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**RESOLUTIONS**

**ON**

**MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE WORK OF THE  
OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION (IPHRC)**

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**RESOLUTION No. 1/43-IPHRC**  
**ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE WORK OF THE**  
**OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

*The Forty-third Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Education and Enlightenment-Path to Peace and Creativity) held in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 17-18 Muharram 1438H (18-19 October 2016),*

**Recalling** articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

**Recalling** resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the statute of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC);

**Recalling** resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of the IPHRC;

**Recalling** resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA);

**Recalling** final communiqué of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April 2016, which reaffirmed the Member States full support to the Commission to enable it to function in accordance with the mandate as provided in its Statute.

**Cognizant** of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy and accountability in Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action 2015-2025;

**Taking note** of the report of the Secretary General included in Document No. (OIC/CFM-43/2016/IPHRC/SG-Rep);

1. **Requests** the IPHRC to continue its work towards fulfilling its objectives as stipulated in the Statute and to continue providing the CFM with its expert advisory opinion on the human rights content of the whole range of issues related to the OIC;

2. **Takes note** of the reports of the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> IPHRC Regular sessions, held in Jeddah, at the OIC Headquarters, on 19-23 April 2015, 21-26 November 2015 and 1-5 May 2016 respectively, as contained in documents no. OIC/IPHRC - 7/2015/Rep. Final, OIC/ IPHRC-8/2015 Rep. Final and OIC/IPHRC-9/2016/Rep. Final.

3. **Appreciates** Commission's activities in 2015 and 2016, which included a visit to Palestine to ascertain human rights situation; an international Seminar on 'Human Rights Education' and its comprehensive outcome Jakarta Declaration; thematic debates held during its 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Sessions on "Protection of Family Values", "Freedom of Expression and Hate Speech" and "Impact of Women Empowerment on Sustainable Development in OIC Member States" and

corresponding outcome documents; as well as meetings with relevant UN and regional human rights mechanisms to discuss and promote views on issues of concern to the OIC.

4. **Takes note** of the detailed deliberations that took place within IPHRC's four Working Groups on Palestine, the Right of Women and of the Child, Islamophobia and Muslim minorities and the Right to Development as well as the planned activities in 2016 including possible visit to Myanmar and holding of International Seminar on '*Right to Development*' in collaboration with the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

5. **Also takes note** of the adoption of "*Operating Methods/Modalities of the CFM-mandated Standing Mechanism for monitoring the human rights situation in the Indian-occupied Kashmir*" and "*Working Methods*" of IPHRC during the 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Session.

6. **Welcomes** the comprehensive study prepared by IPHRC on '*Countering Islamophobia: An Unfinished Business*', as contained in document no. "OIC / IPHRC / REP / ISLAMOPHOBIA / CFM-43/2016"; pursuant to CFM Resolution no. 32/42-POL and urges the General Secretariat to incorporate recommendations provided in the study for devising a comprehensive strategy on Islamophobia. Also requests IPHRC to share it with OIC Groups in New York and Geneva for their information and appropriate use.

7. **Appreciates** the preparation of three thematic studies by IPHRC on: (i) "*Women and Men's inheritance in Islam*"; (ii) "*Human Trafficking in OIC Member States*"; and (iii) "*Rights of Minorities in Islam*", as contained in documents no. "OIC / IPHRC / REP / INHERITANCE / CFM-43 / 2016" ; and "OIC / IPHRC / REP / TRAFFICKING / CFM-43/2016" ; and "OIC / IPHRC / REP/ MINORITIES / CFM-43 / 2016" respectively, and requests its wider sharing within relevant departments of OIC General Secretariat and OIC Groups in New York and Geneva.

8. **Urges** Member States and relevant OIC Organs, including IDB, to take full advantage of the Commission's advisory expertise, including by enhancing interaction and exploring avenues for developing joint projects and cooperation; as well as to support the work and activities of the IPHRC;

9. **Welcomes** the election of nine Members of the Commission (Annex-1) held at the sidelines of the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit in Istanbul from 10-15 April 2016, for a period of three years with effect from August 2016.

10. **Welcomes further** the allocation of new premises for IPHRC Headquarters and assurance of continued support for provision of required logistics and services by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as the host country.

11. **Welcomes further** the progress made in the signing of the Headquarters Agreement with the Government of KSA and requests the host government to expedite its early finalization enabling the IPHRC Secretariat to conduct its mandated tasks.

12. *Expresses* its thanks to the Secretary General for his valuable efforts to facilitate the work of the IPHRC and requests him to continue extending the secretarial support to the Commission from within the OIC General Secretariat to enable IPHRC to carry out its mandate in an organized and efficient manner.

13. *Requests* further the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this Resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the CFM.

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### Annex-1

## **ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IPHRC) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS**

The 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of Unity and Solidarity for Justice and Peace), held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 13-15, April, 2016, proceeded to the election of nine Members of the IPHRC for a term of three (3) years, starting from August 2016, pursuant to Article 3 of the IPHRC Statute as well as Rule 4 and 66 of the IPHRC Rules of Procedure.

The outcome of the election is the following:

#### African Group:

- Dr. Oumar Abou Abba, Republic of Cameroon (For a Second term);
- Amb. Cheikh Tidiane Thiam, Republic of Senegal;
- Mr. S.K. Kaggwa, Republic of Uganda (For a Second term);

#### Arab Group:

- Mr. Mohamed Hamdi Al Taher, Republic of Tunisia;
- Amb. Ilham Ibrahim Mohamed Ahmed, Republic of the Sudan (For a Second term);
- Minister Plenipotentiary Mahmoud Afifi, Arab Republic of Egypt;

#### Asian Group:

- Ms. Asila Wardak, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (For a second term);
- Amb. Mostafa Alaei, Islamic Republic of Iran (For a second term);
- Professor. Dr. Raihanah Binti Abdullah, Malaysia (For a second term).

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## **RESOLUTION No. 2/43-IPHRC ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET OF THE OIC INDEPENDENT PERMANENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (IPHRC)**

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**Recalling** articles 5 and 15 of the Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation unanimously adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference held at Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

**Recalling** resolution 2/38-LEG, which adopted the Statute of the IPHRC;

**Recalling** resolution 2/39-LEG, which endorsed the Rules of Procedure of the IPHRC;

**Recalling** resolution 1/41-IPHRC, which decided to establish the IPHRC Headquarters in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;

**Taking note** of the resolution 2/44-AF (PFC), which inter alia decided that IPHRC in consultation with OIC General Secretariat to present a resolution to set out clear financial procedures for the independent functioning of the IPHRC;

**Recalling** final communique of the 13<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 14-15 April, 2016, which reaffirmed the Member States full support to the Commission to enable it to function in accordance with the mandate as provided in its Statute;

**Cognizant** of the importance of promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms, good governance, rule of law, democracy and accountability in Member States, in accordance with the OIC Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action (2015-2025);

1. **Reaffirms** that IPHRC is a principal and independent organ of the OIC, as stipulated in the Charter of the OIC, IPHRC Statute and Rules of Procedures;
2. **Welcomes** the commendable progress made by the IPHRC within the short time of its establishment since 2011, in accordance with its mandate i.e. to promote and protect human rights as per universally recognized human rights standards and Islamic values of equality and justice;
3. **Urges** all Member States to extend their full moral and material support to the IPHRC for its effective functioning as an independent institution enabling it to perform its mandated tasks as provided in its Statute; Rules of Procedures and OIC Charter;
4. **Welcomes** the approval of the first independent budget of the IPHRC by the 44th Permanent Finance Committee to be paid by the Member States as part of their mandatory contributions to the OIC Annual budget;

5. **Decides** that the IPHRC Secretariat will present its annual budget independently for approval to the CFM, through PFC, in line with the budget schedule of OIC General Secretariat.
6. **Also decides** that the approved budgets of IPHRC should be paid by the Member States as one single contribution made to the annual budget of the OIC General Secretariat, which should be deposited into the separate and independent account of IPHRC;
7. **Affirms** that the IPHRC Secretariat will continue to have full independence in its administrative, budgetary and financial matters;
8. **Decides** further that IPHRC to continue to follow OIC Financial Regulations for its financial and accounting procedures;
9. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary General for his laudable efforts to facilitate the work of the IPHRC and requests him to continue to extend the vital secretarial support to the IPHRC;
10. **Requests further** the Secretary General to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> CFM.

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