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RESOLUTION NO.1/43-LEG
ON
FOLLOW-UP AND COORDINATION OF ACTION IN
THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Forty-third Session of the Council of the Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Session of Education and Enlightenment: Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, on 18-19 October, 2016 (17 – 18 Muharram 1438H);

Recalling the noble motives and objectives of the glorious Islamic faith with its particular emphasis on human rights, and **aware of** the Islamic comprehensive and integrated character as to the human being's rights, elevated status and position,

Bearing in mind the OIC Charter's objectives, namely the consolidation and promotion of due respect for human rights and fundamental liberties for all people irrespective of their ethnicity, gender or religion,

Recalling all the relevant resolutions issued by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and the Council of Foreign Ministers, particularly Res. No.49/19 Pol which adopted the document titled "Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam",

Conscious of the need to strengthen the current mechanisms at the OIC to explore ways and means to advance and protect human rights through the adoption of various approaches including the evolvement of a set of Islamic covenants on human rights,

Acknowledging the Member States' commitment and efforts in favour of the consolidation and protection of the internationally recognized human rights with due consideration to the importance of their respective religious, national and regional specificities and all their historic and cultural background, while still mindful of the "Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam".

Cognizant of the Islamic values' comprehensive and integrated charter in terms of human rights, and the high standing of Man in Islam, as God's vicegerent on earth, and hence the prime value which Islamic thought accords to the consolidation, promotion and observance of human rights,

Also recalling the resolutions issued by the UN Commission on Human Rights, and the Human Rights Council, under the title of “Defamation of Religions” which expressed deep concern over the adverse stereotyping of religions and the repeated erroneous amalgam between Islam and violations of human rights or terrorism, as well as deep concern over the spaces dedicated by the print, audio and visual and electronic media to incite violence and hatred against foreigners, with the consequent drift towards intolerance and segregation vis-à-vis Islam and other religions,

Reaffirming the universal, objective and non-selective character of all human rights, and also the importance of consolidating and protecting these rights through cooperation and consensus rather than through a confrontational approach and attempts to impose divisive, alien and non-cohesive values,

Expressing deep concern over the attempts made by some to capitalize on the issue of human rights in order to cause prejudice to the Islam principles and tenets and to interfere in the affairs of OIC Member States,

Having considered the Secretary General’s report on the matter as submitted under document no. OIC/CFM-43/2016/LEG/SG.REP.1:

1. **Affirms** that human rights are of a universal character and must be perceived within the framework of a dynamic non-static process for the evolvement of international standards with due consideration to national and regional specificities and to the diverse historic, cultural, and religious backgrounds.
2. **Stresses** the need for the international community to tackle the issue of human rights objectively and from the perspective that these rights are indivisible and inclusive of all states on a non-selective and non-discriminatory basis.
3. **Calls for** human rights to be perceived in a comprehensive manner and from all their religious, political, social, economic and cultural aspects, within a framework of international cooperation and solidarity.
4. **Reaffirms** the right for states to uphold their religious, social and cultural specificities which represent legacies and intellectual underpinnings that in turn contribute to enriching common world concepts of human rights.
5. **Urges** all not to use the universality of human rights as a pretext to interfere in the internal affairs of other states and to impinge on their sovereignty.

6. **Recalls** the right for states to voice their reservations, when necessary, on any international covenants, conventions or agreements to which they accede, as part of their sovereignty right.
7. **Expresses** once again, its deep concern over the chronic erroneous amalgam between Islam and human rights violations, and the way certain print, audio and visual media have been capitalizing on these misconceptions to encourage hostility and segregation against Muslims. The Council calls upon the Member States to undertake media action to counter these moves.
8. **Notes** with deep concern the increasing spread in the western countries of Islamophobic measures, **insists** on the responsibility of the states concerned in ensuring full respect for Islam and all other divine religions, and on the inadmissibility of using the notion of freedom of expression and freedom of the press as a pretext to defame religions, and **calls on** all to refrain from imposing constraints, in any form, on cultural and religious rights and freedoms.
9. **Denounces** the media campaigns and fallacious claims mooted by certain quarters in a number of non-OIC Member States on the treatment of non-Muslim minorities and communities in the OIC Member States, under such tags as the freedom of religion.
10. **Expresses** the need to follow a priority-level common policy aimed at banning the defamation of Islam under the pretext of freedom of expression, particularly through the media outlets and the internet.
11. **Commends** the valuable efforts of the Secretary General during his visit to Geneva in March 2015, his forthright speech at the 28th Session of the Human Rights Council as well as his intensive consultations with OIC Ambassadors and senior officials of International Organizations regarding human rights and the valuable contribution of the OIC Open-ended Working Group on Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues at the United Nations Offices in Geneva and New York, geared at safeguarding the interests of Islamic countries in the field of human rights; and urges OIC Member States to consider the possibility of establishing regional arrangements in the field of human rights in Islam to boost their regional cooperation in this regard;
12. **Expresses** deep concern about any activity that may be carried out by some governmental and government backed non-governmental organizations, used to confront OIC Member States for political purposes and to achieve external political goals at international fora.

13. **Urges** all Member States to take appropriate measures, in accordance with their national laws and in line with international human rights instruments to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect on matters related to freedom of religion or belief.
14. **Invites** the Member States to keep up their effective mutual cooperation and coordination in the area of human rights, particularly at the level of the concerned international fora, with a view to enhance Islamic solidarity in the face of any initiatives susceptible to result in human rights being used as a leverage to exercise political pressure on any Member State.
15. **Decides** that the General Secretariat and the Member State shall continue their mission work at the relevant international fora, particularly at the UN headquarters in New York and Geneva, and to convene timely meetings to consider and deliberate human rights issues with a view to adopt a unified stand in the face of any campaigns or draft resolutions targeting OIC Member States in relevant international fora.
16. **Invites** the Member States, once again, to participate in the programs of King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's International Centre for Interfaith Dialogue which was established in Vienna by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in cooperation with the republic of Austria and the Kingdom of Spain to advance interfaith and inter-civilizational dialogue.
17. **Also invites** the Member States to partake in the UN Alliance of Civilizations under the co-chairmanship of the Republic of Turkey and the Kingdom of Spain. Welcomes and commends the State of Qatar and its partners for the regular organization of the international inter-faith dialogue conference, aimed at enhancing and defending the image of the Islamic Ummah.
18. **Welcomes** the regular convening of the conference of scholars in East Africa organized annually by the Republic of Djibouti with the aim of promoting moderation, combating terrorism and deviant ideas that are offensive to Islam.
19. **Requests** the Member States, once again, to sign and ratify the covenant on Child Rights in Islam as soon as possible.

20. **Welcomes** the adoption by the Supreme Council of the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC) of the latter's Human Rights Declaration as an expression of the collective commitment of these States to pursuing fulfillment of human rights at all fora and levels.

21. **Takes note** of the constitution of a sub-committee by the OIC-IPHRC to review Cairo declaration of human rights in Islam (CDHRI), against existing universal human rights instruments and make suggestions for its improvement, if and where necessary, in pursuance of the CFM Resolution no.1/42-LEG. Also **requests** the OIC-IPHRC to present a comprehensive report on the subject with concrete recommendations to the 44th CFM.

22. **Recommends** holding an annual meeting on Human Rights before or on the sidelines of the UNGA meetings to coordinate and unite positions.

23. **Requests** the Secretary General again to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

RESOLUTION NO.2/43.LEG.
ON
SIGNATURES / RATIFICATIONS OF (ACCESSION TO) THE CHARTER AND
AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED WITHIN THE OIC FRAMEWORK

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Having taken cognizance of the current status as to the signing of agreements concluded within the OIC Framework,

Noting the non-attainment, as yet, of the legally required number of ratifications for some of these agreements to enter in force, and the importance of an early action to that effect such as to enhance the OIC's role and expand the areas of cooperation among the Member States.

Taking note of the Secretary General's report submitted under document no. OIC/CFM-43/2016/LEG/SG.REP.2.

1. **Urges** the Member States, once again, to see to the early signing and ratification of (accession to) the Charter and the various agreements concluded within the OIC framework.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
