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1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the State of Kuwait, the 42nd Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Common Vision for Promotion of Tolerance and Denunciation of Terrorism, was held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait, from 9-10 Sha'abaa 1436H (27-28 May 2015);
2. The Meeting was opened with a recitation of verses from the Holy Qur'an.
3. The Meeting was addressed by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber A-Sabah, Emir of the State of Kuwait. In his statement, His Highness referred to the serious security challenges facing the Muslim World and underscored the need for collective action. He also raised the conflict situation engulfing the region and highlighted the importance for the peaceful solution and settlement away from the military option. His Highness further expressed grave concern on the threat of terrorism and sectarianism, and urged the OIC to confront them in order to preserve the unity of the Muslim Ummah.
4. H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani, the OIC Secretary General, in addressing the meeting, congratulated His Highness for his humanitarian endeavors which have earned him the UN Award and the recognition of the international community as a whole. He recalled the various development assistance the Emir and the State of Kuwait have been extending to several developing countries including OIC Member States. He honored, on behalf of the OIC Member States, the Emir for his outstanding humanitarian achievements which he said is a pride to the Muslim World.
5. The ceremony was followed by the formal opening session in which the outgoing Chair, the Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H.E. Adel Al-Jubeir, gave an account of their stewardship during the 41st CFM and highlighted the importance of the strengthening Joint Islamic Action. He also raised the challenge posed by terrorism which he said seeks to disunite the Ummah and called for a strong measures to confront its menace.
6. The Meeting then approved the composition of the Bureau as follows: State of Kuwait, as Chairman, Republic of Bangladesh, Republic of Senegal and the State of Palestine as Vice-Chairs, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as Rapporteur.
7. The Meeting listened to a welcome address by His Excellency Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamed Al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign affairs of the State of Kuwait who expressed his gratitude for the confidence reposed in his country to lead the 42nd CFM, paid glowing tribute to His Highness Saud Al-Feisal, the former Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for his long standing services to the his country and the Ummah. He stated his determination to contribute to peace and development of the Islamic World as well as strengthen solidarity and cooperation among OIC Member States.

8. The OIC Secretary General reviewed the activities of the General Secretariat in the past one year and touched on the main challenges facing the Member States. He called for the peaceful settlement of conflicts in parts of the Muslim World, in particular the Palestinian question. He highlighted the need for a new OIC strategy to combat the growing threat of terrorism and extremism. He also raised the rights of Muslim minorities in different parts of the world. He emphasized the importance of cooperation in the economic, science and technology, education and cultural fields. He spoke of the need of poverty alleviation, microfinance projects, youth empowerment and human right issues. He also briefed on the efforts to conclude the new OIC-2025 Plan of Action.

9. The representatives of the three geographic groups, Kingdom of Jordan for the Arab Group, the Republic of Guinea for the African Group and the Republic of Bangladesh for the Asian Group thanked the State of Kuwait Guinea for hosting the Meeting and for its generous hospitality. They also pledged the full cooperation of their respective regional groups for the success of its chairmanship.

10. The Council adopted the report of the preparatory Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) for the current session, held in Jeddah from 5-7 April 2015. It also adopted the Draft Agenda and Work Program submitted to it by the SOM as well as the reports of the Islamic Commission on Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs.

11. The Ministers and Heads of delegation addressed the Meeting in which they raised important challenges facing the Muslim World, stressed the need for promote the Islamic solidarity and joint Islamic actions to overcome these challenges.

12. A wide range of issues of interest to the Member States were discussed by the Council leading to the adoption of resolutions on various issues, including the Cause of Palestine and the Middle East; Political Affairs; Statutory, Organic and General Matters; Legal Affairs; Conditions of Muslim Minorities and Communities in non-OIC Member States; Information Affairs; Administrative and Financial Affairs; Humanitarian Affairs; Economic, Science and Technology, Cultural, Social, and Family Affairs.

13. On the sidelines of the CFM, meetings of the Contact Groups on Jammu and Kashmir, Mali, Somali and Muslim minority in Myanmar, were also convened to discuss the latest development and the way forward.

14. A special brain storming session was convened on terrorism and violent extremism to examine the dynamic nature of these threats and come out with a new unified stand and strategy to confront them.

15. The Council unanimously adopted the "Kuwait Declaration" which addressed major issues affecting the Muslim world.

16. The Council supported the Republic of Uzbekistan for its offer to host the 43rd Session of the CFM in 2016.

17. The delegation of Iran again registered its reservations on any reference in the resolutions concerning Palestine which might be explicitly or implicitly construed as the recognition of Israel. The Iranian delegation also expressed its reservations on resolution 14/42-Pol on solidarity with Yemen and support for constitutional legitimacy.

18. With regard to draft resolution no.14/42-Pol on solidarity with Yemen and support for constitutional legitimacy, the delegation of Lebanon mentioned that, in affirmation of the collective Arab position based on support for constitutional legitimacy in any Arab country, on the adoption of peaceful political solution for all Arab crises, and on non-interference in the internal affairs of Arab states, it stresses its support for any position based on the collective Arab consensus and dissociates itself from any step that does not

have Arab consensus. The delegation of Lebanon also expressed its reservations on the following resolutions;

- Resolution No.10/42-POL on the aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan
- Resolution No.3/42-MM on the Situation of the Turkish Muslim Minority of Western Thrace and the Muslim Population of the Dodecanese

The delegation of Lebanon dissociates itself from resolution relating to the situation in Syria (4/42) and resolution on humanitarian situation in Syria presented by Turkey.

19. On behalf of all the participants, H.E. Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary General of the OIC, addressed a cable of thanks to His Highness, the Emir of the State of Kuwait, for hosting of the 42nd CFM by his country and for the excellent facilities and the generous hospitality extended to the delegates, which has immensely contributed to the success of its 4 2nd Session.

Kuwait City,28 May 2015