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**RESOLUTION No. 1/36-ORG**  
**ON**  
**CANDIDACIES FOR POSITIONS AT INTERNATIONAL**  
**ORGANIZATIONS.**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Aware** of the importance of representation of OIC States Members in various international positions;

**Having considered** the candidacies presented by Member States in this regard;

**Decides** to support the following candidacies,

1. Candidacy of Dr Ismail Alhaj Musa (Republic of Sudan) for membership of the UNESCO's Executive Bureau.
2. Candidacy of H.E. Mr Farouq Hosni, Minister of Culture (Arab Republic of Egypt), for the post of Director General of UNESCO, for which elections are to be held in Paris in October 2009, after the expiry of the current Director General's mandate.
3. Candidacy of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for the chairmanship of the United Nations General Assembly in its sixty fourth session, for which elections are due to be held in New York in 2009.
4. Candidacy of the Republic of Togo for a non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the period 2010 – 2011 for which elections are to be held in 2009 during the Assembly's 64<sup>th</sup> ordinary session.
5. Candidacy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for membership of the Executive Board of the World Tourism Organization for the period 2007 – 2011, for which elections are to be held in Cartagena, Colombia, in November 2009.
6. Candidacy of the State of Qatar for membership of the Executive Council of the UN Development Programme – UN Fund for Population for the period 2010-2012, for which elections will be held by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) during its resumed Session in April/May 2009.

7. Candidacy of the State of Qatar for membership of the Social Development Committee from the 48<sup>th</sup> Session to 51<sup>st</sup> Session.
8. Candidacy of the State of Qatar for membership of the Executive Council of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the period 2010-2012, for which elections will be held by UNECOSOC during its Resumed Organizational Session in April/May 2009.
9. Candidacy of the State of Qatar to host the third session of the States party to the UN Anti-Corruption Agreement, in the year 2009.
10. Candidacy of the State of Qatar to host the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Postal Union in 2012.
11. Candidacy of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for a non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the period 2010 – 2011, for which elections are to be held during the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in 2009.
12. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the Eastern European Group for a non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council, for the period 2012-2013, for which elections are to be held during the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, in 2011.
13. Candidacy of the Republic of Azerbaijan on behalf of the East-European Group for the Chairmanship of the United Nations General Assembly for the year 2032, for which elections will be held during the 87<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly in New York in 2032.
14. Candidacy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for a Non-Permanent Membership of the UN Security Council for the period 2011-2012 for which elections are to be held in October 2010 in New York.
15. Candidacy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the membership of the UN Peace Building Commission for the period 2008-2010.

16. Candidacy of the State of Qatar to host the Olympic Games in 2016.
17. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for a Non-Permanent Membership of the UN Security Council for the period 2012-2013.
18. Candidacy of Dr. Sima Samar (Islamic Republic of Afghanistan) for the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights.
19. Candidacy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for membership of UNESCO's Executive Board, for which elections will be held during the latter's ordinary session in October 2009, during the 35<sup>th</sup> Conference of UNESCO.
20. Candidacy of Amb. Papa Louis Fall (Republic of Senegal) for reelection to the UN Joint Inspection Unit, for which elections will be held during the 64th session of the UN General Assembly in 2009.
21. Candidacy of the Syrian Arab Republic for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO and the following sub committees and Councils:
  - a. UNESCO Executive Council
  - b. Council of the International Bureau of Education
  - c. Intergovernmental Council on the Management of Social Transformation Programme (MOST)
  - d. Intergovernmental Committee for promoting the Return of Cultural property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in case of Illicit Appropriation.
  - e. Intergovernmental Council of the Information for all Programme

Others are the following sub-committees of the General Conference:  
Education Committee/Cultural Committee/Communication and Information Committee, at the elections to be held in Paris in October 2009.
22. Candidacy of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO in the period from 2009-2013, at the elections scheduled to take place in Paris in October 2009.
23. Re-nomination of Ambassador Anwer Kamal (Islamic Republic of Pakistan) for membership of the Committee against Racial Discrimination for the period from 2010-2013, at the elections to be held in January 2010 during the Conference of State parties to the Convention against Racial Discrimination in New York.
24. Candidacy of Dr. Taysir al-Nueimi (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO at the elections to be held in Paris in October 2009, during the 35<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO.

25. Candidacy of Mr. Joseph Ebole (Republic of Gabon) for the position of Assistant Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), for Africa.
26. Candidacy of Burkina Faso for membership of the Executive Council of UNESCO at the elections to be held in Paris in October 2009, during the 35<sup>th</sup> General Conference of UNESCO.
27. Candidacy of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) at the elections to be held during the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York in September/October 2009.
28. Candidacy of Ambassador Mrs. Naila Jaber (Arab Republic of Egypt) for membership of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) at the elections to be held in New York in June/July 2010.
29. Candidacy of the Arab Republic of Egypt for membership of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the elections to be held during the 26<sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO meeting in London in November 2009.
30. Candidacy of the State of Qatar for membership of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) from 2011-2013 at the elections to be held during the 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in November 2010.
31. Candidacy of Brigadier Saud Ibn Abdullah AlMahmoud (State of Qatar) for membership of one of the vacant seats of the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police (INTERPOL), for Asia and the Middle East, at the elections scheduled to take place during the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly, in Singapore from 12 to 15 October 2009.
32. Candidacy of Dr. Mohammad Ibn Ghanim Al-Ali Al-Muadid (State of Qatar) for the position of the vice-President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent, representing Asia, during the Federation's General Assembly to be held in Nairobi, in November 2009.
33. Candidacy of the Republic of Niger for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) at the elections to be held during the Board's session in June 2009 and at the General Assembly to be held in Vienna, Austria, on 18 September 2009.
34. Candidacy of the United Arab Emirates to host the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy (IRENA) in the city of Masdar in Abu Dhabi to be submitted at the Agency's second meeting to be held in June 2009, in the Arab Republic of Egypt.

35. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the membership of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Commission at the elections to be held during the resumed Organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in May 2009.
36. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2009-2011 at the elections during the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the General Assembly of IAEA in Vienna from 14-18 September 2009.
37. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership of the Board of Directors of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) at the elections to be held during the UN General Assembly in October-November 2009.
38. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for the period 2011-2016 at the elections to be held during the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly in October-November 2009.
39. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership of the Council of the International Maritime Organization at the elections to be held during the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the International Maritime Organization in London in December 2009.
40. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the position of External Auditor of UNIDO for the period from July 2010 to June 2012 at the elections to be held during the General Conference of UNIDO in Vienna in December 2009.
41. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the membership of the Consultative Committee on Accounting and Budgetary Questions for the period 2011-2013 at the elections to be held during 65<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in October-November 2010.
42. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership of the Human Rights Council in the period 2012-2015 at the elections to be held during the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly in May 2012.
43. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for membership to the Security Council (non-Permanent seat) for the period 2012-2013 at the elections to be held during the 66<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in 2011.
44. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for membership of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) for the period 2011-2013 at the elections to be held during the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly in 2010.

45. Candidacy of the Republic of Turkey for membership of the Maritime Organization category C at the elections to be held at the 26<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly of the International Maritime Organization in London from 23 November to 4 December 2009.
46. Candidacy of Amb. Ahmet Uzumcu (Republic of Turkey) for the position of Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at the elections to be held during the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons from 14 to 17 July 2009 or 13-16 October 2009 in The Hague.
47. Candidacy of Mr. Cihan Terzi (Republic of Turkey) for re-election to the membership of the Joint Inspection Unit for the period 2011-2015 at the elections to be held during the 64<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly in New York.
48. Candidacy of Mr Shareef Samari (Republic of Tunisia) for the position of Vice - Chairman of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO) during the elections to be held at the General Assembly in Paris in June 2009.
49. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (NND) ECOSOC for the period 2010-2013, during the elections to be held as part of the Organizational session of ECOSOC in the mid-May 2009.
50. Candidacy of Dr. Faiz Abdullah Al Shahri (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) for membership of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for the period 2010-2015, during the elections to be held as part of the Organizational session of ECOSOC, May 2009.
51. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee at the elections to be held in October 2009.
52. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for membership of Executive Council of the International Maritime Organization, category C, at the elections to be held during the Organizations General Assembly scheduled to take place in London from 9/11/2009-4/12/2009.
53. Candidacy of the Kingdom of Morocco for non-Permanent Membership in the United Nations Security Council for the period from 2012-2013.
54. Candidacy of the State of Qatar to host the Football World Cup Tournament in 2018 or 2022.

55. Candidacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran for membership of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO at the elections to be held during the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the UNESCO's General Conference in Paris in October 2009.
56. Candidacy of Mr. Nuruddin Amir (People's Democratic Republic of Algeria) for membership of the United Nations Commission on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination elections to be held during the next meeting of the States parties to the International Convention on Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
57. Candidacy of Ambassador Dani Ben Chaa (People's Democratic Republic of Algeria) for the position of Director of the Organisation of the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at the election to be held in October 2009.
58. Candidacy of the Republic of Burkina Faso to organize the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of International Committee for Great Dams for 2011, during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of this Organisation scheduled to be held in Brasilia from 22 to 29 May 2009.
59. Candidacy of Mrs. Saadia Baluir (Kingdom of Morocco) for membership of the Commission Against Torture for which elections will be held during the Conference of States parties to the Convention Against Torture in Geneva in October-November 2009.
60. Candidacy of Bosnia-Herzegovina Non-paramount to membership of the Security Council for 2010-2011.
61. Requests the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2/36-ORG  
ON THE  
RULE OF PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Rabiul Thani -1 Jamadal Awwal 1430 A.H (23 -25 May, 2009);*

**Recalling** the Rules of Procedure for obtaining full membership of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and resolution No.1/25-ORG approving the criteria for full OIC Membership;

**Aware** of the need to revise the criteria for obtaining full membership in the Organisation of the Islamic Conference in order to harmonize with the OIC Charter adopted by consensus by the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit held in Dakar, Senegal on 13-14 March 2008;

**Pursuant to** article 3 of the OIC Charter containing the conditions that must be met by States aspiring for full membership;

**Taking** in to consideration, with appreciation, the report of the Secretary General No.OIC/CFM/36/2009/ORG/6/REP.2 on the compatibility of the Draft Rules of Procedure for obtaining full membership in the OIC with the text of the new OIC Charter (Doc. No.OIC/CFM/36-2009/ORG/SG/DOC.1);

1. **Thanks** the Secretary General for the work done by the General Secretariat to achieve compatibility of the Rules of Procedure on full membership with the amended Charter of the OIC, referred to in the report of the Secretary General Doc. No.OIC/CFM/36-2009/ORG/SG/Doc.1.

2. **Approves** the Rule of Procedure for obtaining full membership in the Organisation of the Islamic Conference.

3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING  
FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC)**

These Rules of Procedure are promulgated in implementation of the Provisions of Article 3 of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference adopted by the 11<sup>th</sup> Islamic Summit Conference held in Dakar, Senegal on 6-7 Rabia Al Awal 1429 H (13-14 March 2008).

**Article One**

The Applicant State shall submit a written request to the Secretary General of the Organization declaring its wish to obtain full membership of the Organization and its determination to abide by the objectives, principles and obligations of the OIC Charter.

**Article Two**

The State seeking full membership of the OIC shall fulfill the following conditions agreed upon and adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers by consensus only:

1. To be a member of the United Nations
2. To have a Muslim majority

**Article Three**

The Applicant State shall submit the request, at least (90) days before the convening of the ordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers enclosing a statement which shall include the following:

1. The ratio of Muslims to the total population of the State and the ratio of Muslims to followers of all other religious in the State.
2. Information on the situation of Muslim communities under its jurisdiction, the legislations in force and their conformity with the enjoyment of their rights on equal footing with other communities in the State.
3. The State must not have been subject of an OIC resolution condemning it for its policies and practices towards the Muslim Communities under its jurisdiction.

**Article Four**

The General Secretariat shall inform the Member States about the request (30) days from the date of receiving it and shall give its view on the matter.

**Article Five**

The request shall be submitted to the ordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers for appropriate decision thereon and in case the (90) day period stipulated in Article Three is not observed, the request shall be submitted to the subsequent ordinary session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

**Article Six**

The Council of Foreign Ministers shall make a decision on the request by consensus only.

**Article Seven**

The Applicant State may exercise OIC membership rights on the day in which its Instruments of ratification of the Charter have been deposited with the General Secretariat.

**Article Eight**

The present rules would not prejudice the status of existing Member States at the time of their adoption.

**Article Nine**

The provisions of the present Rules of Procedure enter into force immediately after their approval by the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 3/36-ORG**  
**ON**  
**THE HOSTING BY THE STATE OF**  
**THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OF THE HEADQUARTERS**  
**OF THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY**  
**(IRENA)**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Relying on** the principles and provisions of the Charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

**Having considered** the memorandum of the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy Agency;

**Decides** as follows:

1. **To support** the request by the State of the United Arab Emirates to host the headquarters of the International Renewable Energy in Abu Dhabi, and to continue to provide the required support of the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the States Parties in the International Renewable Energy Agency to be held in the Arab Republic of Egypt next June, during which voting would be conducted on the hosting of the headquarters.
2. **To request** the Member States and the General Secretariat to continue to support this request at all international and regional fora.
3. **To request** Member States to accelerate accession to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

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**RESOLUTION NO.4/36-ORG**  
**ON**  
**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATION**  
**FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT IN OIC MEMBER STATES**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the OIC conferences of the Islamic Summit and Council of Foreign Ministers, in particular the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference, held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in 2005 and the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by that Summit, as well as the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Pakistan 2007), and the 35<sup>th</sup> Council of Foreign Ministers (Uganda 2008),

**Taking note** of the outcomes of the 2006 Istanbul Conference, particularly the OIC vision on women development based on social justice and appropriate treatment of women and women education, in line with Islamic teachings and concepts, the welcoming by the Second Conference on the Role of Women in the OIC Member States, held in Cairo in November 2008, of the Egyptian proposal to establish and host an OIC specialized organ on women affairs, and the Cairo Plan of Action on Women adopted by the Conference,

1. **Welcomes** the Egyptian proposal to establish an Organization on women issues and their role in the development of Member States to be based in Cairo.
2. **Invites** OIC Secretary General to hold an open-ended meeting of legal experts from the Member States to discuss the statute of this Organization.

**DRAFT STATUTE OF THE  
OIC WOMEN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION**

**PREAMBLE:**

We, the Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Believing that Islam holds women in high esteem and makes their welfare and protection one of the goals of religion and an objective of the Islamic Sharia, being cornerstones of the family and society,

In response to the common desire of Member States and the aspirations of our societies to achieve and compliment societal development efforts by developing women, building their capacity, and encouraging their effective participation in the society,

Guided by the values and principles of Islam, strengthened by the gifts of the Islamic civilization to humanity of revering and honouring women, within the framework of the joint Islamic action,

Confirming the importance of the role of rearing, training, education and habilitation of women in the Muslim world, in a fast changing, developing and modernizing world,

Taking note of the outcomes and resolutions of various Islamic summits relevant to women issues and urging women advancement and the development of their role in the Islamic societies; of the resolutions of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Ten-Year Programme of Action derived from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah al Mukarrama in 2005, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Cairo in 2008, and of the resolution of the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Damascus in 2009 on the establishment and hosting by the Arab Republic of Egypt of an entity concerned with this lofty role to train, habilitate and transfer women capabilities within the framework of the OIC.

**Have decided:**

## **Chapter 1**

### **General Provisions**

#### **Article 1**

The preamble shall be an integral part of this Statute.

### **Name and Definition**

#### **Article 2**

There shall be created in the Organization of the Islamic Conference a specialized Organization concerned with the development and promotion of the role of women in the OIC Member States, with capacity, skills and competence building through various mechanisms including, training, education and habilitation, in line with the principles of the Islamic Sharia.

### **Legal Status**

#### **Article 3**

It shall be an intergovernmental Organization with independent legal personality working within the framework of policies, orientations and decisions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and shall seek to implement the OIC's resolutions and recommendations in the areas of its work and shall have financial and administrative independence.

### **Headquarters**

#### **Article 4**

Cairo, the capital of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall be the headquarters of the Organization. The host state shall guarantee the privileges and immunities of the representatives of Member States and of the staff of the Organization as stipulated in the headquarters agreement and shall provide the permanent headquarters of the Organization.

**Working Languages**

**Article 5**

The working languages of the Organization shall be those of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

**Objectives of the Organization**

**Article 6**

The aim of the Organization is to develop women, refine their capabilities and develop their expertise through the promotion and building of capacity, skills and competence. The Organization shall be concerned with everything necessary to meet its objectives, in particular:

1. Develop plans, programmes and projects necessary to implement policies, orientations and decisions of the OIC in the area of women development, welfare and empowerment in Member States societies.
2. Organize conferences, symposia, workshops and meetings in the area of women development in the Member States.
3. Conduct courses and training programmes aimed at strengthening and building capacity, skills and competences in the area of women development and empower them to discharge their mission in the family and society.
4. Support and encourage national efforts in Member States to develop human resources in the area of women development.
5. Organize activities aimed at upgrading the role of women and motherhood welfare in Member States' societies, in line with the Charter and the decisions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

**Membership**

**Article 7**

Full membership shall be opened to OIC Member States, the Organization may grant observer status to some states or international Organizations, in accordance with the rules and regulations to be adopted, and in all cases, voting shall be restricted to only full members of the organ.

## **Chapter II**

### **Resources**

#### **Article 8**

The resources of the Organization shall consist of the following:

- Contributions from Member States with full membership set in accordance with the decision of the Executive Secretariat
- Assistance, gift and grants from Member States, international, regional and non-governmental Organizations provided they are accepted by the Executive Secretariat.
- Resources obtained in exchange for the services rendered in its area of activity.
- Returns on investment of its resources.

Excepting the foregoing, the Organization of the Islamic Conference or its Member States that are not members of the Women Development Organization shall not assume any expenses or commitment towards the Organization.

## **Chapter III**

### **Organization of Work**

#### **Article 9**

The Organization shall be run by a Board of Trustees, the Executive Secretariat and the Executive Director of the Organization.

### **Board of Trustees**

#### **Article 10**

This is a consultative board which shall be comprised of ministers concerned with women affairs in the founding Member States of the Organization, as well as of reputable public and Islamic figures of international acclaim in the areas of women development, who shall be nominated by the founding states of the Organization for 5 years, renewable once. The board shall convene once in two years, develop the guidelines and general policies of the Organization, the modes of contribution for funding its activities, and create awareness about it in the international arena. The Organization's meetings shall be presided over by the minister of the state hosting the meetings. The board shall inform the Executive Secretariat about the outcomes and recommendations of those meetings.

**Executive Secretariat**

**Article 11**

The Executive Secretariat shall consist in all representatives of the Member States with full membership. The members shall elect from among themselves a head of the Secretariat and 2 vice heads for 2 years, such that there will be equitable distribution and equal participation opportunities. The Secretariat shall adopt and implement resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees in such a manner as to serve the higher interests of the Organization. The Secretariat shall also issue organizational and administrative rules and regulate human and financial resources and annual budget.

**Article 12**

The Executive Secretariat shall be convened at least once every year, and the Executive Director or two-thirds of the members of the Secretariat shall be entitled to convene the Executive Secretariat.

**Executive Director**

**Article 13**

The Executive Secretariat shall appoint the Executive Director for 4 years, renewable once, upon the nomination of the host state. The Executive Director shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the Organization by implementing and following up the policies and resolutions of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Secretariat and implementing the programmes, plans and projects approved by the Executive Secretariat.

**Chapter IV**

**Article 14**

**Final Provisions**

The provisions of the Charter and working regulations of the Organization of the Islamic Conference shall apply to all cases not covered by this regulation or by the organizational and administrative rules, or by the human and financial resources procedure adopted by the Executive Secretariat.

### **Ratification**

#### **Article 15**

The ratification documents for this Statute shall be deposited at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference once constitutional procedures have been completed by Member States; this Statute shall enter into force on the day following its ratification by at least 5 Member States.

### **Amendment**

#### **Article 16**

Members of the Executive Secretariat may propose amendments to the Statute on the basis of the request of a Member State, provided that a majority of Member States agrees with the proposal, which shall be presented to the next meeting of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers thereafter, for adoption.

### **Languages of Statute**

#### **Article 17**

The languages of this Statute – Arabic, English and French - shall all be legally authentic.

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE STATUTE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OIC WOMEN DEVELOPEMENT ORGANIZATION**

### **I - Brief Background**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Women Conference of the OIC held in Cairo from 24 -25 November 2008 welcomed the Egyptian proposal to establish a new organization to be concerned with women affairs under the Organization of the Islamic Conference whose headquarters shall be in Cairo. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah from 4 – 6 April 2009 approved the Egyptian proposal to establish and host the said organization and to submit a proposal in this regard to the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers scheduled to take place in Damascus in may 2009 and thereafter practically commence the establishment of this Organization on the basis of the following:

- The Organization of the Islamic Conference – despite the variety of its organs and specialized, subsidiary and affiliated Organizations- lacks an entity or organization concerned with women issues and development in the OIC Member States, with closely related cultural and social circumstances, which represents a united voice for the OIC in this regard. The OIC through its successive summits and various meetings has urged that sufficient attention be given to issues of women development and advancement.<sup>1</sup>
- The Egyptian initiative to establish and host this entity is informed by the abundance in Egypt of capacity, technical expertise and human resources concerned with issues of women development, which will make the work of this entity more feasible and adequate. Also, Egypt, despite being one of the founding states of the OIC, so far, does not host any OIC organ or functioning organization. This proposed entity will be the only OIC specialized entity to be hosted by Egypt. For this, Egypt would provide all necessary logistical and administrative capacities for its establishment.
- Egypt provides a large number of training grants for the development, training and refinement of women's expertise, as part of the grants provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with Africa and the Egyptian Fund for Technical Cooperation with the States of the Commonwealth. Egypt would increase these grants through the proposed organization so as to make the organization a centre of training and development of women capacities in various fields. It will also contribute to exchange of expertise and building necessary capacity so that women can play their rightful role in their societies.

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<sup>1</sup> We recall in this regard the resolutions adopted by conferences of the Islamic Summit and other Islamic conferences, in particular, the Makkah Al Mukarramah 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit of 2005, and the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by that Summit, the 34<sup>th</sup> ICFM (Pakistan 2007), the 35<sup>th</sup> CFM (Uganda 2008), the outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Conference on Women held in Istanbul in 2006 and the outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Cairo in November 2008.

## II. Explanation of Annexed Statute

1. Definition and the Legal Status: The entity is called The Organization for Women Development in the OIC Member States, a specialized international Organization operating under the Organization of the Islamic Conference without contradicting or duplicating other entities or related departments in the OIC. It aims to develop women and empower them to discharge their mission in the family as the basic component of the society. It will work in the area of development of women and motherhood in the Member States by strengthening and building capacities, skills and competences in line with the principles of the Islamic Sharia, taking into account the existing legal structure in the Organization or related institutions established under the OIC. It is thought that the proposed organization should take the form of an intergovernmental specialized institution with independent legal personality to which member states from the parent Organization should accede. It would work within the policies, orientations and decisions of the OIC and will seek to implement its resolutions and recommendations in its area of operation and enjoy financial and administrative independence to meet its objectives.
2. Objectives and purposes of the proposed Organization: The Organization seeks to provide and coordinate technical and training courses related to women affairs and development in various political, social and cultural fields, including:
  - Developing plans, programmes and projects necessary for the implementation of the orientations and decisions of the OIC in the area of women development, care and empowerment in OIC Member States.
  - Organize conferences, symposia, workshops and meetings in the area of women development and motherhood in Member States.
  - Hold training and educational courses and programmes aimed at strengthening and building capacities, skills and competences in the area of women development and empowering them to discharge their mission in the family.

- Support and encourage national efforts in Member States to develop human resources in the area of women development.
  - Organize activities aimed at upgrading the role of women and motherhood welfare in the Member States, in line with the Charter and decisions of the OIC.
3. Organs of the proposed Organization:  
The Organization shall be composed of:
- a) Board of Trustees: This will be made up of a number of ministers concerned with women affairs in the founding Member States of the women organization, as well as reputable public and Islamic figures of international acclaim in the areas of women development. They will be nominated by the founding states of the Organization for 5 years, renewable once. The board will develop the framework, strategies and general policies of the Organization and draw up the general guidelines of its work, contribution for funding its activities, creating awareness about it in the international arena with the strong contacts and relations they possess. Its meetings will be presided over by the minister of the state hosting the meetings and attended by the Executive Secretary of the Organization.
  - b) Executive Secretariat: This will be composed of all representatives of full member states. The members shall elect from among themselves a head of the Secretariat and 2 vice heads for 2 years, such that there will be equitable distribution and equal participation opportunities. The Secretariat shall implement the resolutions and recommendations of the Board of Trustees in such a manner as to serve the higher interests of the Organization. The Secretariat shall also issue organizational and administrative rules and regulate human and financial resources and annual budget. The Secretariat shall be convened by a decision of the Executive Director or by the request of two-thirds of the members. The Bureau will convene at least once in a year.
4. Membership: Membership will be granted to all Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that are signatories to the Organization's Statute. Its membership is thus voluntary and optional. The Statute also sets out the financial implications of membership.

- 5 Observers: The Organization will grant observer status to every member state or observer state in the Organization of the Islamic Conference which is not a member of the women organization. They can enjoy this status once approved by the Executive Secretariat upon an application from the state concerned. Regional and international organizations, bodies and associations may enjoy observer status in the Organization with the same procedures; and in all cases, voting rights will be restricted to full Member States.
- 6 Contributions and quotas of states: The contributions of Member States to the budget of the Organization will be determined by the quotas adopted in the OIC. This will be in addition to incomes realized from assistance and donations made by Member States and non-Member States, bodies or individuals, or any other resources as long as they do not contravene the objectives of the Organization, in accordance with the conditions and criteria set by the Executive Secretariat. If the Organization has particular publications or literatures, like other similar organs, the income from the sale of the publication or productions and resources from related services or research in the Organization's area of competence will provide one of the Organization's resources.
- 7 Obligations of the host state and immunities: The host state (Egypt) will provide a suitable headquarters; and the Organization – its senior officials, staff, buildings, offices, documents, letters – will enjoy the protection, legal immunities and privileges enjoyed by the Organization of the Islamic Conference and those stipulated in the headquarters agreement signed between the Organization and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
- 8 Ratification and entry into force: To enter into force, this Statute must be ratified by at least 5 member states, each in accordance with its constitutional procedure. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

- 9 Amendment: Members of the Organization may propose amendment of the Organization's Statute, upon the request of a member state and with the approval of a majority of the members. The proposal shall be presented to the next meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers thereafter, for adoption.

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**RESOLUTION No. 5/36-ORG**  
**ON**  
**STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE OIC GENERAL**  
**SECRETARIAT**  
**IN COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE OIC SUBSIDIARY ORGANS,**  
**SPECIALIZED AND AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS**  
**AND HOLDING OIC SECTORAL MINISTERIAL CONFERENCES**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Session For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Emphasizing** that the reform and restructuring of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference and energizing its institutions requires the General Secretariat to play a pivotal role in coordinating the work of all institutions within the OIC System in the interest of rationalizing work and expenditure, saving time, avoiding duplication and consolidating the bonds of solidarity among the Member States;

**Recalling** Resolution 6/18-AF on the operation of the Organisation and its subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions, which determines the types of these institutions;

**Recalling also** the explanatory note on subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions adopted by the Eighth Islamic Summit (annex 11) which clearly stated that the General Secretariat must play a central role in coordinating the work of the subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions, and called upon OIC institutions to submit periodic reports to the General Secretariat on the implementation of their programmes of activities for regular follow-up;

**Acknowledging** the content of the report of Eminent Persons on OIC reform adopted (Putra Jaya, 27-29 January 2005) and the need for the Secretary General to serve as the focal point for this reform;

**Reiterating** that the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005 marked a turning point in streamlining the work of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference with particular reference to the provisions of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action which emphasize pertaining to the need to reform and restructure the Organisation; to empower the Secretary General to perform his duties, providing him with the necessary competence, sufficient flexibility and resources to carry out the tasks assigned to him; to revitalize all specialized and affiliated institutions of the Organisation towards playing their respective role; and consolidating their coordination with the General Secretariat, requesting the latter to review the activities of these organs and recommending the removal of those organs that prove to be inefficient;

**Recalling also** the resolutions of the Islamic Summits and the Councils of Foreign Ministers which entrusted the General Secretariat with the responsibility of playing a pivotal role in the implementation of the Ten-year Programme of Action;

**Reaffirming** the provisions of Article 10 Paragraph 3 of the OIC Charter which mandates the Council of Foreign Ministers with the prerogative to recommend holding sectoral ministerial meetings to address specific issues of interest to the Ummah, and stipulates that these meetings shall submit their reports to the Islamic Summit and to the Council of Foreign Ministers;

**Decides that:**

1. The General Secretariat of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference shall adequately participate in the Organization and coordinate all the meetings of sectoral Ministerial Councils held in the framework of the OIC which will submit their resolutions and recommendations to the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Islamic Summit for appropriate decisions thereon and instruct on the activities to be implemented.
2. The General Secretariat shall coordinate the works of and engage with the OIC Groups particularly in New York, Geneva, Brussels, UNESCO (Paris) and Vienna.
3. Without prejudice to the OIC regulations, the General Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of all OIC Subsidiary Organs and Specialized and Affiliated Institutions to avoid repetition and duplication and rationalize work, with a view to performing the tasks assigned by the Council of Foreign Ministers.
4. Requests the Secretary General to ensure strict compliance to and implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the 37<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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**Resolution No.6/36**  
**On**  
**The Appointment of OIC Assistant Secretaries General**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Referring** to the provisions of the OIC Charter;

**Having reviewed** the OIC Internal Regulations, its staff regulations, the statute of its employees, and its rules of procedure;

**Taking note** of the Secretary General's Report included in Document No.OIC/CFM-(36/2009/ORG(NOM)/SG/REP);

**1. Decides** to appoint:

- (a) H.E. Mr. Abdallah Abderrahman Alim, representing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as the country of the headquarters;
- (b) H.E. Mr. Atta El Mannan Bakhiet, representing the Arab Group;
- (c) H.E. Mr. Abdul Muez Bukhari, representing the Asian Group;
- (d) H.E. Mr. Hameed Ajibaiye Opeloyeru,  
Representing the African Group.
- (e) H.E. Mr. Samir Diab, Assistant Secretary General for Palestinian and Al-Quds Al-Sharif Affairs, representative of the State of Palestine.

**2. Requests** the Secretary General to implement this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION No.7/36-ORG**  
**ON**  
**CELEBRATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE OIC**

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Recalling** the OIC objectives, in particular, promoting Islamic solidarity among the Member States through further cooperation and joint Islamic action;

**Further Recalling** the convening of the First Islamic Summit in Rabat on 25 September 1969 in the wake of the arson of the Holly Aqsa Mosque upon the kind invitation of the late king Hassan al-Thani;

**Taking into consideration** the significant progress and achievements that the OIC has made since its establishment and the current stature it has acquired at the international level representing the interest of Muslims around the world and keeping in mind the proactive role of the Organization towards the issues of interests to the Member States;

**Emphasizing** the need to support and strengthen the OIC in its endeavor to protect and uphold the interests of the Muslims and infuse in them a sense of greater unity and brotherhood;

**Recognizing** that the occasion to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Organization of the Islamic Conference provides a distinct opportunity to promote the causes of the Muslim Ummah and project the true image of Islam;

**Recognizing** that this opportunity would enable the OIC to further articulate and project its new vision based on moderation and modernization to help the Member States meeting the existing and emerging challenges of the 21st Century as enshrined in the Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action adopted by the third Islamic Summit Conference held in December 2005 in Makkah;

**Underlining** the need for promoting, through cooperation and joint programs, various activities, strategies and accomplishments of the OIC Member States in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

**Taking pride in** the representation of four continents in the OIC that reflects the diversity as well as the rich cultural heritage of the Member States,

**Recalling** Paragraph 14 of the Final Communiqué of the 2008 Annual Coordination of the OIC Foreign Ministers on the subject;

**Recalling** resolution no 6/8-INF on Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the OIC adopted by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Information Ministers held in Rabat, Morocco on 27-28 January 2009;

1. **Supports** the decision to celebrate 2009 as the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with a view to enhancing its visibility as an international organization as well as projecting it as an effective partner in promoting international peace, security and development.
2. **Invites** the Member States to mark the event inter alia, through organizing national and international programs on different aspects of the OIC, highlighting its activities, evolution and reform through the four decades of its existence keeping the General Secretariat posted in this regard.
3. **Expresses** its support to the activities and events to be organized by the General Secretariat to mark the 40th anniversary in a befitting manner and urges the Member States to provide the necessary support and assistance to and coordinate with the General Secretariat to this end.
4. **Reaffirms** the resolution No 6/8-INF adopted by the Eighth Islamic Conference of Information Ministers which invites the Member States to mark the OIC Day on 25 September as the “Islamic Solidarity Day” while giving the commemoration of 25 September 2009 special importance as it coincides with the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Organization and calls upon the Member States to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OIC through out the year 2009 particularly arranging special events on 25 September 2009, the OIC Day.
5. **Recognizes** the merit of having a new Emblem for the OIC which would reflect the new vision and mission of the Organization incorporated in its new Charter and the Ten Year Program of Action for aptly responding to the renewed aspirations of its member states and **requests** the OIC Secretary General to organize an international competition on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for selecting a new Emblem for the Organization.
6. **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to follow-up the implementation of this resolution and submit a report thereon to the 37th Session of the CFM.

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## RESOLUTION NO.8/36-ORG

### ON ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AFFAIRS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

*The Thirty-sixth Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (For Enhancing Islamic Solidarity), held in Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic from 28 Jumadal Awaal to 1 Jumada Al Thani 1430H, (23-25 May, 2009),*

**Recalling** the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 12/31-C adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey from 14 – 16 June 2004;
- Resolution No. 3/32–C adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of foreign Ministers, held in Sana’a, Republic of Yemen from 28 – 30 June 2005;
- Resolution No. 3/33–C adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from 19 – 21 June 2006;
- Resolution No. 3/34–C adopted by the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from 15 -17 May 2007;

**Reaffirming** the resolutions adopted by the 10<sup>th</sup> session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia, from 16 -17 October 2003, and the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in Makkah al Mukarramah on 7–8 December 2005 on the restructuring of the OIC and the establishment of a department of family affairs;

**Recognizing** the growing need of Muslims all over the world for Islamic awakening and for societies that are based on the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality among all human beings;

**Emphasizing** that the teachings of Islam accord special importance to the family as the cornerstone of the Muslim society, based on religion and morality; recognizing the importance of Islamic teachings calling for the advancement of the status of the family and the need for the Muslim family to have a comprehensive mechanism to help it counter the challenges it faces amid the current international changes, and for strengthening the capacity of Member States to keep pace with issues related to the various segments of the family;

1. **Requests** the General Secretariat to implement the resolution adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on “establishing a department for family affairs within the OIC General Secretariat.”
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to take necessary measures to implement this resolution and to report thereon to the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

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