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challenges”**

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**Resolution No 1/6 –W (Women Conference)**

**On**

**Calling for the Acceleration of the Adoption Process of the Statute of  
the Organization of Women's Development in OIC Member States**

*The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016 (1-3 Safar 1438 A.H.) on the theme "The Status of Women in the Member States in Light of the Current Challenges";*

**Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen in 2005;

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic conferences, in particular the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, the Council of Foreign Ministers, in particular the 36<sup>th</sup> session (Damascus), the 37<sup>th</sup> session (Dushanbe) and the 42<sup>nd</sup> session (Kuwait), as well as the sessions of the Ministerial Conference on the role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, particularly its 5<sup>th</sup> session (Baku 2014);

**Commending** the OIC's efforts in implementing its ten-year programme of action "OIC-2025: Programme of Action", adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2016;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the Status of women in OIC Member States in general and having taken cognizance of the efforts exerted by the General Secretariat in ensuring the quorum for the adoption of the Statute of the Organization of Women's Development that will allow for the legal existence of the organization,

1. **Urges** the Member States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the statute of the Organization of Women Development in order to reach a quorum that will allow the entry into force of the Statute and make it possible for the Organization to start its activities, including the implementation of OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) in Member States.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on the Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States.

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**Resolution No 2/6 –W (The Conference on Women)**

**on**

**"Welcoming the appointment of OIC Ambassadors of Goodwill in the fields of family values safeguard and women's advancement and empowerment in OIC Member States**

*The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016 (1-3 Safar 1438 A.H.) on the theme "The Status of Women in the Member States in Light of the Current Challenges";*

**Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen in 2005;

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic conferences, in particular the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, and the Council of Foreign Ministers, in particular its 42<sup>nd</sup> session;

**Commending** the OIC's efforts in implementing its ten-year programme of action "OIC-2025: Programme of Action", adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2016;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the Status of women in OIC Member States in general, and having taken cognizance of the efforts exerted by Member States in the framework of the OIC's work aimed at preserving family values and marriage institution in Member States, with a view to promoting women's status and their empowerment;

1. **Calls on** the General Secretariat to expedite the implementation of resolution No. 4/43-CULT calling upon the OIC Secretary General to appoint, as appropriate, OIC goodwill ambassador in the field of women empowerment and family
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States.

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## **Resolution 3/6-W (Conference on Women)**

**On**

### **Adoption of the amended OPAAW**

#### **and its annexed implementation Mechanisms**

*The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016 (1-3 Safar 1438 A.H.) on the theme "The Status of Women in the Member States in Light of the Current Challenges";*

**Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen, in 2005;

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic conferences, in particular the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, and the Council of Foreign Ministers, in particular the 36<sup>th</sup> session (Damascus), the 37<sup>th</sup> session (Dushanbe) and the 42<sup>nd</sup> session (Kuwait);

**Recalling** the outcomes of the sessions of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, particularly the resolution adopted by its 1<sup>st</sup> session held in Turkey in 2006 on the preparation of a plan for the advancement of women in OIC Member States, which was adopted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the conference on women held in Cairo in 2008;

**Recalling** the recommendations of the 5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on the review of the OPAAW adopted by the 42<sup>nd</sup> CFM in Kuwait in May 2015;

**Commending** the efforts of the OIC in implementing resolution 4/42-C on the review of the OPAAW;

**Taking note** the report of the Secretary General on the steps to review the OPAAW and the outcomes of the intergovernmental experts group meetings held in Jeddah (November 2015) at IRCICA headquarters in Turkey (January 2016) and at SESRIC headquarters in Ankara, Turkey (October 2016);

1. **Adopts** the amended OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and its annexed implementation mechanisms.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report on OPAAW implementation to the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States.

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## **Resolution 4/6-W (Conference on Women)**

**On**

### **Establishment of the Advisory Women Council of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States**

*The Sixth Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016 (1-3 Safar 1438 A.H.) on the theme "The Status of Women in the Member States in Light of the Current Challenges";*

**Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen in 2005;

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the various sessions of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic conferences, in particular the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, and the Council of Foreign Ministers, in particular its 42<sup>nd</sup> session;

**Emphasizing** that all OIC Resolutions including the present one, are equally binding in the three official languages of the Organization.

**Commending** the OIC's efforts in implementing its ten-year programme of action "OIC-2025: Programme of Action", adopted by the 13<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2016, and the efforts exerted by Member States for the advancement and empowerment of women and the promotion of their participation;

Having considered the draft proposal of the Republic of Turkey on the establishment of the advisory Women Council of the Ministerial Conference on the role of Women in the Development of Member States;

1. **Decides** to establish an Advisory Women Council which shall act as an advisory mechanism and shall propose policy recommendations on issues relating to the empowerment and advancement of women in the framework of the Conference.
2. **Invites** the Secretary General to provide all possible support to activate the Advisory Women Council of the Conference in consultation and coordination with the Chair of the Conference.
3. **Reaffirms** that the work of an Advisory Women Council would not duplicate the activities and functions of the OIC Women Development Organization.

4. **Invites** Member States to nominate eminent women individuals as candidates for membership of the Council and **decides** that each three geographical group shall designate, on the basis of consultations among themselves, from among the nominees three members (total 9 members) to take part in the Council and shall inform the General Secretariat of these designations.

In addition one nominee from the chair of the Conference shall directly take part in the Council as member. The term of the members of the Council shall be limited to 2 years renewable once, totaling maximum four years. The General Secretariat and the Women Development Organization shall be act as ex-officio members of the Council.

5. **Decides further** that The Council shall hold its meetings every six months to be hosted by the Chair of the Conference. All the expenses of the Women Council shall be borne by the Chair of the Conference.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States.

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