ICYF decisions as Chair of the Permanent Ministerial Council on Youth the 1st session of which was successfully

organized on 12 May 2017, in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan; **commends** the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the excellent organization of the 4th session of the ICYSM on 17-19 April 2018, in Baku, in cooperation with the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and the ICYF-DC, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat as per their relevant mandates; endorses the decisions of the 4th Session of the ICYSM marking a milestone in developing OIC Youth Strategy, policies and actions in the field of youth policy; calls upon the member states to exert necessary efforts in successful implementation of these decisions and fully support the activities of ISSF and ICYF-DC in this regard; and wishes success to the Republic of Azerbaijan in implementing its mandate of the Chair of the 4th Session of the ICYSM and Permanent Ministerial Council on Youth issues.

3. Approves the annual “OIC Youth Capital” international programme implemented by ICYF-DC as implementing agency of the programme under the JYAP; **Congratulates** the cities of Putrajaya (Malaysia), Shiraz (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Fes (Kingdom of Morocco) on successful implementation of the programme as OIC Youth Capitals for 2017; **applauds** selection of Al-Quds Ash-Sharif as the OIC Youth Capital for 2018 while underlining importance of this decision as the concrete action stemming from the OIC decisions including the decisions of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit on Al-Quds (13 December 2017, Istanbul) on importance of joint actions in preserving Islamic character of Al-Quds and strengthening solidarity with just cause of Palestinian people; **calls upon** the OIC Member States and Institutions, in particular members of the Council of Patrons of the Programme to actively cooperate with ICYF-DC as the Programme’s Implementing Agency; and **encourages** active participation of their youth in the Programme and support the concerned authorities of the State of Palestine, with a view of successful implementation of the programme;

4. Welcomes holding of Annual “Model OIC” International Relations Training Programme in Mashhad (the Islamic Republic of Iran) in cooperation with the Municipality of Mashhad; 5th Model OIC in Baku, in May 2107, in cooperation with the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan; **Welcomes also** holding of the 1st ICYF-DC Youth Summer Camp in partnership with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Turkey (Duaci camp, Turkey, 10-24 August 2016) and its outcomes; **welcomes** ICYF-DC “Start-up Platform for the OIC countries” held annually at the Kazan OIC Youth Entrepreneurship Forum under the patronage of the President of Republic of Tatarstan (RF); **invites** IDB, ICCIA and the Member States’ relevant public and private institutions to extend support in full-fledged work of the platform and Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) and to contribute toward successful implementation of OIC Start-up Platform Istanbul Expo to be organized by ICYF-DC and the Turkish Technology Team Foundation in September 2018; **congratulates** ICYF-DC with successfully holding the 1st Celebrations of 3 September as the OIC Youth Day as proposal by H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General including the organization OIC Youth Day International High-Level Conference in Istanbul, on 26 September 2017; and **calls upon** the Member States to actively cooperate with ICYF-DC towards successfully organization of the annual OIC Youth Day Celebrations; **welcomes** holding of the National Model OIC youth event on Tourism Promotion on 3 February 2018 on the sidelines of

the 10th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers in Dhaka, organized by ICYF-DC, in cooperation with the Government of Bangladesh, which was guided by the views of the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh expressed at the brainstorming session held during the 44th CFM in Abidjan.

5. Calls upon the OIC Member States and the relevant institutions, in particular IDB and ISESCO to support implementation of Joint Youth Action Plan (JYAP) and fulfill their commitments in this regard as required by the resolutions on youth adopted by the 4th ICYSM Session, **requests** the OIC Women’s Advisory Council (WAC) to scale up its cooperation with ICYF-DC through holding joint activities under the item of Girls and Young Women Development Programme of JYAP; and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in the International Workshop on “Empowerment of Young Women and Girls in the Conflict Zones” to be jointly organized by OIC WAC and ICYF-DC in 2018; **commends** ICYF-DC and SESRIC with issuance of the 1st Report on the State of Youth in the OIC Member States and **calls upon** the Member States to closely cooperate with ICYF-DC, SESRIC and the OIC General Secretariat, for the 2nd edition of the Report in 2018; **welcomes** cooperation between ICYF-DC and Ibn Haldun University (Turkey) on organization of the Muslim Future Thinkers Forum on annual basis starting from the 1st Edition to be held in June 2018, in Istanbul;

6. Upholds the Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF-DC and IDB (June 2015) and **calls upon** IDB to streamline its youth related activities with ICYF-DC programmes and projects; **upholds also** Memorandum of Understanding signed between ICYF-DC and SESRIC (October 2015), Memorandum of Agreement signed between ICYF-DC and IIUM (April 2016); Letter of Understanding signed between ICYF-DC and ISESCO (April 2016) and its Programme of Cooperation signed in October 2017; Strategic Framework for UNOSSC – ICYF-DC Cooperation signed on 31 October 2016; and **calls upon** the OIC General Secretariat and ICYF-DC to develop coordination mechanism on implementation of the ICYSM decisions on youth issues;

7. Welcomes the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) based on the “Youth for the Alliance of Civilizations” initiative developed by the ICYF-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-UN Cooperation; **applauds** the joint projects implemented by ICYF-DC in the framework of cooperation between the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNAOC and **calls upon** the Members States to support ICYF-DC’s application for joining the UNAOC Group of Friends; **welcomes** the Cooperation between ICYF-DC and different UN agencies including UNDP, UNOSSC, UNAOC, UNFPA, UNEP and UNESCO in particular in regards to ICYF-DC initiative to establish a platform in Europe to monitor and counter Islamophobia and violent radicalization; and **commends** ICYF-DC’s efforts and actions to combat Islamophobia;

8. 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; **invites** the Member States to actively support ICYF-DC campaign #SaveRohingyaNow; **Welcomes** “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, ICYF-DC General Coordinator for Inter-cultural Dialogue and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the genocide of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992; commending the activities of the Campaign in 2017 marking 25th tragic anniversary of the Khojaly genocide, **calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the activities of the Campaign and exert due efforts for recognition on national and international levels of this genocidal act as crime against humanity as well as for bringing to justice its perpetrators; **welcomes also** ICYF-DC programme to educate European youth in true history of Muslim sufferings in Anatolia in 1915;

9. Appreciates the support and contribution by the Government of the Republic of Turkey as the host of the ICYF-DC Headquarters in Istanbul; **welcomes** support by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan towards the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC (Baku Center) and **looks forward** for the Government of Azerbaijan to finalize its commitment on providing the Baku Center with appropriate office premises and for the Government of Turkey to continue its contribution support to ICYF-DC in full as reflected in the relevant Host country Agreement including finalizing outstanding contributions for 2017; **calls upon** the Member States to support the activities of ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC’s annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with ICYF-DC;

10. Commends declaration of 2017 a Year of Islamic Solidarity in Azerbaijan by the relevant order of the His Excellency the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan; **commends** the Youth Leadership Programme – 5th Model OIC co-organized by ICYF-DC, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the OIC General Secretariat, in the framework of the Year of Islamic Solidarity in Azerbaijan and the 4th Islamic Solidarity Games as testimony of growing exchanges and cooperation among OIC Member States in the field of youth and sports; **Welcomes** the offer of Azerbaijan to host the 2nd edition of the “OIC Young Leaders Summit” in Baku, in May 2018;

11. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the President of the Republic of Turkey and H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan for their devotion to the cause of development of Muslim youth and personal support towards ICYF-DC activities as well as constant support the governments of Turkey and Azerbaijan extends to ICYF-DC to accomplish its mission effectively;

12. Thanks H.E. Dr. Yousef Al Othaimen, the OIC Secretary General for the efforts resulted in increasing efficiency of cooperation by the OIC General Secretariat with ICYF-DC

on whole range of youth issues as the major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC-2025 Programme of Action in the field of youth and **requests** the Secretary General to submit report on the Forum's activities to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. Blesses future activities IUMS decided to do within his plan 2018/2019, and urged Members to hosting effective in these activities and participation in order to make it a success and give him every possible material and moral support.
2. Expresses its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and the Crown Prince to embrace the headquarters of the International Union of Muslim Scouts in Jeddah and moral and financial support in terms of full faith interest in all issues related to the youth of the Islamic nation.
3. Expresses its thanks to The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his support to the activities and programs of IUMS.
4. Expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to H.E. Dr. Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimen Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to support the activities and programs of IUMS executed by through the World Medal projects (I'm a Muslim Scouts and cooperating) and Muslim youth programs.
5. Expresses it's thanks to Mr. Ahmad Hindawi, the Secretary-General of the World Scout Organization for its cooperation with the International Union of Muslim Scouts and its activities and programs and calls for further cooperation with the International Union of Muslim Scouts.
6. Welcomes the accession of Palestine full membership in WOSM by Palestinian Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides Association of Member States and calls for active participation in the activities and programs of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Palestinian to achieve the objectives of the Scout Movement.
7. Expressing gratitude to the Ambassador Hesham Youssef, Director General of Cultural Affairs, and Dr. Fadila Grine Director of Family & Social Affairs Department for their interest and their coordination between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in the field of youth organizations.
8. Expressing gratitude to the directors of scout regions of the World Scout Organization for their cooperation and support to young Muslims in the world and the work of the scout teams for young people is recognized and recorded in the Scout associations recognized countries by the World Scout Organization and invite them for further cooperation with the International Union of Muslim Scouts.
9. Expressing his thanks for the Scout associations that cooperated in the implementation of the medal projects: (literacy), (Removing harmful from the road) and (Green World).
10. Invites the ministers of higher education in the Member States of the Organization to emphasize the universities to participate in international trips for youth and university students organized by the International Union of Muslim Scouts achieve the desire of the kings and heads of Islamic countries in the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah, 2005 at the invitation of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, which aims to strengthen national unity and to assign managers universities to participate in these trips .
11. Invites Ministers of Education and Higher Education Ministers in the Member States to support the International Union of Muslim Scouts at the opening of the "World of Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, training centers for the children of associates residing in distance learning" in

the Member States of the Organization of the communities and to assign jurisdiction so calls to support this centers because of their importance in the training of the children of residents of Muslims in other countries to honor the name of His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, God bless his soul for his contribution to the establishment of such centers.

12. Invites banks in Saudi Arabia to support international trips for youth and university students organized by the World Federation of Muslim Scouts in cooperation with the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World from their role towards social responsibility and service for the youth of Saudi Arabia.

13. Congratulates the IUMS Secretary-General Dr. Zuhair Hussain Ghunaim for receiving the Order of the Republic of South Korea to volunteer and is the fourth character gets this award in the history of South Korea.

14. Blesses the International Union of Muslim Scouts starting in the training of the youth of the Islamic nation in the media and qualify for the courses in the media and the graduation of qualified media generation of universities Member States are required to higher education ministers directing university administrators to share their students in this important activity, and implemented in collaboration with the Islamic Organization for Education, Science of Culture and ISESCO .

15. Expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank to support projects and activities of the International Union of Muslim Scouts in the past and hopes to re-support .

16. Expresses its thanks and appreciation to Ambassador Nasser Al Zaabi, head of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Mr. Ibrahim bin Abdullah AlKhozim Executive Director of the Fund for their support for the projects and activities of the International Union of Muslim Scouts.

17. Blesses the signing of the construction project Cooperative Waqf Muslim Scouts agreement and who donated their land, His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, God bless his soul and the World Federation of Scouts Muslim built to house him and Scouts Muslims during their visit to the performance of rituals, and thank Dr. Bandar Hajjar President of the Islamic Development Bank, and Fund property Endowments Bank for their support and cooperation in the construction of this entity, which serves the Muslim Scouts.

18. Recommends supporting the preparation Scout leaders Muslim courses for access to wood to create a badge scout team leaders under the auspices of the Muslims do Muslim children and explain the religion of Islam to non-Muslims.

19. Invites the Sports Federation of Islamic solidarity and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, to coordination and cooperation in youth affairs through activating the memorandum of understanding to establish the activities and programs in collaboration with the International Union of Muslim Scouts.

20. Expresses its thanks to the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and of Culture (ISESCO), headed by Director General Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri its support for the programs of the World Federation of Muslim Scouts and the signing of a cooperation agreement with the Union of Islamic universities in the world and bless their efforts in joint activities carried out by the Union with ISESCO in the field Media and special programs for agents universities.

21. Blesses IUMS as an advisory body for training and international activities and programs organized by universities and Islamic countries in collaboration with ISESCO and asks

Excellences, Ministers of Higher Education and directors of universities to cooperate with them in this area.

22. Thanks Azerbaijan for hosting the 13th IUMS International Conference.

23. Thanks foreign ministers of Islamic countries for participation of the scout associations in the 13th IUMS International Conference held in Baku, Azerbaijan on 13.08.2017 on the sidelines of the 41st World Scout Conference.

24. Congratulates the winners of the membership of the International Islamic Scout Committee and thanks those who have completed their term in the Committee.

25. Congratulates the Arab Republic of Egypt on its success in organizing the World Scout Conference 41 and calls for cooperation with it in the success of the conference.

26. Ask member States, through Youth and Sports Ministers or concerned bodies, are urged to encourage scout associations and youth organizations to participate in the World Youth Forum to be held in Saudi Arabia in 2018 organized by the International Union of Muslim Scouts in cooperation and coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), and Statistical, Economic, Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).

27. Blesses the International Union of Muslim Scouts organized Dialogue and Moderation Forum for Youth and Scouts to be applied in Africa in coordination and cooperation with Member States and asked the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to support Forum.

28. Bless the International Union of Muslim Scouts starting in arranging activities for people with special needs.

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

1. **Recommends** the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), 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; thanks the ISF for financing the Federation's projects.

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

3. **Recommends** the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of the textbook 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 Press at its headquarters, as well as other print shops in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their benefit 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 to help 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 Bachelor’s 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 center and forum of civilizations in London, the educational center 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.
9. **Recommends** support for the two projects of the WF-IAIS submitted by the Arab Academy for Educational Science to establish a university under the name (International University of Educational and Information Sciences) to be based in Cairo and to have branches in other countries, and a virtual university to provide remote technical support to schools.
10. **Welcomes** the establishment of the first Arabic University named Islamic Arabic University by the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the encourages OIC institutions to support the institution.
11. **Recommends** to Member States to cooperate with the WFIAIS to revitalize its role in developing the education system in public schools, join in the membership of WFIAIS and implement the assessment, development and training programmes to be provided by WFIAIS.
12. **Request** the Secretary General to follow up the issues in the present resolution and submit a report thereon to the 46th Session of the CFM.

RESOLUTION NO. 8/45-C

ON

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (COMIAC)

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

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 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 10th Session of COMIAC, and 10th Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2-4 December 2014,

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

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

1. **Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Coordination Office.
2. **Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to reenergize COMIAC; in this regard, **commends**, in particular, the appointment of the Director of the COMIAC Coordination Office.
3. **Commends** the Republic of Senegal for having successfully hosted the 10th session of the COMIAC in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015, and appreciates Member States' active participation at the event.
4. **Encourages and supports** cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and resources that can be tapped to finance the COMIAC activities.
5. **Welcomes** the constant contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the COMIAC and invites Member States and relevant institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC's programs and activities through the expeditious settlement of voluntary contributions.

RESOLUTION NO. 9/45-C
ON
THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ISLAMIC AND WORLD
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGES

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

Recalling the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 13th Ordinary and the 4th Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 44th Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 10th Session of COMIAC;

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. **Welcomes** the decisions taken by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to protect heritage, chief of which is the decision on the preservation of Islamic heritage sites; as well as the Saudi Government's adoption of the law on museums and architectural heritage and the executive rules and regulations thereof.
3. **Stresses** the focus on the two elements of awareness-raising and the importance of cultural heritage among local communities with all their constituents by presenting effective programmes designed to promote the individual's knowledge of his cultural assets, in coordination with specialized educational, vocational and cultural institutions, with a view to building a generation of the Muslim society that is capable of playing its part towards its country and its security.
4. **Welcomes** the hosting by the UAE of the international conference on "Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage in Armed Conflict Zones", which took place at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi, on 2-3 December 2016.
5. **Commends** the UAE's heritage preservation efforts translating in the launch of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage and the setting up of cultural heritage centers and institutes in the country and the world over.
6. **Stresses** the need to utilize the outputs of regional workshops on 'the protection of cultural heritage at the time of crises' held on 15-17 December 2015 under the patronage of His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, with the participation of the Athar Regional Conservation Center (ICCROM), the Islamic Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization (ALECSO).
7. **Welcomes** the Member States' efforts in protecting cultural and natural heritage; and calls on the Member States in this regard to design the necessary educational and training programmes on the regional and international mechanisms for the protection of cultural and historical property as well as cultural and natural heritage, enlarge scope for scientific research activities, establish museums and stage specialized exhibitions.
8. **Emphasizes** the creation of appropriate mechanisms to activate the charter on the conservation of Islamic heritages.
9. **Strongly condemns** the crimes committed against tangible and intangible cultural heritage in all its forms in Iraq, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Yemen, Syria and in other Member States; and invites ISESCO and IRCICA, in coordination with Member States to strengthen the cooperation with UNESCO in order to monitor the situation of cultural, civilizational and religious heritages in the Muslim World, and taking part in countering acts of destruction and vandalism against such heritages.
10. **Commends** the successful holding of the Colloquium jointly organized by the OIC General Secretariat, in collaboration with the Republic of France on the "Preservation and Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the OIC Member States", held on 14-15 May 2017, at the OIC General Secretariat, within the context of the implementation of the Resolution number 10/43-C on "The Protection and preservation of the Islamic and world historical and cultural heritages", adopted by the 43rd Session of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), held in October 2016, in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, with the aim of contributing to the safeguarding and protection of cultural heritage in Member States.
11. **Welcomes** the convening of the International Conference on Protection of Cultural Heritage of the Muslim World by the OIC General Secretariat, IRCICA and ISESCO held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 1-2 November 2017, as was decided by the 9th Islamic Conference of Cultural Ministers (ICCM), held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on 2-4 November 2015, and

endorsed by the 13th Session of Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April, 2016; and Urge the Member States to consider the recommendations of the Istanbul Declaration, including the proposal of setting up an OIC Platform for Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage, that was adopted by the said Conference.

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

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

14. **Commends** the Kyrgyz Republic for hosting the 1st and 2nd World Nomadic Games in 2014-2016, that contributed to the development of ethnohistorical sport, intercivilizational and intercultural dialogue, tourism and education, and calls the OIC member States to join the III World Nomadic Games, which will be held on 2 September 2018 in Kyrgyzstan.

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

16. **Calls on** the Member States to intensify their efforts to preserve their natural heritage areas and the habitat of animals threatened with extinction; commends in this connection the Member States' efforts to safeguard the natural habitat of snow leopards; values the Kyrgyz Republic's efforts in this area, which chiefly involved hosting the First International Forum on Snow Leopard Conservation in 2013; and expresses support for the country's efforts to host and organize the Forum's second session in 2017.

17. **Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.10/45-C

ON PROMOTION OF COOPERATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES IN THE CULTURAL DOMAIN AND SUPPORTING CINEMATORGRAPHIC PRODUCTION

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Emphasizes** the importance of the effective implementation of paragraph 185 of the Final Communiqué of the 13th Islamic Summit Conference which "called on the General Secretariat to take measures, in cooperation with Member States in order to support cinematographic production and promote cooperation in the cultural domain, including through holding an OIC film festival, with a view to reinforcing cultural relations among Member States".

2. **Decides** the establishment of an OIC prize to reward the best cinematographic productions which meet the ideals and objectives of the OIC and the establishment of the OIC Film Festival and calls for the General Secretariat to prepare a concept note on the selection criteria.

3. **Decides** to set up an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts to: first, consider the concept note to initiate a special OIC-sponsored prize to be given at the 26th session of the Pan-African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou, scheduled for 23 February – 02 March 2019 in Burkina Faso, to award best film production contributing to the objectives of the OIC; and second, consider the launch of a Film Festival of the OIC.

4. **Encourages** the reinforcement of cooperation among film festivals throughout OIC Member States, and in particular support to joint initiatives and projects.

5. **Calls for** the establishment of an OIC Cultural Day to be celebrated by Member States, the OIC and its subsidiary and specialized institutions on a date to be determined.
6. **Appreciates** highly the initiative to hold a Festival of Islamic Arts and Handicrafts in one of the OIC Member States in order contribute to the radiance of the Islamic culture in all its aspects.
7. **Requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with relevant OIC institutions, to conduct the necessary consultations with the Member States for them to manifest their interest in holding the 1st edition of this important event.
8. **Requests** the IDB, ISESCO, IRCICA and all other relevant OIC institutions to fully support all cultural cooperation initiatives, including in the area of cinematographic production.
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Resolution No. 11/45-C

On

Supporting Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Historical Monuments and Property in Iraq

The Forty Fifth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Islamic Values for Sustainable Peace, Solidarity and Development), held in Dhaka, People's Republic of Bangladesh, from 19-20 Sha'ban 1439 H (5-6 May 2018),

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

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

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

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

1. **Condemns** anew the destruction and demolition of Iraq's historical antiquities and cultural property at the hands of the terrorist organization of Daesh.

2. **Calls for** holding an international conference in the shortest possible time, especially after the liberation of all Iraqi cities and territories from the terrorist organization of Daesh. The conference, to be held under the patronage of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and with the coordination of the Iraqi government and regional and international partners, including the UN and its relevant agencies, will seek to examine rebuilding and rehabilitation means for Iraqi antiquities and cultural property which have been destroyed and demolished by the terrorist organization of Daesh,

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow through efforts to hold the said Conference and to coordinate to this end with the Iraqi government and all countries and organizations, both regional and international.
