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**RESOLUTION NO. 1/42-C**  
**ON**  
**GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Ten-Year Program of Action 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 of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdelaziz on Inter-faith and Intercultural Dialogue, 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 colours, races and cultures.
2. **Also commends** the continued efforts of the 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 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.

3. **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 intercivilizational dialogue.
4. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat for initiating steps to institutionalize its cooperation with the King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), through signing of a memorandum of understanding, as a sign of its continued interest and support on its work and activities.
5. **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 the first week of the month of February since the year of 2011.
6. **Reiterates** the support by the OIC 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, which held its 4<sup>th</sup> session in Astana on 30-31 May 2012, **encourages** religious leaders of the OIC Member States and the international community as a whole to continue their active participation in that meaningful forum.
7. **Welcomes** the Appeal by the Participants of the IV Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Astana and acknowledges that the only way to create a safe world is through a dialogue based on the principles of mutual respect and understanding, compassion and forgiveness, justice and solidarity, peace and harmony;
8. **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.
9. **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 intercivilizational 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 all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.

10. **Commends** the active role Azerbaijan plays in promoting inter-cultural and intercivilizational dialogue between the Islamic world and the West, including the *3<sup>rd</sup> World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue*, held in Baku on 18-19 May 2015.

11. **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.

## **B) ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS**

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

**Referring** to the OIC's Ten-Year Program of Action and reemphasizing its premise that intercivilizational 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 Alliance of Civilizations, 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 on the Alliance of Civilizations adopted by the 38<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> 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 contributed 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 Republic of Turkey for hosting *Partners Forum*, held in Istanbul on 31 May -1 June 2012.
3. **Also 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.
4. **Welcomes** the Alliance's decision to hold its Seventh Global Forum in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2016, which it expects to be crowned with success.
5. **Calls on** Member States that have not yet done so, to join the Group of Friends of the Alliance of Civilizations.
6. **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.
7. **Appreciates** the initiative of the General Secretariat to hold the *2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the AoC Focal Points of the OIC Member States*, in coordination with ISESCO, in Rabat on 16-17 October 2011, and **appreciates** the active participation of the OIC and its Member States in the Sixth AoC Global Forum held in Bali, Republic of Indonesia, on 29-30 August 2014.
8. **Appreciates** the successful convening of the *3<sup>rd</sup> 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. **Welcomes** the successful convening of the *4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> AoC Global Forum.
10. **Encourages** the Secretary General to consider organizing a sub event on Islamophobia at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum of the AoC, to be held in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2016.

### 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 Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects in coordination with OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO.
2. **Commends** the activities carried out by ISESCO and host cities since the year of 2011 and onwards, to celebrate Islamic cultural capitals and thanks the Member States for their active participation in these events.
3. **Calls** for the activation of the Council of OIC Member States ambassadors in Europe and the Americas to hold cultural and artistic activities in order to improve the image of Islam and spread Islamic culture so as to reduce Islamophobia and serve joint Islamic causes in the above-mentioned countries.

#### **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.

**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 14 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-Iftaa Al-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.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO.2/42-C**  
**ON**  
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**Welcoming** the membership of the State of Palestine in the United Nations as a non-State member;  
and as full member of UNESCO;

**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 Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continuation of Israeli policies of settlement, expansion and racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

**Condemning** the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel in the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif including the constructing of settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Wall around the city in order to annex it;

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 1/11/2009 to discuss the Israeli aggressions against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque;

**In line** with the importance of rehabilitation of affected people of Palestine in their territory, the Member States of the OIC support generously the extension of development of quality of education of Palestinian people;

**Expressing deep concern** at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territory;

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

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

1. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses** its appreciation to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.
2. **Recommends** also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.
3. In implementation of the resolution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic summit on establishing Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds AL-Sharif, **requests** the General Secretariat, in coordination with the State of Palestine, to commence the necessary procedures for the establishment of the University; and calls upon the Member States, Islamic funds, the Islamic Development Bank and other OIC organs to contribute effectively and generously to the establishment of the university.

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

1. **Condemns strongly** the decision by Israel, the occupation force, to attempt to impose Israeli curricula on the schools of the occupied city of Al-Quds instead of Arab Palestinian curricula, in the framework of a racist Israeli plan to judaize the city of Al-Quds, obliterate its Arab identity and distort the awareness of emerging Palestinian generations in this holy city, in a blatant violation of international laws and conventions, and calls for issuing an international appeal to counter those measures and for the Islamic Group at the United Nations relevant fora to move promptly to compel Israel, the occupation force, to stop its heinous policies.
2. **Calls upon** Member States 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 City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, and to work to actualize the educational aspect of the Strategic Plan for the development of Al-Quds Ash-Shareef adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Extraordinary Islamic summit, 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, 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.

3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and all international conventions on human rights, particularly the Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
6. **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.
2. **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 the homes of Palestinians who were forcibly expelled in 1948; these units plundered close to 80,000 books and manuscripts including about 30,000 books from Al-Quds alone, and forged their documentation before a part of them was exhibited at the so-called Israeli National Library. 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 with a view to returning them to their original owners or their heirs.

3. **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.
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.
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate 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 preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at obliterating the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.
6. **Urges** the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
7. **Strongly condemns** Israel for building the separation Wall, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.
8. **Requests** Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums to force Israel to give up the partitioning of the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve its integrity as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.

9. **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.
10. **Strongly denounces and condemns** Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.
11. **Requests** the General Secretariat to constitute an ad-hoc committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and 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.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3/42-C**  
**ON**  
**PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES**

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**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 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the 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. **Expresses deep concern** over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, Resolution 3/39-C adopted by 39<sup>th</sup> CFM, Resolution 3/40-C adopted by the 40<sup>th</sup> CFM and Resolution 3/41-C adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Quran on 14 December 2002:

1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 542 year old Islamic complex at Charare-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 State of 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 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.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 4/42C**  
**ON**  
**SOCIAL AND FAMILY ISSUES**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), and the 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States;

**Conscious** of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

**Reaffirming** of the fact that women and children are the most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation periods;

**Reaffirming** further that women and children are the most vulnerable groups of societies suffering from the impact of inhumane and unlawful economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries;

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

**A. SAFEGUARDING THE VALUES OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INSTITUTIONS:**

**Recalling** the OIC Charter;

**Having** considered the Statement of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC); and the resolution of the Human Rights Council A/HRC/27/L.27/Rev.1 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;

**Lauding** the position of the Muslim and non-Muslim States which opposed the Resolution within the Human Rights Council;

**Considering** that the Resolution includes many issues which cannot be accepted as they are in total contradiction with the teachings and values of Islam and other divine religions and with the human common sense;

**Taking** note that the UN Post-2015 Agenda overlooks the family in the post-2015 plan, and that the family institution has disappeared in some parts of the world, thus requiring

that utmost attention be given to the marriage and family institution in Member States in order to protect generations and the future;

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

**Decides to:**

1. **Reject** the entire content of the HRC Resolution and to endeavor to take a unified Islamic and human position to repeal it.
2. **Invite** the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) to take necessary measures towards the cancellation of the Resolution.
3. **Invite** the Secretary General to take necessary measures to repeal the Resolution.
4. **Call on** the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and its relevant institutions to provide the needed support to Member States undergoing pressure in this regard.
5. **Invite** Member States to hold a specialized conference on the marriage and family institution and the preservation of their Islamic values.
6. **Call upon** the General Secretariat to take the necessary measures and actions to prepare for this conference in coordination with the host State and relevant OIC institutions.

**B) PROMOTING WOMEN’S STATUS AND FAMILY WELLBEING IN THE OIC MEMBER STATES**

**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;

**Acknowledging** the outcomes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on October 20-21, 2014;-

**Acknowledging** the OIC Member States that have enacted 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 envisaged by women and reducing inequalities between women and men, and among poor and disadvantaged women in the OIC Member States, which earmarks the visionary and comprehensive strategy of the OIC to advance the status and empowerment of women;

**Recalling** 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 37<sup>th</sup> Session of CFM held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in 2010;

**Having taken note** of the Report of the Secretary General on the matter:

1. **Urges** the OIC Member States, yet to be done, 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.
2. **Considers** that poverty among women has to be alleviated to promote their status in the Muslim world, formulating a roadmap to rectify misperceptions concerning women.
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. **Requests** the OIC Member States, yet to be done, to adopt appropriate measures to promote Islamic principles for reinforcing and consolidating the foundations of the family unit, dignity, and empowerment of women and girls.
5. **Urges** the governments of the OIC Member States, yet to do so to be done, 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.
6. **Encourages** the OIC Member States to hold regional expert meetings to prepare guidelines 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.
7. **Calls for** the denunciation of the aggressions and the bloodshed perpetrated against women and children by the occupation regime against Palestine.
8. **Welcomes** the adoption of the Mechanism for the implementation of the OPAAW by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States as a comprehensive plan of action and **endorses** it for implementation by

Member States in coordination with the General Secretariat within the prescribed timeframes.

9. **Welcomes** also the Tehran Declaration of the *3<sup>rd</sup> 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" within the framework of the Ten-Year Program of Action, section I (2) in accordance with Resolution No.60/27-P and Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam as outlined in the OPPAW OPAAW, Section I (1) and Recommendation laid down in Para (30) of the Tehran Declaration issued by the Third Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States (Women, Family, Economy).
11. **Appreciates** the OIC General Secretariat and the Government of Azerbaijan for the successful holding of the *5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States* in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 20- 21 October 2014.
12. **Commends** the OIC General Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful holding of the *5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States*, held in Baku on 20-21 October 2014, and **endorses** the Baku Declaration that, inter alia, establishes an Expert Group Meeting, in the second semester of 2015, to review OPAAW with a view to bringing it in conformity with the current discourse under the United Nations Post-2015 Agenda, as well as the OIC 2025 Program of Action, mainly on issues related to sustainable development goals, and **encourages** for the revised OPAAW to be endorsed by the *6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference on Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States*, which is scheduled to take place in 2016.
13. **Welcomes** the offer of the Government of the Republic of Turkey to host the *6<sup>th</sup> Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States*, in 2016.
14. **Calls** on the Member States to sign and ratify the statute of the specialized Organization for Women Development, based in Cairo with the view to operationalize it and to cooperate and coordinate with the General Secretariat for the implementation of the Islamic Summit Conferences and CFM resolutions on women's advancement.
15. **Calls** upon ISESCO to implement the project on completing the *Atlas of Muslim Women Heroin's in Member States*, as well as *childhood guide in Member States*, and *Elderly guide in Member states*, while coordinating in initiation and preparation of similar reports covering and mapping innovations in all the OIC Member States after

regular intervals of every 2 years for its release at the corresponding Ministerial Meeting.

16. **Calls** on IRCICA to undertake the project of Female Muslim leaders in welfare “*WAQF AL SULTANAT*” and organize workshops on the subject while covering similar initiations of similar publications covering Women leadership and Participation in OIC member states every 2 years for its release at the OIC Ministerial Women conference.
17. **Invites** all OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions to urge public and private sector universities to establish an *OIC Female Educational Exchange Programme* under the OIC scholarships at graduate, masters, doctoral and post-doctoral levels, as well as to establish women studies and family research chairs in higher education and research institutions with a view to positively contributing for women empowerment, and courses on parenting and family management, trainings on marriage and family management as requirements for marriage certification in OIC Member States aimed at raising awareness on the sanctity of marriage and reducing divorce rates.
18. **Calls** on the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to establish, in coordination with the General Secretariat, an *OIC Award for Female Scholars, Young Leaders, and Entrepreneurs*, as well as its efforts mobilizing financial resources in this regard, the results of which to be presented at the corresponding Ministerial Meeting.
19. **Mandates** the General Secretariat, in coordination with Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) and International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), to initiate an ad-hoc ‘Family Consultative Committee (FCC)’ to review various legal and institutional frameworks and legislations pertaining to the family so as to provide periodical up-to-date analysis of current trends and development, reports and feedback to OIC Member States regarding the development of family legal affairs and production of materials on families, children and elderly.
20. **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.
21. **Calls** on the General Secretariat to coordinate with concerned OIC institutions, including the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC) and the International Union of Muslim Scouts (IUMS) in implementing projects aimed at fostering young women and girls’ leadership and training for future role in development and in establishing female sports centers for healthy women lifestyles.
22. **Urges** the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), in coordination with the General Secretariat, to create a special Family division with the involvement of women

experts aiming at providing solutions for religious, juristic, cultural issues related to Muslim women/family.

23. **Takes note** with appreciation of the initial steps of cooperation between the General Secretariat and UN Women in supporting OIC Member States to advance women's rights and gender equality within an Islamic context and perspective.
24. **Calls on** ISESCO to organize, in coordination with the General Secretariat and SESRIC, international events on gender, promotion of the family, reproductive health, Childhood, youth and elderly in Member States, and calls on SESRIC to prepare OIC outlooks on these subjects.

### **C) CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD**

**Recalling** in particular, the provisions of the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of the rights of the child;

**Welcoming** the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic world, adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF;

**Recognizing** that the family has the prime responsibility for nurturing and protecting children as well as for full and harmonious development of their personality.

Also, recognizing that in accordance with domestic legislations, religious leaders have a role in teaching and promoting of children health and wellbeing and in prevention of violence against children.

Emphasizing the importance of ensuring access to quality education for all children from their early childhood.

1. **Requests** the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic world, and to reiterate Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.
2. **Welcomes the** contribution of UNICEF in supporting improvement of child conditions in the Islamic world, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.
3. **Commends** the State of Qatar for its role in promoting the status of women and children and the institutions it sponsors which play major roles in this regard

throughout the world, such as the Qatar Foundation for Education and Science and the Charity Hands.

4. **Urges** Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions and wellbeing of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, children with special needs children without guardians and children in conflict with the law by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.
5. **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 safe family and children.
6. **Urges** the Member States to take necessary action to implement the Rabat declaration adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Ministerial Conference on Children.
7. **Welcomes** the outcome of the *3<sup>rd</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers In-charge of Childhood* held in Tripoli, Libya on February 10-11, 2011 and calls for its implementation.
8. **Appreciates** the OIC General Secretariat and the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful outcome of the *4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers In charge of Childhood*, held in Baku in November 2013.
9. **Welcomes** the offer of the United Arab Emirates to host the *5<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers In charge of Childhood*, in 2015, with the close coordination between ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat, and **encourages** Member States to actively participate and contribute for the success of this event.
10. **Commends** the efforts of OIC General Secretariat, ISESCO and other relevant OIC institutions in promoting the status of children and preserving their rights and further commended OIC's active involvement in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.
11. Urges Member States to take necessary measures and actions for the protection of wellbeing and psychological health of children in conflict and post conflict situations and refugee Camps.
12. **Encourages** Member States to promote the wellbeing of children and act against violence against children and children school dropout.

13. **Calls upon** OIC Member States to establish support centers in order to protecting children who are victims of violence
14. **Requests** the General Secretariat to engage on media awareness that highlights the role of family to safeguard the future of the next generations and help to build parenting strategies to overcome challenges of parenting in the future.

#### **D) PROMOTING YOUTH BUILDING CAPACITY IN THE ISLAMIC WORLD**

**Emphasizing** the role of the youth in the future of the Islamic world in building nations, 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 and coordination among the Islamic States with a view to achieving the best levels of an all-embracing and just progress for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah;

**Affirming** the need for Member States to create appropriate forums for the youth of the Muslim world to closely follow the activities of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation with a view to contributing for its development;

**Taking note** of the need for Member States to encourage media and Social curricula to promote family values and traditions among youth.

**Reaffirming** further the importance of the institution of marriage in Islam which requires developing approaches by Member States to facilitate marriage among youth in the Islamic Societies;

1. **Underscored** the importance of the youth and their role in the society and calls for building youth capacity by further training, promotion and empowerment.
2. **Calls on** Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education of Muslim Youth to enhance their role in development with a view to meeting future challenges.
3. **Welcomes** the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the *1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth* on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein, and calls for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth.

4. **Commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the OIC General Secretariat and the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation for the successful holding the *2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports*, held in Jeddah, on 17-18 March 2014.
5. **Requests** the Member States to increase efforts to raise awareness and fight drugs abuse by improving the role of family and NGO's advice centers.
6. **Welcomes** the readiness of the Republic of Turkey and of the Islamic Republic of Iran to exchange their experience and information in the area of drug abuse with the OIC Member States.
7. **Calls** on the OIC Member States to ensure that young people with disabilities and those who are socially and economically underprivileged are afforded equal opportunities to fully participate in the society.
8. **Commends** HE the Secretary General for convening the *1<sup>st</sup> Coordination Meeting OIC Institutions Active in the Field of Youth*, held in Jeddah on 9 November 2014, in which participating institutions, including ISESCO, ISSF, ICYFDC, and IUMS, were to build close coordinating and organize their activities through a memorandum of understanding, and **urges** these institutions to finalize and sign the proposed MoU for consideration and adoption by the 43<sup>rd</sup> CFM.
9. **Calls** on the OIC youth institutions to provide training and learning opportunities for OIC youth males and females and initiate yearly OIC camps to promote youth capacity building, awareness, participation and a culture of moderation.
10. **Takes note** of recent developments leading to major changes affecting, in large part radicalization and disenfranchising of youth, and in follow-up to the declarations of *Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport Ministers* in regards to safeguarding and protecting youth from social illnesses and extremism, and **calls** upon 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 climates 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. SAFEGUARDING THE WELLBEING AND SOCIAL SECURITY OF ELDERLY AND PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEED IN THE MUSLIM WORLD**

**Aware** of the lack of appropriate OIC policies on the need to promote and safeguard the wellbeing and social security of elderly and people with special needs in the Muslim world,

**Also aware** of the increasing number of elderly in the OIC Member States due to improvements in life style and health services over recent decades, given the significant reduction in mortality rates;

**Affirming** the need to enhance the participation and inclusion of senior citizens and people with special needs in the democratic process, including their role in sustaining and educating future younger generations through exchange of daily life experiences and teachings,

**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 related supporting institutions and support Muslim values and traditions for a healthy elderly life in family and society.

**Bearing in mind** that elderly refugees together with women and children are among the people who are in the most vulnerable situation.

1. **Recommends** 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 OIC Policy on People with Special Need (OPPSN), which would provide strategies and guidelines for safeguarding the wellbeing and social security of elderly and people with special needs, as well as enhance their need for engagement in all important processes leading to development of OIC Member States, and further improve funding opportunities for their programs, and various social and medical services.
2. **Decides** that the OPE and OPPSN are to be submitted for discussion and endorsement by concerned experts and ministers of OIC Member States, in this regard, calls for the establishment of the *Islamic Ministerial Conference on the Wellbeing and Social security of Elderly and People with Special Needs in the Muslim World*, and **urges** OIC Member States to offer the hosting of this important event every two years, the first being in 2016.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5/42-C**  
**ON**  
**ISLAMIC, CULTURAL, CENTRES AND INSTITUTES**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

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

**A) REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION (RICE), ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**

1. **Emphasizes** once again the importance of the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.
2. **Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.
3. **Appreciates** the plans of RICE project to design new programs in the spirit of information technology including television, the internet, emails etc for promoting the Arabic language and Islamic Culture in non-Arabic countries.
4. **Expresses** its appreciation of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to ensure operation of the Institute and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also **expresses** appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

**B) ASSISTANCE TO THE ISLAMIC INSTITUTE OF TRANSLATION IN KHARTOUM**

**Reiterating** the importance of the mission of the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and the pioneering and vital role it plays in promoting translation, consolidating the bonds between the Islamic States themselves on the one hand and between them and the other States on the other, and enhancing intra-civilizational dialogue and reflecting the image of the Islamic world and the culture of the other such as to

contribute to the intra cultural and scientific exchange in the service of the Islamic world and humanity at large. **Commending** the success and achievements of the institute during the previous years;

1. **Urges** and requests the Member States and the Islamic financial institutions foremost of which the IDB and the ISF, to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Translation Institute so that it may continue fulfilling its duties optimally. It also **pays tribute** in this connection to the ISF for its financial support to the Institute and urges it to keep up this assistance and **requests** the funds to set up special Waqfs to fund the institute and increase its financial resources.
2. **Pays tribute**, once again, to the Government of Sudan for its financial assistance to the Institute's budget such as to enable it to assume its role optimally, as well as for its contribution towards the resolution of the financial difficulties faced by the Institute and **expresses** thanks to the Government of the Sudan for this scholarships it offers to the students from the Member States and **urges** these states to benefit from them in the future.
3. **Requests** the Member States to extend their financial and technical assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum and **requests** the General Secretariat to cooperate with the institute in the field of training and to offer specialized training opportunities for the students of institute for them to benefit from the General Secretariat's expertise.
4. **Requests** the General Secretariat to make use of the various facilities offered by the Institute in the area of translation and training, for the General Secretariat and Member States' work and **requests** the administration of the institute to submit annual activity reports to the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
5. **Requests** the General Secretariat to open the Institute's door to the students from OIC Member States so that it may benefit all desirous citizens of the Islamic Ummah.

### **C) ASSISTANCE TO AHMED BABA INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC HIGHER STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN TIMBUKTU (MALI)**

**Recalling** the importance of the role played by the Institute in terms of research and preservation of manuscripts;

**Mindful** of Institute's need for support and assistance as proposed by the OIC mission to Timbuktu dispatched by His Excellency the Secretary General on March 04-09, 2006;

**Recalling** the appeal for support and assistance which the Secretary General had addressed to all OIC Member States and its specialized and affiliated organs;

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mali in taking charge of Institute's operating budget.

2. **Pays tribute** to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Libya, and the ISESCO for their qualitative contributions to Institute's functioning.
3. **Urges** other Member States, specialized institutions, and OIC affiliated cultural organs to extend the required material, financial and academic support to the Institute.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6/42-C**  
**ON**  
**SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2014, 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 months May and 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 reference books and organization of congresses on subjects relating to history, history of culture, 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. **Praises** the Centre's activities relating to the Islamic heritage of Al-Quds, in particular the "Al-Quds/Jerusalem 2015" program of architectural studies and workshops where professors and students from world universities study and highlight theoretical and practical aspects of the theme.
3. **Commends** the Centre's coordinating international projects and thematic sessions during Global Forums on inter-cultural dialogue which diffuse correct knowledge on Islam and its civilization, their values of inter-faith tolerance, and their history of cultural interactions with other cultures and civilizations.

4. **Takes note** of the regional congresses on the history of Islamic civilization and Muslim countries which help strengthen scholarly bonds between the Member States on one hand and the Muslim communities outside the Member States on the other and open new avenues of cooperation with regions within and outside the Muslim world; **welcomes** in this regard the planned congresses to focus on Sheikh Mussa Kamara and Zuhur al-Basatin, to be held in Dakar, Senegal; the history of Islamic civilization West Africa, to be held in Banjul, The Gambia; Southern Africa, to be held in Durban, South Africa; Southeast Europe and the Balkans, to be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, among others.
  
5. **Commends** the program of short-term schools titled “Islamic Urban Heritage. Research, Preservation and Management” conducted jointly with Al-Turath Foundation, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, lastly, in this context, the 2013 Summer School held in the Balkans and Southeast Europe in June-July 2013 and the Spring School held in Riyadh in March 2014 and **Welcomes** the Centre’s holding these schools periodically in different regions with multicultural and historical cities as case studies.
  
6. **Expresses its appreciation** of the organization of multidimensional events in the context of the Craft Development Program, including jointly co-organizing with the Ministry of Awqaf of Kuwait, of the Kuwait International Exhibition on “Handmade Prayer Carpets” (29 December 2013-9 January 2014) which witnessed the participation of Innovative Artisans who came from Turkey, Iran, Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Algeria, Mauritania and Beit al Sadou of the hosting country, State of Kuwait: and the organization of the Sharjah International Festival of Heritage Days” (6-25 April 2014), which included performance of various Folklore Musical Groups from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey, Algeria, Tunisia, and Senegal; Daghestan and Malaysia, display of various types of cooking from various countries of the Muslim World; display of Master Artisans-as at-work products and techniques from nearly 30 countries in most types of handmade products.
  
7. **Commends** the plans of IRCICA to organize in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture of the Republic of the Gambia the "Banjul International Festival of Arts, Crafts and Creativity" in Banjul on March 2015 which will include: Award of the OIC Seal of Excellence for Handicrafts (Awards worth US\$100.000); Banjul International Congress on "Innovation and Creativity in Arts and Crafts"; and Banjul International Exhibition of Artisans-as at-work; Also to Organise in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Information of the Government of Sharjah, UAE the Sharjah International Festival for Innovation in Handicrafts (1-30 July 2014) which will include the Sharjah International Award for Innovators in the field of handmade products; International Congress on the Tourism and Cultural Dimensions of Handicrafts and Exhibition of Artisans as at Works; The Sharjah International Festival on Traditional Costumes in the Muslim World (18-28 November 2014) which will include Sharjah International Award for Creativity in Traditional Costumes; Sharjah International Congress on Traditional Costumes of the Muslim World between Past,

Present and Future; Exhibition of Publications and Albums in the field of Traditional Costumes and Exhibitions of Master Artisans who are specialized in the field of Traditional Costumes.

8. **Takes note** of IRCICA's activities relating to the study and recording of Islamic architectural heritage, its contribution in this regard to knowledge and information for cultural tourism and its collaboration with international bodies concerned; *commends* the Islamic Architectural Heritage Database sponsored by H.R.H. Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Tourism and Antiquities, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and 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 continually with the Database unit at IRCICA.
9. **Takes note** with appreciation the innovative and regular activities of the Centre promoting the Islamic arts, in particular calligraphy, and in this regard, the training courses being conducted on regular basis where 108 calligraphers from 34 countries have received Ijaza-certificates by the end of 2013 and the forthcoming Symposium and Gathering of Calligraphers to be organized by IRCICA.
10. **Takes note** of the first issue of IRCICA Journal, an academic periodical aimed at promoting research and cooperation in cultural and social sciences on Islamic civilization and the Muslim world.
11. **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.
12. **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)**

1. **Expresses** its highest gratitude and respectful consideration to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as their Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies the Heads of State and Government of OIC Member States for their continued support for the work of the Academy, in fulfilling the lofty mission they entrusted to it: to highlight in the face of the world the dimensions of tolerance, fairness and moderation embodied by Islam, while reiterating at the same time, the role of the Academy as a reference institution in the field of Islamic jurisprudence for the Islamic Ummah.
2. **Expresses** its most sincere thanks to His Excellency Mr. Iyad Amin Madani, Secretary General of the OIC, for his keen interest in, and staunch support for the Academy and

its activities.

3. **Welcomes** the special care as well as the outstanding scientific contributions and constant support of His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Saleh Bin Abdullah Bin Humaid, Chairman of the Council, toward the Academy, which encourages this institution to do more and better in its search for Sharia compliant solutions to new issues facing Muslims and the Ummah as a whole.
4. **Welcomes** the outstanding performance by His Eminence Professor Ahmed Khalid Babiker, as head of the Academy Secretariat, and the eminent role he plays in the service of Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh) and other Islamic issues of interest to Muslims. It **Also Pays Tribute** to the staff of the Secretariat of the Academy for their commendable efforts during the period between the 37<sup>th</sup> and the 38<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs.
5. **Commends** the efforts of the Islamic Fiqh Academy in addressing issues relating to Islamic economics and finance and **Urges** it to continue to do so because of their impact on the development and prosperity of Islamic financial industry.
6. **Welcomes** the contribution of the Academy in the fight against polio, through the holding of consultative meetings with the Associations of Muslim Scholars of Pakistan and Somalia respectively and **Invites** them to continue to their activities aiming at raising the awareness of the population about the critical need to vaccinate their children against this disease that must be eradicated everywhere and by all means possible.
7. **Welcomes** efforts exerted by the Academy in order to clarify, simplify and popularize the provisions of the Islamic Sharia on "Halal" food and for its actions for the development and adoption of specifications and standards governing "Halal" food and "Halal" certification bodies.
8. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and its Islamic Research and Training Institute (IRTI) for their ongoing support of the Academy and **Urges** them to complete the translation and publication of the resolutions of the Academy in other languages of the Islamic Ummah, given the importance of the subjects they deal with to Muslims living in non-Arabic speaking countries.
9. **Expresses** its sincere appreciation to the Government and the competent authorities of the State of Kuwait for having offered to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> session of the Scientific Council of the Academy, from 22 to 25 March 2015, in Kuwait City.
10. **Calls upon** Fiqh Academy (IIFA), in coordination with the General Secretariat, to create a special family division with the involvement of women experts aiming at providing solutions for religious, juristic, cultural issues related to Muslim women/

family, including women in public space, gender mixing, women societal marginalization and treatment, as well as sustainable solutions for marriage, divorce and family problems.

11. **Expresses** its gratitude to Member States that have so far hosted the sessions of the Scientific Council of the Academy and are: the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (9 sessions), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (2 sessions), the United Arab Emirates (3 sessions), one in Abu Dhabi, one in Dubai and Sharjah; the State of Kuwait (3 sessions); Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Qatar, the Sultanate of Oman, Malaysia and Algeria (1 session each). This is clear proof, among others, of the support of these countries to the Academy.
12. **Appeals** to other OIC Member States to host the next sessions of the Council of the Academy, contributing thereby to the achievement of goals and objectives for which this institution was created.
13. **Welcomes** the excellent quality and content of the scientific publications of the Academy on topics and studies that provide answers which Muslims individually and the Ummah collectively, need to address the new problems and civilizational, intellectual and scientific challenges they face. In this chapter, a special mention goes to "*The Journal of the Academy*" that, with the release of its 19<sup>th</sup> edition, has reached a total number of sixty-two (62) volumes.
14. **Expresses** its gratitude to Member States that have settled their mandatory contributions to the budget of Academy and **Reiterates** its appeal to other Member States that have not yet done so to make the necessary arrangements toward this end as soon as possible. The Commission **Also Recommends** that all Member States provide moral and material support to the Academy so that it can successfully fulfill its high mission to serve the Islamic Ummah.

### C) ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND ITS WAQF (ISF)

1. **Expresses** its keen interest to preserve this important Islamic organ which is rightly considered as a noble symbol of Islamic solidarity.
2. **Exhorts** Member States to commit themselves to make annual donations - within their available means - in favor of the ISF budget and contribute to the capital of the ISF Waqf.
3. **Exhorts** Member States, which had pledged donations, to fulfill their pledges as soon as possible.
4. **Expresses** its profound thanks and gratitude to the Member States which made donations to the Fund and its Waqf during the financial year 2014, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

5. **Approves** the Report of the Chairman of the ISF Permanent Council.
6. **Adopts** the Permanent Council's approval of the ISF Closing Accounts for the financial year 2014.
7. **Approves** the Permanent Council's adoption of the ISF budget estimates for projects, of US\$ 20 million, for the financial year 2016.
8. **Calls** upon Member States to pay their statutory contributions to the ISF operational budget for the financial year 2016, which amounts to US\$ 1,260,000.
9. **Invites** the Permanent Council to continue providing assistances to projects as well as cultural, Islamic and educational centers in the Muslim world.
10. **Expresses** thanks and gratitude 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** thanks and gratitude to H.E. the OIC Secretary General of the OIC for his efforts, distinct sponsorship and continued attention towards enabling the ISF to achieve its goals.
12. **Also expresses** thanks and gratitude 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.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 7/42-C**  
**ON**  
**SPECIALISED INSTITUTIONS**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) held in Tunis- Republic of Tunisia on 2 to 4 May 2013

**Emphasizing** the need for all relevant specialized institutions to submit their work programmes and annual report of their activities to the General Secretariat by months May and November of each year with a view to allowing work complementarity 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 fields of competence: namely, education, science, culture and communication; **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 2016-2018, which reflects a holistic, innovative and coherent multidisciplinary strategic vision; **lauds** ISESCO's remarkable contribution to implementing the Ten-Year Action Programme adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Session; and **expresses** appreciation of the activities implemented by ISESCO under this programme.
2. **Welcomes** the signing by ISESCO of cooperation agreements and action programmes with several international, Islamic and Arab organizations; **commends** the joint

activities implemented in this connection, particularly international conferences and symposia and developmental projects, which have added impetus to the invaluable initiatives of ISESCO Director General to establish varied cooperation relations that have been crowned with numerous programmes which were implemented by ISESCO in association with parallel organizations and institutions, thus contributing to highlighting the true image of the Muslim world; and **invites** ISESCO to pursue such commendable efforts.

3. **Expresses** its 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, in accordance with the relevant international resolutions; **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, Gaza and all Palestinian territories; and **welcomes** the convening by ISESCO of the seventh meeting of ISESCO Archaeology Experts Committee on the new Israeli attempts to judaize Al-Quds Al-Sharif (25-27 March 2014, Amman, Jordan).
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 relevant Islamic conferences, in coordination with the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, and in cooperation with the relevant regional and international organizations.
5. **Commends** the actions made by ISESCO to develop educational capacities in the Member States and beyond, in the fields of teaching Arabic to non-Arabic speakers, literacy and adult education, through its specialized educational centres and delegations in the Republic of Chad, the Union of Comoros, the Republic of Niger, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Guinea, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Burkina Faso, the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Malaysia, and through such advanced specialized teaching aids as (*Al Amal*) and (*Alarabya Almuyassara*) series; and **lauds** the educational and civilizational project on the transcription of Muslim peoples' languages in the Standardized Quranic Script being implemented by ISESCO in cooperation in cooperation with its partners, and commends the educational and civilizational project which aims at ensuring integration and interaction between Arab Islamic traditional schools and modern schools in Africa and Asia.
6. **Welcomes** the steps taken by ISESCO towards updating the Strategy for the Promotion of Education in Islamic Countries in such a way as to keep abreast of new educational, social and economic developments in Member States and outside the Muslim world and to provide a comprehensive guiding framework for addressing

present-time and future challenges, based on a holistic prospective vision that would promote joint Islamic action in education; and **thanks** the Republic of Azerbaijan for accepting to host the First Islamic Conference of Education Ministers, in Baku, in 2015.

7. **Commends** the efforts and actions made by ISESCO to foster intercultural dialogue and the alliance of civilizations and religions, redress the false image held about Islam and Muslims in the West and counter Islamophobia; **welcomes** ISESCO's initiative to strengthen Africa's role in the alliance of civilizations, **welcoming**, in this regard, the holding, in coordination with the General Secretariat, of a conference on *Strengthening Africa's Role in the Alliance of Civilizations* in the second semester of 2015; and **invites** the Organization to carry on such efforts inside the Muslim world and beyond, in association with its regional and international partner organizations, and to pursue coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and the Member States to undertake innovative initiatives and put in place mechanisms to counter the fierce campaign targeting Islamic sanctities and cultural symbols, in coordination with national, regional and international media and communication outlets.
8. **Commends** the efforts of ISESCO in improving Higher Education systems in the Member States, constitution of the High-Level Quality and Accreditation Committee to follow-up on the implementation of the "Key Performance Indicators" in the OIC Member States, its Terms of Reference (TOR) and thanks the Ministry of Higher Education, under the chairmanship of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and **expresses** its support and appreciation for launching of the project "TAFAHUM" on exchange of students, faculty and researchers among Universities in the Islamic World, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat and in cooperation with its Student's Exchange Programme, and **urges** ISESCO and OIC to establish a general framework, to enhance partnerships among the universities and prestigious schools, and to share experience and knowledge, with the ultimate aim to foster peace, understanding and mutual respect among the Member States and with others.
9. **Thanks** ISESCO for implementing a number of national, regional and international activities in the cities celebrated every year as Islamic culture capitals; and **invites** it to pursue such support. It also **commends** the efforts the Member States hosting Islamic culture capitals for 2014 (Sharjah, Bishkek and Ouagadougou) and in preparing and implementing the celebration programmes, and **welcomes** the resolution of ISESCO's 10<sup>th</sup> General Conference calling for the expansion of the Islamic Culture Capitals Programme to include Islamic historic cities from outside the OIC Member States.
10. **Appreciates** the efforts exerted to launch the report on "Transforming Arab Economies: the Knowledge and Innovation Road" to speed up their progress towards knowledge- and innovation-based economies through provision of well-articulated and coordinated cross-sectoral knowledge economy strategies for their countries and also for duplicating these efforts in the Asian and African Member States to accelerate their transition towards the knowledge-economies.

11. **Recommends** the establishment of “Islamic World Observatory of Science and Technology” to map Member States science, technology and innovation capabilities, provide decision and policy makers with national and global scientific and technological trends and statistical data for evidence based policy making and planning, and lauds the establishment of the “Pan-Islamic Research and Education Network (PIREN)” within the framework of ISESCO and efforts exerted to create national research and education networks to promote the use of and activate PIREN as a cyber-collaboration platform for scientists, researchers and education networks, and improve connectivity for sharing knowledge and good practices, stimulating joint research and addressing relevant challenges.
12. **Lauds** the efforts of the ISESCO Centre for Promotion of Scientific Research (ICSPR) in encouraging the scientists and researchers towards excellence in their performances, and **urges** the Member States to invest more in research and development, especially through mobilizing more private sector investment, as well as more resources in developing human capital and building up institutional and scientific capacities to optimize the use of such investments and ensure effective sustainability of the various interventions.
13. **Invites** ISESCO to pursue its efforts and further 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. It also **welcomes** the convening of the First Forum of the Heads of Islamic Cultural Centres outside the Islamic World during the year of 2015 in coordination with the General Secretariat; **calls on** ISESCO to pursue its efforts in this regard; **commends** ISESCO’s efforts in responding to the media smear campaigns targeting Islam and its civilization and countering Islamophobia; and **praises** ISESCO's *Course to Train Journalists and Broadcasters in Addressing Stereotypes about Islam and Muslims in Western Media*, which was adopted by the 7<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (Algiers, 18-19 December 2011) and the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Information Ministers (Libreville, 17-20 April 2012).
14. **Commends** ISESCO’s efforts aimed at boosting the Islamic World Heritage Committee’s action towards preserving Islamic heritage in the Member States, particularly the special attention it gives to the protection of endangered Islamic cultural heritage in Al-Quds Al-Sharif, Iraq and Afghanistan; and **stresses** the necessity of coordination and collaboration with IRCICA in this regards.
15. **Lauds** the efforts the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW) devotes to establishing university chairs, devising plans and strategies and implementing activities and programmes to promote university education as a means for championing Muslim communities’ causes and as an agent of comprehensive

sustainable development; and **commends** the FUIW's role in developing partnership and cooperation with the Member Universities and parallel organizations through its achievements and initiatives, which has earned the FUIW its position as a leading player in joint Islamic action, particularly through the effective role it plays in the implementation of activities, programmes and projects within the framework of partnership and cooperation.

16. **Commends** ISESCO's efforts to hold the 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers in Charge of Childhood, in Abu Dhabi, in 2015, and the 9<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers, in Nizwa, in 2015, on the occasion of the celebration of Nizwa as Islamic Culture Capital for 2015, in cooperation with the competent national parties and in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat; and **invites** the Member States to actively participate in these conferences.
17. **Invites** ISESCO, in coordination with the General Secretariat, to call on the governments of the OIC Member States to adopt the necessary policies and programs for promoting the education of women and girls, promote women role in the decision making and Sustainable development, and produce publications and programs to empower Women and Family through broader educational strategy.
18. Calls on ISESCO to implement the project of *Atlas of Muslim Women Heroines in Member States*, as well as Childhood Guide in Member States, Elderly Guide in Member States while coordinating in initiation and preparation of similar reports covering and mapping innovations in all the OIC Member States after regular intervals of every two years for its release at the corresponding Ministerial Meeting.
19. **Expresses** its sincerest thanks, appreciation and gratitude to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and to His Royal Highness Crown Prince Megren bin Abdulaziz, and 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.
20. **Expresses** its deep appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Mohammed VI for the constant support the Moroccan government extends to ISESCO to discharge its mission in the most optimal manner.

## **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 programmes.

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. **Expresses** its sincere thanks to Libya, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the State of Qatar, States parties to the ICIC agreement that paid their financial contributions, to the ICIC budget up to 2013.
6. **Calls** upon other States parties to the ICIC agreement, who have not yet done, to pay their contributions to the ICIC budget for 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
7. **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.
8. **Expresses** its deep thanks to Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Islamic Bank the International Islamic Relief Organization for their support to the ICIC, and **calls** upon them to continue offering more assistance to it.
9. **Expresses** its full appreciation to the Turkish Red Crescent, the Saudi Red Crescent Authority, 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.
10. **Calls** on the Islamic OIC concerned institutions to extend financial and material support to the ICIC humanitarian programs.
11. **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, and Central Africa.
12. **Calls** upon member States and concerned Islamic institutions to support the implementation of the ICIC program adopted in the frame work of cooperation and partnership by the third consultation meeting of the ICIC and the Red Crescent/Red Cross national Societies in OIC member States, on the irregular immigration in concerned African countries.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 8/42-C**  
**ON**  
**AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**Recalling** the decisions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other OIC Conferences, in particular the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Having taken note** of the decisions adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> I.S.S.F General Assembly Meeting as well as those of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> I.S.S.F Executive Committee Meetings;

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

**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) THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY SPORTS FEDERATION (ISSF)**

1. **Congratulates** HRH Prince Abdullah Bin Mosaad Bin Abdulaziz, for his unanimous election as I.S.S.F President and wishes him success in the realization of the I.S.S.F goals and progress serving the cause of youth in our Ummah;
2. **Lauds** the future activities the I.S.S.F has decided to implement within the framework of its 2014-2016 Plan, urging the Islamic Member States to host and participate in these activities to ensure their success and achieve key objectives of the I.S.S.F and encouraging them to provide all possible material and moral support for the I.S.S.F;
3. **Presents** due thanks to the Republic of Indonesia for organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in Palembang 2013 and to all member States that participated in this outstanding sport event.
4. **Presents** due thanks to the Republic of Uganda, represented by the Uganda Olympic Committee for the very successful organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> I.S.S.F Weightlifting Championship in 2014 and to Member States that took part therein;

5. **Presents** due thanks to the State of Qatar, represented by Qatar Olympic Committee for the very successful organization of the 2014 International Islamic Triathlon Championship held under the umbrella of the I.S.S.F and wishes success in future editions;
6. **Expresses** its support to the I.S.S.F-ISESCO cooperation leading to the organization of the 6<sup>th</sup> Session of Sports Medicine and Anti-doping Course for the Francophone member NOCs in the city of Salé, Morocco from 3-6 June 2014 in collaboration with the Moroccan Olympic Committee and the World Anti-doping Agency (WADA).
7. **Welcomes** the common will of the I.S.S.F, Indonesia Olympic Committee and the Local Government of the Province of South Sumatera to develop sport cooperation in service of the Ummah youth by organizing an annual sport event in the City of Palembang and signature of the memorandum of understanding by the three parties; and supports the I.S.S.F call to members states to sign similar MOUs which boost the I.S.S.F future plans.
8. **Presents** its appreciation to members states – represented by their respective NOCs - supporting the I.S.S.F in 2015 by hosting the following activities:

The 2 <sup>nd</sup> I.S.S.F Prince Nayef Bin Abdulaziz Parachuting Championship	Saudi Arabia
Islamic Triathlon Championship	Qatar
The 3 <sup>rd</sup> I.S.S.F Weightlifting Championship	Turkey
The I.S.S.F Taekwondo Championship	Azerbaijan
The I.S.S.F Tennis Championship	Indonesia
The I.S.S.F Kick Boxing Championship	Jordan
The Rugby Crescent Cup	Malaysia
The I.S.S.F Defense Sports Tournament	Tunisia

9. **Welcomes** the I.S.S.F General Assembly's approval of the bid of the Republic of Azerbaijan to host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games in 2017 and **wishes** success for Azerbaijan in this regard;
10. **Welcomes** the I.S.S.F Executive Board decision to admit Air Sports to the Federation's program as well as the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> I.S.S.F Air Sports Championship, in Saudi Arabia, September 2014;

11. **Welcomes** all resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM), held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on 17 and 18 March 2014 while urging member states to put these resolutions into action and cooperate with the OIC Secretariat and I.S.S.F to develop plans and strategies as required for the achievement of goals.
12. **Takes note** of the ICYSM approval of changing the name of the “Supervision and Coordination Office for Youth in Islamic Countries” to become “The Islamic Countries Youth Council”, based in Riyadh under the umbrella of the I.S.S.F.
13. **Authorizes** the I.S.S.F, being the ICYSM General Secretariat, and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYFDC) to take due action for the preparation and the organization of the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the ICYSM in cooperation with the conference organizing committee in the Republic of Turkey and the OIC General Secretariat.
14. **Extols** the signature of the Common Work Agreement between the I.S.S.F and the I.S.E.S.C.O, implementation plan and the confirmation of cooperation among OIC organs;
15. **Welcomes** the decision of the I.S.S.F Executive Board approving the I.S.S.F Activity Plan for the next few years which highlights the incorporation of new aspects particularly women sport, environment, and tourism with the I.S.S.F sport activities, and **encourages** NOCs in member states and other concerned organizations to contribute to these activities as a means of achieving progress and prosperity for youth in member countries.
16. **Calls** upon Member States to fulfill their financial obligations towards the I.S.S.F and take the initiative to settle their outstanding annual subscriptions in order to enable the I.S.S.F to assume its roles and activities;
17. **Commends** the proposal of the I.S.S.F to sign a partnership agreement with a specialized firm to undertake necessary studies regarding the realization of new financing resources for the Federation.
18. **Expresses** its appreciation to the I.S.S.F General Secretariat for undertaking the preparations for the various I.S.S.F activities and events, contributing to the achievement of the I.S.S.F goals and objectives;
19. **Expresses** its gratitude to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia under the leadership of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, H.R.H. Crown Prince Salman Bin Abdulaziz, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Defense as well as H.R.H. the Second Crown Prince Miqren Bin Abdulaziz, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Premier, HM Adviser and Special Envoy - may Allah save them – for hosting the I.S.S.F headquarters and for their material and moral support to the I.S.S.F as a

reflection of their unshakeable belief in the need to uphold all the issues of youth in the Islamic Ummah.

## **B) THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE YOUTH FORUM FOR DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION (ICYF-DC)**

1. **Appreciates** the financial contribution by the Government of Turkey towards the Forum's annual budget; and calls upon the Member States as well as the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions and other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF-DC, to provide financial contribution towards the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC;
2. **Welcomes** contribution by the Government of Azerbaijan towards the activities of the Eurasian Regional Center of ICYF-DC; and looks forward to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement related to providing ICYF-DC Regional Centre with appropriate office premises;
3. **Acknowledges** the successful organization of the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of ICYF-DC on 9-11 October 2014 in Istanbul, the Republic of Turkey; commends its work, in particular adoption of the "*10 Goals in 10 Years*" *Istanbul Youth Declaration* setting strategic goals for development of youth of Ummah in the next 10 years and calls upon the Member States and the OIC institutions to cooperate with ICYF-DC towards realization of the goals envisaged by the Declaration; Acknowledges ICYF-DC as the OIC youth institution, being an umbrella organization for the national youth councils of the OIC Member States as well as Muslim youth organizations from the non-OIC countries; Congratulates Amb. Elshad Iskandarov on his election as President of ICYF-DC as well as new Board Members of ICYF-DC both elected at the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly;
4. **Welcomes** the establishment of the "OIC Youth Capital" programme by ICYF-DC 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly; Congratulates the Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality on Istanbul's selection as The First OIC Youth Capital (May 2015 - May 2016); calls upon the Member States and the OIC institution to cooperate with ICYF-DC in realization of the OIC Youth Capital Programme and forward to ICYF-DC candidacies for the next OIC Youth Capital (May 2016 – May 2017);
5. **Welcomes** different ICYF-DC initiatives including but not limited to "10 Young Muslims who can change the World" Global Award; establishing National Youth Councils in the OIC Member States, in particular in the MENA region; "OIC Model" International Relations Training Program; "State of Muslim Youth" Annual report; "Mevlana" international student exchange programme and "Ibn Batuta" international youth exchange programme – all aimed at implementation of strategic targets of "*10 Goals in 10 Years*" *Istanbul Youth Declaration*; Endorses the ICYF-DC initiative to hold a Pre-Summit Youth Event as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit to be held in 2016

in the Republic of Turkey and requests the OIC General Secretariat and the host country to cooperate with ICYF-DC for successful realization of the initiative;

6. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Islamic Countries Young Entrepreneurs Network (ICYEN) initiated and developed by ICYF-DC, and being an affiliated platform to ICYF-DC and aimed at developing of youth entrepreneurship in the OIC Member States and growth in youth employment; Welcomes cooperation between ICYF-DC and the State of Qatar on development of ICYEN Project and looks forward to speedy completion of the provisions of the Agreement on ICYEN signed between the ICYF-DC and Qatar Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations; while endorsing previous cooperation on the issues calls upon the Member States, IDB, ICCIA and other relevant institutions to provide financial and other support to ICYF-DC in enhancing full-fledged capacity of ICYEN, in particular towards ICYEN Business Forum and Convention to be held in June 2015 in Kazan;
7. **Expresses** the assurances that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (UNDP SUSSC), UNESCO, ILO and UNEP will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC; welcomes the cooperation between ICYF-DC and UNDP SUSSC for implementation of the Young Entrepreneurs Development (YED) programme;
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; welcomes “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign initiated in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day Program” and aimed at disseminating of historical truth on the mass massacre of Azerbaijani civilians perpetrated by the Armenian armed forces in the town of Khojaly (the Republic of Azerbaijan) in February 1992, which constitutes the crime against humanity; and calls upon Member States and OIC institutions to support and actively participate in the events 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 the perpetrators; Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation signed between ICYF-DC and the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States envisaging cooperation between two institutions in the fields of common interest, including cooperation on “Justice for Khojaly” international civil awareness Campaign in the framework of the “OIC Memorial Day” initiative;
9. **Welcomes** the establishment of the Global Youth Movement for the Alliance of Civilization (GYMAoC) at its First Convention held on 7-10 April 2011, in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan and 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-AoC Cooperation and calls upon the UNAoC, the Member States and OIC institutions to support ICYF-DC as the representative of the OIC youth in GYMAoC and coordinate their relevant actions vis-à-vis UNAoC youth programs and further development of GYMAoC with relevant position of ICYF-DC during preparation to and at the forthcoming 7<sup>th</sup> UNAoC Global Forum in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, in 2016; Commends ICYF-DC's efforts and actions to combat Islamophobia including cooperation to this end with the Republic of Azerbaijan and UNAoC and other relevant partners and supports the ICYF-DC initiative to establish a platform in Europe to monitor and counter Islamophobia and violent radicalization;

10. **Endorses** Memorandum of Understanding between ICYF-DC and National Youth Organization of Iran (NYOIR) signed in November 2009 in Tehran (IRI) and action Plan signed by the parties in November 2010 in follow up to the said MOU; calls upon member States to actively support implementation of the programs, meetings and conferences envisaged in the MOU and its Action Plan;
11. **Mandates** the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC), Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF) and the host country to start preparations for the 3rd Islamic Conference of Ministers responsible for Youth and Sports to be held in 2016 in Turkey in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat;
12. **Welcomes** the OIC Secretary General's initiative on holding the "1<sup>st</sup> Coordination Meeting of the OIC Institutions Active in the Field of Youth" held on 9 November 2014, in Jeddah, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Requests the ISSF and ICYF-DC to coordinate their cooperation through memorandum of understanding, with a view of clarifying of their respective areas of activities;
13. **Welcomes** the cooperation of ICYF-DC with the OIC General Secretariat on whole range of youth issues as the major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and requests the Secretary General to submit annual report on the Forum's activities to the next session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

### C) INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MUSLIM SCOUTS (IUMS)

1. **Bless** future activities IUMS decided to do within his plan 2014/2015, 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 and the Crown Crown to embrace the headquarters of the International Union of Muslim Scouts in Jeddah and moral support in terms of full faith interest in all issues related to the youth of the Islamic nation.
3. **Expresses** its sincere thanks and gratitude to His Excellency the High Iyad Madani Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to support the activities and programs of IUMS
4. **Expresses** its sincere gratitude to His Excellency Dr. Azzam Al-Dakhil, Minister of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its support for the participation of Saudi university students in international trips for students and university students.
5. **Expresses** its congratulations to Dr. Zuhair Hussain Ghunaim, Secretary-General of the International Union of Muslim Scouts on the occasion of assuming (Bronze Wolf Award) in forty World Scout Conference in Slovenia's highest decoration detective in the world granted by the World Scout Organization distinct in Scouting Service.
6. **Expresses** its thanks to Mr. / Scott Terre Secretary-General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement, 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. It also expresses its thanks to Dr. Atef Abdel-Majid Abdul-Rahman, director of the Arab Scout region , the Secretary General of the Organization of Arab scout for his collaboration with the International Union of Muslim Scouts and its activities and programs and calls for further cooperation with the International Union of Muslim Scouts.
7. **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.
8. **Demanding** 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.

9. **Requests** from His Excellency Dr. Azzam Al-Dakhil, Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia agree to the opening of the "World of Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, training centers for the children of associates residing in distance learning" in Saudi Arabia.
10. **Bless** 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.
11. **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.
12. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to Ambassador Nasser Al Zaabi, head of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Organisation 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.
13. **Expresses** its gratitude and appreciation to His Excellency the President of the Sultan Qaboos University, HE Dr. Ali bin Saud Albimana, the participation of university students in international trips for students and university students held by the International Union of Muslim Scouts.
14. **Bless** 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 the Islamic Development Bank Prime Fund property Endowments Bank for their support and cooperation.
15. **Recommends** supporting the preparation Scout leaders Muslims 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.
16. **Requests** the Sports Federation of Islamic solidarity and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, coordination and cooperation in youth affairs through the signing of a memorandum of understanding to establish the activities and programs in collaboration with the International Union of Muslim Scouts.
17. **Expresses** its thanks to the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and of Culture (ISESCO), headed by Director General Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajiri 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.

18. **Bless** IUMS as an advisory body for training and international activities and programs organized by universities and Islamic countries in collaboration with ISESCO and asks Excellencies, Ministers of Higher Education and directors of universities to cooperate with them in this area.
19. **Bless** the start of commission agents Islamic universities to plan programs and activities that support Muslim Scouts and outstanding students and promote national unity.
20. **Minister of Youth and Sports recommends** emphasis on scouting associations to participate in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree to be held in Japan and coordination with the International Union of Muslim Scouts in regard to spiritual education.
21. **Thank** the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for hosting the Arab Scout camp in cooperation with the Arab Scout Organization and calls for members to participate.

#### **D) THE WORLD FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARAB-ISLAMIC SCHOOLS (WF-IAIS)**

1. **Recommends** to the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and bodies, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, 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.
2. **Recommends** continued support for the organisation of training courses for teachers of Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Balkans.
3. **Recommends** to the IDB and the ISF to contribute towards the printing of textbooks 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 printing press at its headquarters, as well as other printing presses in central locations in Muslim countries in order to maximize their utilization 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 with a view to helping 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 Bachelors 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 centre and forum of civilizations in London, the educational centre 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.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 9/42-C**  
**ON**  
**STANDING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
**(COMIAC)**

*The Forty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, (Session of Joint Vision to Strengthen Tolerance and Reject Terrorism), held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, on 09-10 Sha'ban 1436 H. (corresponding to 27-28 May 2015);*

**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 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (CFM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC, and 10<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Information held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran, on 2-4 December 2014,

**Recalling** the recommendations contained in the 10-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extra-ordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 December 2005;

**Taking note** of the important recommendations issued 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. **Thanks** the Government of Senegal for convening successfully the 9<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC in Dakar on October 11-12, 2010, which was preceded by a follow up meeting of COMIAC.
4. **Welcomes** the offer made by the Republic of Senegal to host the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the COMIAC in Dakar on 28-29 April 2015, and urges Member States to actively participate for its success.
5. **Invites** Member States and relevant OIC institutions to support and actively cooperate in the implementation of COMIAC's Plan of Action.
6. **Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the Financing of the COMIAC activities.

7. **Welcomes** the constant contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the COMIAC and invites the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programs and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.

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