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INNOVATION, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT SECTORS**

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**RESOLUTION NO.1/38-S&T  
ON  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MATTERS**

*The Thirty-Eighth session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Mindful** of the Resolution No 1/37 – S&T on Science and Technology Matters adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 18 – 20 May 2010;

**Bearing in mind** the Resolution No. 2/11-S&T(IS) on Atlas of Islamic-World Innovation adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit held in Dakar in March 2008;

**Referring** to the Resolution No. 4/35-S&T on the OIC Centers of Excellence adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18-20 June, 2008.

**Recalling** the Resolution No. 5/35-S&T on the OIC Prestigious Awards on Science, Technology and Innovation adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18-20 June, 2008.

**Commending** the role of the COMSTECH and the contributions of SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO and ICCI in the field of the development and promotion of science and technology in the Islamic World;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/38-CFM/2011/ST/SG-REP):

- 1. Approves** the expansion in the membership of the Task Force of the OIC Vision 1441 H to include three Member States from the three OIC regions, mandates the Task Force to monitor of implementation of the Vision 1441 H and Ten Year Programme of Action and agrees transfer of the Secretariat of the Task Force to the COMSTECH;

2. **Looks forward to the** launching of the country report on the Atlas of Islamic World Innovation for Malaysia and requests the project managers to expedite finalization of the remaining country reports;
3. **Calls upon** the Member States and the OIC institutions to extend generous financial support to the project on Atlas of Islamic World Innovation and requests the Joint Management Team to take all necessary measures for its early completion;
4. **Commends** the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and Islamic Republic of Iran for pledging US \$ five million each for the Science, Technology and Innovation Organization (STIO) for 2011;
5. **Welcomes** the commencement of the project by STIO for the establishment of Cellular and Molecular Therapeutics Research Unit (CAMTRU) in Syria;
6. **Commends the selection of** i) International Center for Diarrheal Disease Research (ICDDR), Dhaka, Bangladesh; ii) International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (T-IEJ Research Institute of Chemistry), Karachi, Pakistan; iii) Department of Physics, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey; iv) Institute of Advanced Studies in Basic Sciences, Zanzan, Islamic Republic of Iran and v) National Institute of Agronomy Research (INRA), Rabat, Morocco as the first five (5) OIC Centers of Excellence;
7. **Requests** the Islamic Development Bank to support the selected S & T Centers of Excellence in the Islamic world to achieve the world-class standards.
8. **Congratulates** the winners of the COMSTECH awards for prominent Muslim Scientists; IDB awards for prominent scientific and research institutions and ISESCO awards for Muslim scientists and technologists;
9. **Requests** the Government of the Republic of Djibouti to organize and host Exhibition and Conference on Science and Technology parallel to 39<sup>th</sup> CFM in conformity with one of the recommendations of the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology;
10. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2/38-S&T  
ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Recalling** the Resolution No 2/34–S&T on ranking of universities in OIC Member States adopted by the 34<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Islamabad, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on 15 – 17 May 2007;

**Further recalling** the decisions on this subject by the 35<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (ICMHESR) held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan on 6-8 October 2008.

**Taking note** of the report of the Technical Meeting of Experts held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 24 - 25 April 2010 in preparation for the Extra-ordinary meeting of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research amending the existing document on the ranking of universities from the OIC region as “Key Performance Indicators for Universities in the Islamic World”.

**Appreciating** the generous grant of scholarships through the OIC General Secretariat by the Governments of the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Yemen and Brunei Darussalam for students from the Member States to study in their respective universities;

**Commending** the role of the COMSTECH and the activities undertaken by ISESCO, SESRIC and IDB towards the promotion of higher education and scientific research in the Member States;

**Bearing in mind** the important role of the IUT, IUIU, IUN and IIUM in promoting higher education, research and development in various disciplines in furtherance of the OIC objectives;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/38-CFM/2011/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Welcomes** the outcome of the Fifth Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research with the theme of "Enculturation of Quality in

Academia, Research and Innovation Towards Prosperity of Ummah" held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19-20 October 2010;

2. **Urges** the OIC General Secretariat and ISESCO to finalize “Key Performance Indicators for the Universities in the Islamic World” and present it to the Extraordinary Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research, to be hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2011;
3. **Congratulates** the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) for successful organization and hosting of the first inter OIC-University Debate in December 2010 and requests IIUM to organize the event annually;
4. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat in collaboration with the related OIC institutions to keep the performance of the OIC-affiliated universities under review;
5. **Invites** the OIC Member States to convey nominations of eligible students for the scholarships offered by the Republic of Turkey, Republic of Yemen and Brunei Darussalam and calls upon other Member States to offer scholarships/training facilities in their respective institutions;
6. **Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and other related OIC institutions such as IDB and ISESCO to coordinate their efforts in the provision of scholarships;
7. **Welcomes** the offer of the Government of Sudan to host the Sixth Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research in 2012;
8. **Requests** the Secretary General to report on the implementation of these recommendations to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3/38-S&T  
ON  
HEALTH MATTERS**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Recalling** the Resolution No.4/11-S&T(IS) on the Global Cooperation for Combating Diseases and Epidemics adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar in March 2008;

**Further Recalling** the Resolution No. 3/37 – S&T on Health Matters adopted by 37<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 18 – 20 May 2010;

**Bearing in mind** the Declarations and Resolutions adopted by the First and Second Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur in June 2007 and Tehran in March 2009;

**Welcoming** the Third meeting of the Steering Committee on Health held at the OIC Headquarters in Jeddah from 22-23 January, 2011 to effectively and efficiently follow-up and monitor the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Health Ministers Conferences.

**Appreciating** the close coordination between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) and the financial contribution by the OIC Member States and other international donor agencies to the global efforts to eradicate polio;

**Welcoming** a joint event on combating polio organized by the OIC and GPEI at the sidelines of the annual session of the UN General Assembly in September 2010;

**Appreciating** the contribution of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for the procurement of polio vaccines for Afghanistan;

**Taking into consideration** a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria signed during the 36<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Damascus, 23-25 May 2009);

**Appreciating** the ongoing cooperation between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

**Noting with satisfaction** the efforts made by the General Secretariat in sensitizing the Member States, generating greater awareness, effective advocacy and contributing to the global efforts for elimination of polio, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria in the OIC Member States;

**Appreciating** the offer made by the Republic of Turkey to share expertise and cooperate with Member States in the control of tuberculosis and in the production of pharmaceuticals;

**Welcoming** the partnership between OIC-US and the Government of Mali to reduce mortality rate of mothers during delivery and infants during first 4 weeks launched on 4 November 2010 as well as involvement of the Islamic Fiqh Academy in a workshop organized in Bamako for religious/cultural leaders, women associations leaders, and other stakeholders to discuss and advocate child spacing;

**Further welcoming** the preparation of action plan of the OIC-IDB-USG Mother and Child Health care project in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 8 – 10 February 2011;

**Taking into consideration** the trilateral meeting of the OIC, IDB and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held on 31 May - 1 June 2010 in Jeddah and its recommendations to launch joint projects in the health sector in the OIC Member States in Africa;

**Appreciating** the IDB for releasing funds to support the project of the IAEA “Investigating the Use of the Sterile Insect Technique for Controlling Mosquitoes in Northern Sudan”;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/38-CFM/2011/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Reiterate** the crucial role of the Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in promoting the common OIC health Agenda;
2. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the Resolutions and Declarations adopted by the First and Second Islamic Conference of Health Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur in June 2007 and Tehran in March 2009 respectively;
3. **Requests** the Steering Committee on Health to prepare ‘Strategic Health Program of Action of the OIC Member States for 2012-2022’ to be presented for adoption by the Third Islamic Conference of Health Ministers in Astana in September 2011;
4. **Requests** the IDB to consider providing additional financial assistance to procure polio vaccines for Afghanistan;



5. **Appreciates** the efforts of Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan to eradicate polio and calls on other OIC Member States to continue their efforts to immunize children against polio;
6. **Underlines** the importance of cooperation among the Central Asian countries with re-established transmission of poliovirus;
7. **Urges** the Member States affected by polio, AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria to undertake necessary steps to fight these dangerous communicable diseases and **requests** the potential donors to contribute generously to the GPEI and Global Fund.
8. **Requests** the Government of Bangladesh and Mali to cooperate with the OIC General Secretariat, the IDB and the USAID to implement activities under the joint projects on Mother and Child Health Care in their respective countries;
9. **Encourages** the OIC General Secretariat to develop collaboration with the Member States, IDB and ICCI projects for production of vaccines and drugs;
10. **Calls upon** the IDB to favourably consider providing grants to support the African regional technical cooperation programme on cancer control and cancer management in the framework of the AFRA regional Agreement: RAF/6/031 “Medical Physics in Support of Cancer Management (AFRA II-8)” and RAF/6/035 “Enhancing Accessibility and Quality in the Care of Cancer Patients (AFRA II-10)”;
11. **Encourages** the OIC and the IDB to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination Meeting to be organised by the IAEA in November-December 2011 in Egypt in the framework of the regional project RAF/6/041 “Supporting the Development of Comprehensive National Cancer Control Programmes” and to co-organize a Seminar for Awareness Raising on Cancer Control Programme targeting high-level policy makers;
12. **Invites** all Member States to actively participate in the Third session of Islamic Conference of Health Ministers (ICHM) to be held on 29 September – 1 October 2011 in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan;
13. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4/38-S&T  
ON  
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005 and the Final Communiqué issued by the Eleventh Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar in March 2008;

**Recalling** the Resolution No 8/35–S & T on the Implementation of the Bali Plan of Action of the United Nations Climate Change Conference adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Kampala, Republic of Uganda on 18 – 20 June 2008;

**Reaffirming** the Resolution No 4/37–S&T on Environment Matters adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 18 – 20 May 2010;

**Taking into consideration** the recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (ICEM) held in Hammad, Republic of Tunisia on 5 – 6 October 2010 addressing the environmental challenges, particularly climate change and its adverse impact on the future of sustainable development in the Islamic world;

**Taking note** of the decision of the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers to establish H.R.H Prince Turki bin Nasser bin Abdul Aziz Special Chairs for Environmental Studies in universities of the OIC Member States most exposed to the impacts of climate change;

**Welcoming** the proposal from Tunisia to establish a regional early warning observatory to contribute to natural disaster risk reduction;

**Mindful of** the Environment Action Plan in Islamic Countries (EAPIC), Strategy for Disaster Risks Reduction and Management in Islamic Countries, Strategy for Energy Efficiency and Promotion of Clean and Renewable Energy in the Islamic World and the updated version of the General Framework of Sustainable Development in the Islamic World adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> session of Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Hammad, Republic of Tunisia on 5-6 October 2010.;

**Taking note of the** ‘Concept paper on Climate Change: Collaboration among OIC Member States’, proposed by Bangladesh;

**Appreciating holding of** the First Meeting of the Advisory Panel of Experts organized by the OIC General Secretariat in partnership with the IDB and International Centre for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) on 25 – 26 May, 2010 in Dubai to discuss the structure and contents of the OIC Water Vision;

**Welcoming** the offer of the Government of the Kazakhstan to host the Second Meeting of Advisory Panel of Experts to finalize OIC Water Vision in Astana in 2011;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment Sectors (OIC/38-CFM/2011/ST/SG-REP):

1. **Calls upon** the Member States to implement the decisions, resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment and the Islamic Conferences of the Environment Ministers;
2. **Encourages** the Member States to launch national projects and establish a coordination mechanism to benefit from the Adaptation Funds and Clean Development Mechanisms;
3. **Urges** OIC Member States to coordinate their positions to effectively address challenges stemming from climate change and deteriorating environmental conditions, develop environmental policies and allocate necessary human, technological and economic resources for this purpose;
4. **Welcomes** the holding of the open-ended meeting of experts from OIC Member States held at OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 7-8 May 2011 to discuss the ‘Concept paper on Climate Change : Collaboration among OIC Member States’ submitted by the Government of Bangladesh;
5. **Invites** the Member States to extend full support for establishing a mechanism of regular coordination meetings among the Permanent Missions of the OIC Member States accredited to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Nairobi in order to facilitate better coordination of OIC positions on Climate Change issues and to prepare for the United Nations Earth Summit meeting “Rio+20” to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 14-16 May 2012;
6. **Requests** OIC General Secretariat, IDB and ICBA to finalize the of the OIC Water Vision for submission to the second meeting of Advisory Panel of Experts to approve this document and eventual adoption by the OIC Conference of Ministers Responsible for Water to be hosted by Turkey in line with the resolution 4/37-S&T;
7. **Requests** COMSTECH in cooperation with Member States and OIC institutions to prepare blue print on Green Technologies;

8. **Urges** the Member States and the international community to focus their attention on Central Asia's water resources sustainability and calls upon the Governments of the Central Asian countries to resume negotiations to establish a regional water and energy consortium;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 5/38-S&T**

**on**

**The Activities Related to the Implementation of the Decisions of the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH)**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Mindful** of the Resolution No.8/34-S&T on the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) adopted by the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Islamabad in May 2007

**Also mindful** of the Resolution No. 5/37- S&T on Matters Pertaining to COMSTECH adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Dushanbe in May 2010;

**Appreciating** President Asif Ali Zardari, Chairman COMSTECH and Syed Yousof Raza Gillani, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Co-Chairman of COMSTECH for their continued support to COMSTECH;

**Further appreciating** the Coordinator General of COMSTECH and the COMSTECH Secretariat for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMSTECH;

**Taking into consideration** the decisions of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee and resolutions of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMSTECH General Assembly held on 10 and 11-13 January 2011 in Islamabad on the OIC agenda on Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment;

**Welcoming the** outcome of the Brainstorming session on “Developing Policy Guidelines for Proper Coordination of S & T Programs in OIC Institutions” held on 10 January 2010 in Islamabad;

**Appreciating** the COMSTECH for organizing, in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat, the Mid-Term Review Meeting on the implementation of the OIC Ten Year Program of Action (TYPOA) and the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology (Vision 1441 H) on 4 – 6 December 2010 in Dubai;

**Having considered** the report of the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (OIC/38-CFM/2011/COMSTECH/CG-REP):

1. **Calls upon COMSTECH** to take measures and develop policy guidelines to unify and integrate activities of S&T institutions in the OIC system;
2. **Urges** COMSTECH to develop a coordinated strategy for implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action in the relevant areas in collaboration with the General Secretariat of OIC, SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, STIO, IAS, and ICCI;
3. **Further urges** all the OIC Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to cooperate with COMSTECH to meet the objectives of the OIC Vision 1441 H for S & T and the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action;
4. **Requests** COMSTECH in cooperation with the relevant OIC institutions to prepare a concept paper to bring into operation US \$ 500 million voluntary fund for R & D as stipulated in Vision 1441 H;
5. **Calls upon** Member States to increase investment and cooperation in the area of advanced and emerging technologies for addressing challenges in climate change, environmental degradation including through programs in Green Technologies and give priority to nanotechnology, ICT, food security, and biotechnology;
6. **Takes note of** the recommendations of the 14<sup>th</sup> COMSTECH General Assembly session held in Islamabad in January 2011;
7. **Further takes note** of the recommendations contained in the report of the Mid-Term Review of the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action and OIC Vision 1441H for Science and Technology held in Dubai in December 2010;
8. **Welcomes** the Government of Pakistan for its initiative to organize coordination meeting of OIC science and technology related institutions in May 2011;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps to implement these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 6/38-S&T  
ON  
ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (IUT),  
DHAKA**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Taking note** of the recommendations of the Thirty-fifth meeting of the Governing Board of the university held on 08 – 09 December 2010, Dhaka, Bangladesh;

**Expressing** profound gratitude to H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, for her continued patronage of the university and kindly gracing the 24th convocation of the university as the Chief Guest;

**Also noting** the Report of the Activities submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University of Technology (IUT)

1. **Appreciates** the successful completion of the 24th academic year, smooth launching of 25th academic year with students from 22 member states;
2. **Commends** the progressive role being played by the Islamic University of Technology (IUT) for the development of the human resources of the Ummah in the fields of engineering, technology and technical education;
3. **Urges** the university to devote more attention to research in fields relevant to the needs of the member states and disseminate research findings to the potential beneficiaries;
4. Invites the university to design short courses, especially in the fields of cutting edge and emerging technologies, for the professional working personnel suiting the requirements of the member states;
5. Takes note of the efforts for internationalizing the teaching faculty by including staff from different member states;
6. **Calls** upon the university to pursue meaningful cooperation under Memorandums of Understanding signed between IUT and other reputed Institutions;
7. **Takes note of** the steps taken by the university for launching an endowment fund to diversify the sources of income;
8. **Appeals** to the member states to donate generously to the university for further development of its infrastructure, especially for the construction of a female dormitory;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the Thirty-ninth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**RESOLUTION NO. 7/38-S&T  
ON  
ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN NIGER (IUN)**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC resolutions on the role and activities of the OIC institutions in the promotion of Higher Education in the OIC Member States;

**Considering** the Resolution No. 7/37 – S&T on Activities of the IUN adopted by 37<sup>th</sup> session of Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan on 18 – 20 May 2010;

**Bearing in mind** the efforts the Islamic University in Niger to establish two new faculties (Science and Technology and Economics and Management);

**Taking note** of the construction of the complex of faculties for female students in Niamey;

**Expressing** profound gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Niger for donating a plot of land in Niamey City to the University for the construction of a Waqf thereon;

**Thanking** His Highness Sheikh Dr. Mohamed Bin Sultan Al Quassimy, the Ruler of Sharjah, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan Charitable Foundation, IQRA Foundation, the Zakat House of Kuwait, World Islamic Call Society of Libya, the General Secretariat of Waqf of Saudi Arabia, the General Secretariat of Waqf of UAE, the ISF, IDB, ISESCO and other donors for their generous financial contributions to IUN and to various donors and philanthropists for provision of scholarships for needy students from Member States to study at the IUN;

**Having considered** the Report of the Activities of the IUN submitted by the Vice-Chancellor of the Islamic University in Niger:

1. **Appeals to** the Member States and philanthropists to provide the needed assistance for the construction of the complex of faculties for female students and the Waqf in Niamey;
2. **Urges** the Member States to provide generous assistance to enable the University to respond to the urgent needs for the equipment of the two (2) new faculties (computers, relevant ICT equipment, science laboratories etc);
3. **Calls** on the OIC Member States to provide an annual assistance for the budget of the university in Science fields, Computer science and Management;
4. **Invites** the OIC Member States Institutions to allocate scholarships for the students of the IUN;



5. **Urges** the University to devote more attention to research in fields relevant to the needs of the Member States and disseminate research findings to the potential beneficiaries; and
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 8/38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Taking into account** the resolutions on the Activities of the Islamic University in Uganda adopted by the 36<sup>th</sup> and the 37<sup>th</sup> sessions of CFM held on 23-25 May 2009 in Damascus and on 18 – 20 May 2010 in Dushanbe respectively;

**Noting** the contribution of the Islamic University in Uganda made in the last 22 years in the education field for the countries in Sub-Sahara Africa and **mindful** of the continued educational needs of the Muslims in eastern and southern Africa;

**Further noting** the opening of a Females' Campus with the financial assistance of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to increase the University's capacity to provide university education to Muslim girls;

**Commending** the Government of the Republic of Uganda for donating 10 acres of land at Nakawa, Kampala City to the University for construction of a Waqf thereon;

**Appreciating** the OIC Member States and institutions such as the ISF, IDB, Zakat House of Kuwait, Sultan Zayed A-Nahayan Foundation, ISESCO and the OIC General Secretariat for their continuous support to the University;

**Mindful** of the shortage of qualified professionals in the scientific and technological areas among the countries served by the University;

**Having considered** the Report on the Activities of the IUIU submitted by the Rector of the Islamic University in Uganda:

1. **Requests** OIC Member States, the Islamic Development Bank and other institutions to donate funds for the construction of a Waqf estimated at US\$ 30 million;
2. **Calls upon the** Member States and institutions to assist the University in establishing the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and consider the secondment of academic staff to the IUIU in these subjects;

3. **Further calls upon** Member States and institutions to assist the University to build more facilities such as lecture rooms, library, science equipment, staff houses as well as offer scholarships for staff development and needy students;
4. **Requests** the Member States and institutions to give voluntary financial and material support to the Females' Campus to enable it to play an effective role in addressing the educational needs of Muslim women in English speaking African countries;
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to take necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 9/38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Commending** International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) for its efforts in the field of the promotion of science and technology research and education in the Islamic World;

**Appreciating** the efforts of the International Islamic University Malaysia to support the Islamic Universities in Niger and Uganda;

**Expressing gratitude** to the International Islamic University Malaysia for co-organizing and hosting the first Inter OIC-University Debate among the Universities of the OIC Member States on 14-19 December 2010;

**Commending** the Government of Malaysia and the OIC General Secretariat for their continuous support to the University;

**Welcoming** the financial contributions of the IDB to joint OIC initiatives to support research in Muslim universities, especially in the International Islamic University Malaysia;

**Mindful** of the shortage of qualified professionals in the scientific and technological areas among the countries served by the University;

**Having considered** the Report on the Activities of the IIUM submitted by the Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia:

1. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States and institutions to support the IIUM in its efforts in the field of the development of science and technology research and education in the Islamic World;
2. **Encourages** the IIUM to continue its support to the IUT, IUIU and IUN;
3. **Urges** the OIC Member States and all the relevant OIC institutions to lend their support to the establishment of an IIUM Endowment Fund;
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to take necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10/38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OIC INSTITUTIONS OPERATING IN THE FIELD**  
**OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, HIGHER EDUCATION, HEALTH AND**  
**ENVIRONMENT**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the OIC Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit held in Putrajaya in October 2003 and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah in December 2005;

**Bearing in mind** the resolutions adopted by the successive sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers

**Commending** SESRIC, IDB, ISESCO, ICCI and IAS for their activities and programmes in the fields of Science and Technology, Higher Education, Health and Environment in the Islamic World;

**A. STATISTICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL-RESEARCH AND TRAINING CENTER FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES (SESRIC):**

**Mindful** of the role of the SESRIC, which includes inter alia, collating, processing, monitoring and disseminating socio-economic statistics and information on and for the utilization of the member countries as well as organize training programmes in selected fields geared to the needs of the OIC Member States;

**Commending** the SESRIC for presenting a report on “Education and Scientific Development in OIC Member Countries” at the 5th Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 19-21 October 2010;

**Noting with appreciation** publication of results of a study on “Research and Scientific Development in OIC Countries”;

**Also noting with appreciation** the organization of meeting on “Ways and Means of Enhancing Networking among Nano-Technology Centers in the Arab and Muslim Countries” in Al-Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in March 2010 in collaboration with IDB;

**Commending** SESRIC for maintaining the database on 21 health and health-related indicators on OIC Member States, conducting the Ibn Sina Programme of OIC Health Capacity Building, OIC Tobacco Free Initiative and the preparation of reports such as

the “Tobacco Control in OIC countries” and “Tobacco Use in the OIC countries: Prospects and Challenges”;

**Also commending** SESRIC for maintaining a special database on major statistical indicators on environment issues in OIC countries and a roster of environmental experts in OIC countries and the preparation of studies and reports on climate change and environmental issues in the OIC countries;

**Taking note** of the report by SESRIC:

1. **Invites** Member States to benefit from the SESRIC’s database on Education containing statistical information on major indicators on education and education-related fields in the OIC Member Countries and requests SESRIC to maintain and update the data;
2. **Requests** the SESRIC to continue maintaining data on research and scientific development within the OIC member countries;
3. **Calls upon** the SESRIC to follow international development in the Nanotechnology research, its economic and commercialization impacts for Member States to enhance their cooperation and networking in nanotechnology research with a view of organizing a conference on nanotechnology research in the OIC member countries;
4. **Urges** SESRIC to maintain and further expand its databases in the areas of health and environment and continue to contribute to the understanding of these issues through analytical studies and reports;
5. **Encourages** SESRIC to prepare an OIC Health Report to analyze current situation and analyze health inequity and e-health applications in OIC countries expected to draw some policy recommendations for developing e-health tools and solutions.

## **B. ISLAMIC EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (ISESCO)**

**Appreciating** the efforts exerted by the ISESCO in the field of science and technology, higher education, health and environment;

**Acknowledging** activities of ISESCO including the organization of conferences, workshops and training sessions, development and review of syllabi, as well as publication of materials for the promotion of science and technology, research and development in diverse fields including nanotechnology, biotechnology, ICT, communication satellites etc;

**Appreciating** the role of ISESCO in diverse fields including nanotechnology, ICT, communication satellites etc.

**Taking note** of the report submitted by the ISESCO:

1. **Calls upon** ISESCO to coordinate and consult with the relevant bodies for the implementation of the resolutions, pertaining to its fields of competence, adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers and Environment Ministers;
2. **Requests** ISESCO to further strengthen its activities in accordance with the revised version of the *Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation in Islamic Countries* and its *Implementation Mechanisms; the Strategy for Promotion of Nanotechnology in the Islamic Countries* and document on *New and Emerging technologies* adopted by the 5<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (Kuala Lumpur, 19 – 20 October 2010);
3. **Calls upon** ISESCO to expedite finalization of the document on Key Performance Indicators for Universities in the Islamic World in coordination with the OIC General Secretariat;
4. **Requests** the ISESCO to facilitate the implementation of the *Mechanisms of the Strategy for Management of Water Resources in the Islamic Countries* through enhancing skilled human resource capacities in water management;
5. **Requests** the Islamic Bureau of Environment to implement the *Environment Action Plan in the Islamic Countries* by translating it into activities and projects capable of effectively addressing environmental concerns in the Islamic countries, *Strategy on Management of Disaster Risks and Climate Change Implications in the Islamic World* by taking the necessary measures for devising its related executive plan in collaboration with the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the parties concerned.

### C) ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)

**Noting** with appreciation the commitment of the IDB towards addressing developmental and financial needs of the OIC Member States in the area of science and technology, higher education, health and environment and its programmes and initiatives in these areas;

**Appreciating** the IDB for focusing on health sector, particularly in the area of combating diseases and epidemics and strengthening human and institutional capacity in various Member States;

**Further appreciating** the IDB for its support to the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative* in the fight against polio in Afghanistan;

**Commending** the IDB for approving US \$ 5 million under the *Quick-Win Malaria* for a project on Sterile Insect Technique (SIT) for Malaria vector control in the Northern State of Sudan and financing of the project on use of Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in Cameroon;

**Commending** the IDB for its contribution towards promoting quality education in Member States;

**Further commending** the IDB for approval of education operation in Indonesia (Development and Quality Improvement of Semarang State University Project) and Uganda (National Support Programme);

**Bearing in mind** the IDB Scholarship Programmes aim to build science-based human capital in Member States as well as Muslim communities in non-Member States;

**Taking note** of the IDB report:

1. **Appreciates** “Alliance to Fight Avoidable Blindness in Sub-Saharan Africa” which was launched by the IDB in the year 1429H in support of Sub-Saharan African Member State (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Djibouti, Guinea, Mali and Niger). The program provides free eye examination and restores sight to patients suffering from cataract.
2. **Further appreciates** “Vocational Literacy for Poverty Reduction Programme (VOLIP)” which was launched by IDB in year 2008. The program focuses on (i) school drop-outs, (ii) teenagers and young adults, (iii) working women and (iv) adults;
3. **Notes with appreciation** “Education for Employment (E4E) Initiative” aiming at identifying and improving the linkages between the private labour market and education institutions;
4. **Calls upon** the IDB to continue supporting Member States in their efforts to combat diseases and epidemics;
5. **Further calls upon** the IDB to assist Member States to improve quality of education to allocate more grants for capacity building and development projects;
6. **Requests** the IDB to consider programmes for assisting Member States to move towards high value added economies and embed technology development into the planning processes of member states;
7. **Further requests** the IDB to apply more concessionary rates for R&D funding.



**D) ISLAMIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ICCI):**

**Noting** the contribution of the ICCI to develop a society that is appreciative and supportive of S&T, creating an environment that encourages and rewards ideas, supports science and innovation, promotes entrepreneurship in Member States;

**Commending** the role of the ICCI in the implementation of the Early Harvest and Mega Projects;

**Taking note** of the report of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI):

1. **Calls upon** the ICCI to support greater industry participation and investments in R & D/technology development activities and promoting and expanding academia-industry linkage programme in OIC Member States including programme to enhance commercialization of R & D;
2. **Urges** the ICCI in collaboration with the concerned Member States to expedite establishment of holding company for manufacturing and production of cars under the Mega Project concept;
3. **Requests** ICCI, in collaboration with the IDB and Member States, to identify viable and marketable projects for commercialization of R&D results.

**E. ISLAMIC WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (IAS)**

**Noting** that the Academy acts as a focal point for scientific community of the OIC and promotes networking between scientists of OIC countries;

**Commending** the IAS for conducting a study with UNESCO to assess the status of STI in OIC Arab countries and for publishing two relevant chapters on OIC in UNESCO Science report;

**Appreciating** the IAS for successful organization of a specialized symposium on History of Islamic Science, Engineering and Technology IV (ISSTI IV) in Kuala Lumpur in December 2010 in collaboration with UNESCO;

**Taking note** of the report of the Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS):

1. **Requests** the IAS to convene a meeting of the International Union of Academies in September 2011 and to organize a specialized seminar on the Role and Functions of Academies of Sciences in 2011 in collaboration with Network of Academies of Sciences in Islamic Countries (NASIC);

2. **Calls upon** the IAS in collaboration with UNESCO to organize a specialized symposium on History of Islamic Science, Engineering and Technology V (ISSTI V) in Qatar in 2011;
3. **Urges** the IAS in collaboration with Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF) of USA to lay foundation for a Pan-Islamic STI project during 2011.

**Requests** all the relevant OIC institutions to provide reports to the Secretary General on their activities relevant to the implementation of these recommendations for the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11/38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Closing of the former Semipalatinsk**  
**Nuclear Test Site and the International Day against Nuclear Tests and**  
**rehabilitation of the Aral Sea region**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana Republic of Kazakhstan, from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Taking into consideration** United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/279 “International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan”, inviting Member States to observe, in 2011, the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk nuclear test site by conducting appropriate events;

**Taking into consideration also** United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/279 “International Day against Nuclear Tests”, declaring 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests;

**Recalling** resolution No.4/33-S&T on environmental issues adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, requesting the Islamic Development Bank and charity foundations of the Muslim countries to explore ways and means to evolve a programme providing support to the regions of the Aral Sea and Semipalatinsk in coordination with existing international, regional and national programmes;

**Expressing** serious concern over the consequences of ecological problems of the Aral Sea and former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;

**Taking note** that by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev’s decree of 29 August 1991, the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site had been shut down, having functioned from 1949 to 1991 and produced 456 nuclear tests;

**Acknowledging** that the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test Site remains an issue of serious concern for Kazakhstan, in view of its long term hazardous effects on the lives and health of the region’s inhabitants and the environment;

1. **Welcomes** Member States to observe the International Day against Nuclear Tests on 29 August in order to increase awareness of the effects of nuclear weapons test explosions;
2. **Calls on** Member States to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site through the holding of events aimed at informing the public about the consequences of nuclear tests for the lives and health of people and the state of the environment;

3. **Welcomes** elaboration and adoption of Third Aral Sea Basin Program-3 (ASBP-3) at the Donor Coordination Conference held on December 9, 2010, in Almaty, Kazakhstan;
4. **Welcomes** adoption by the Government of Kazakhstan the Field Program “Zhasyl Damu” (Green Development) for 2010-2014 directed to comprehensively resolve the issues of region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
5. **Urges** the Islamic Development Bank, the OIC Member States and international donor organizations to continue providing necessary technical and financial support in implementation of Programs directed to address the issues of the Aral Sea and region of the former Semipalatinsk Nuclear Testing Site;
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12/ 38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**MAINSTREAMING EFFORTS TO COMBAT THE SAND AND DUST STORM**  
**IN SOME MEMBER STATES**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Referring** to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference where it demands the Member States to Endeavour to protect and preserve the environment;

**Having** considered the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action calling upon Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

**Recalling** Resolution No.1/36-POA on the implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action, underlining the need to ensure sustainable development of Member States through effective policy to protect the environment;

**Recalling further** article 3 of the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, ratified by Islamic Environment Ministers in Jeddah, on 10-12 June 2002, where it names the environment a gift from Allah and calls upon all individuals and communities to take care of it and promote it;

**Taking into account** the adverse effects of severe and long-standing drought and implications of climate change, in the shape of dust and sand storm in certain Member States;

**Further taking into** account the final report of the First Meeting of the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment which, among other things, calls on Member States competent authorities to redouble efforts and better coordinate actions to meet the new challenges posed by climate change and deterioration of environmental situation including desertification;

**Recalling** Resolution No. 9/37-S&T on Mainstreaming Efforts to Combat the Sand and Dust Storm adopted by the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan from 18-20 May 2011;

1. **Expresses** concern over the unprecedented wave of sand and dust tempests and for the considerable losses they have been causing in desert areas in the Member States in both Asia and Africa;

2. **Calls** on all the Member States affected in desert areas in Asia and Africa to engage in a conscientious and constructive interaction to resolve this problem in an appropriate manner;
3. **Invites** all affected countries in the region to engage into serious and constructive interaction among themselves to address the issue properly;
4. **Expresses** its support for developing a collective regional mechanism for awareness raising, early warning and risk management network enabling the affected countries to face the problem in a suitable manner;
5. **Calls upon** all international and regional environmental instruments and institutions, including ROPME, to seriously and rapidly address the issue and to mobilize their resources, both technically and financially to assist the affected countries;
6. **Invites** the Member States to contribute to the reforestation of desert zones in the OIC Member States, and to take firm measures against the abusive cutting of trees and bushfires;
7. **Invites** the OIC Specialized Agencies such as Islamic Development Bank to take all appropriate measures to develop concrete projects for assisting the affected countries enabling them to overcome the disastrous effects of this phenomenon;
8. **Decides** to keep the matter under review.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 13/ 38-S&T**  
**ON**  
**CLIMATE CHANGE COLLABORATION AMONG OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Thirty-Eighth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Cooperation and Development), held in Astana, Republic of Kazakhstan from 26 to 28 Rajab 1432H (28 to 30 June, 2011);*

**Recalling** the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action, adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference in Makkah in 2005, that calls upon the OIC member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environmental fora so as to prevent any adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

**Further recalling** the Final Communiqué and Resolution No. 5/11-S&T(IS) adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 13-14 March 2008;

**Bearing in mind** the Islamic Declaration on Sustainable Development, the Jeddah Commitments for Sustainable Development decisions and outcomes of the Islamic Conferences of Environment Ministers including the Tunis Declaration adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 5-6 October 2010 addressing the environmental challenges, particularly climate change and its adverse impact on the future of sustainable development in the Islamic world;

**Referring** to the Resolution No. 8/35-S&T on the Implementation of the Bali Action Plan of the United Nations Climate Change Conference adopted by the 35<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and Resolutions No. 4/36- S&T and 4/37-S&T adopted by the 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> sessions respectively of the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**Taking into consideration** the provisions of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in which Heads of State and Government resolved to make every effort to ensure the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol and to embark on the required reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases;

**Further taking into consideration** the provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change which acknowledges that change in the Earth's climate and its adverse effects are common concern of humankind;

**Recognizing** that Climate Change represents an urgent challenge to the security, prosperity, economic and social development of our people and poses major threat to public health, agriculture, food security, livelihood, water security, eco-systems, biodiversity as well as poverty alleviation and disaster management efforts;

**Underscoring** the need for greater cooperation among Member States on issues related to climate change, environmental degradation, sustainable development, and the

development of necessary human, technological and economic resources in order to adapt to and mitigate the impact of climate change;

**Recognizing** the diversity among OIC Member States in terms of their geophysical locations as well as economic and social indicators;

**Reiterating** the need for better coordination of OIC positions in relation to multilateral negotiations on climate change, including 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC to be held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 9 December 2011 and the United Nations Earth Summit meeting “Rio+20” to be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2012;

**Referring** to the resolutions adopted by the 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, from 11-13 January 2011, that welcomed the interest of Member States to promote Green Technology programmes to combat climate change;

**Having considered** the report of the Open-ended meeting of experts held at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah on 7-8 May 2011 to examine the concept paper on “Climate Change Collaboration Among OIC Member States” presented by the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and inputs thereon received from OIC Member States and institutions:

1. **Takes note** of the concept paper on “Climate Change Collaboration on OIC Member States” presented by the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the inputs of other Member States and OIC institutions on the subject;
2. **Stresses** the need for urgent action and international cooperation to address climate change in accordance with the principles and provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, particularly the principles of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities;
3. **Acknowledges** that for many OIC countries poverty, burden of debt and illiteracy remain to be overriding issues and that those countries have difficulties to combat Climate Change while working towards their development goals; also takes into consideration the special vulnerabilities of the LDCs and Small Islands Developing States (SIDS);
4. **Further underscores** the importance of reaching an agreed outcome in the UNFCCC negotiations;
5. **Stresses** the need for early operationalization of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and in this regard early launch of negotiations on the magnitude of allocations and sources of financing for the GCF;



6. **Further stresses** the need to accord particular attention to adaptation to climate change and adaptation to response measures as well as transfer of technology and capacity building;
7. **Underlines** the need for more in depth consideration and examination by Member States of the relevant issues to facilitate the identification of common elements and coordination of OIC positions in relation to multilateral climate change negotiations; and for this purpose;
8. **Decides** to establish a mechanism of regular coordination between the representatives and experts of the OIC Member States on the sidelines of climate change negotiations and such multilateral fora and requests the OIC General Secretariat to transmit the compilation of all relevant documents to such meetings;
9. **Requests** the Secretariat to facilitate coordination among OIC countries on climate change related issues;
10. **Stresses** the need to work within the OIC framework on practical cooperation in the areas of climate change and environment protection with COMSTECH, the Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment and relevant OIC institutions, including the IDB, ISESCO and SESRIC;
11. **Calls upon** Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to focus on programmes for the capacity building of Member States, such as the SESRIC environment capacity-building programme, in order to benefit from funding mechanisms and means available under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol;
12. **Further calls upon** the IDB to support Member States in their efforts in the areas of adaptation and mitigation of the adverse impact of climate change;
13. **Requests** the IDB to contribute to the discussions and negotiations under the Transitional Committee established to design the Green Climate Fund;
14. **Calls upon** the relevant OIC institutions to collaborate in assessing the level of climate change vulnerabilities of all Member States of the OIC region by undertaking research and modeling activities;
15. **Requests** the COMSTECH to collaborate with Member States in the field of technology transfer and clean development mechanism to support their climate change mitigation initiatives;
16. **Urges** the General Secretariat to propose a framework of cooperation with the UNFCCC Secretariat;

17. **Requests** the Secretary General to submit a report on implementation of this resolution to the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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