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**Resolution NO.1/11-S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**Early Harvest Projects and Mega Projects**

*The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6 to 7 Rabiul Awwal 1429H (13-14 March 2008),*

**RECALLING** the First OIC Conference on Science and Technology, “Science and Technology for Industrial Development in Islamic Countries - Facing the Challenges of Globalization”, held on 7-10 October 2003 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and **RECALLING** the adoption by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia from 16-18 October 2003 of the Conference’s declaration and resolutions, referred to as Vision 1441 – a vision for the Muslim world to rededicate themselves to mastering S&T to face the challenges of the new global economy;

**RECALLING** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action to meet the challenges facing the Muslim Ummah in the Twenty-first Century adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005;

**RECALLING** Article 7 of the General Agreement for Economic, Technical and Commercial Cooperation Among Member States of the OIC adopted by the 8<sup>th</sup> ICFM document ICFM/8-77/ICESC-9 (Final) for member states to take all necessary measures to establish an Islamic Foundation For Advanced Science and Technology;

**RECALLING** Article 8 of the above mentioned General Agreement for member states to strive to enlarge and develop trade exchanges among themselves through trade liberation, reducing or removing the customs or other restrictions;

**CONSIDERING** the allocation of an annual budget of about USD200 million for S&T projects by the IDB;

**CONSIDERING** the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment OIC/11<sup>th</sup> Summit/2008/ST/SG-REP on the progress and achievements made to strengthen the science and technology activities of the Muslim World:

1. **WELCOMES** the decision of the Third Meeting of the Task Force on Implementation of the OIC Vision 1441 on Science and Technology held in the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2006 to establish a High Consultative Committee to implement the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action and the Vision 1441 on Science and Technology comprising Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia, President, King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Coordinator General of COMSTECH, Chairman of ICCI, President of IDB and Secretary General of the OIC;
2. **WELCOMES** the decision of the High Level Consultative Committee to initiate Early Harvest Projects to showcase successful implementation of projects which can take off and achieve results within the period of 1 or 2 years;

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3. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the launching of Mega Project concept of common interest, joint design, joint manufacturing and common marketing of specific commercialized products;
4. **CALLS UPON** the OIC Member States and all the OIC Institutions to give full support for the implementation of the Mega and the Early Harvest Projects;
5. **REQUESTS** the High Level Committee to establish a network of OIC Business *Angel* for purpose of incubating technological products and strengthening capacity building for development of infrastructure such as building roads, dams, power plants based purely on market consideration;
6. **LOOKS FORWARD** to the creation of entities such as holding companies by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) to implement the Business Plan for the Mega and the Early Harvest Projects and **INVITES** the OIC Member States to participate actively in these entities;
7. **REQUESTS** the OIC member states to facilitate exchange and marketing of products of the Mega and the Early Harvest Projects through enacting common and harmonized legislations, regulations and standards;
8. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps to implement these recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

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**Resolution No. 2/11–S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**An Atlas of Islamic World Innovation**

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**RECALLING** Resolution No.3/10-S & T (IS) on the Role of Science and Technology in the Socio-Economic Development of the OIC Member States in particular the Vision 1441 – a vision for the Muslim world to rededicate themselves to mastering S&T to face the challenges of the new global economy adopted by the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 16-18 October 2003;

**RECALLING** the call made by the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah in December 2005 to encourage research and development programmes;

**REALIZING** that documents on technology assessment, foresight and mapping are crucial and important reference for guiding the contributions of S & T to social-development;

**RECOGNIZING** that some member states need further assistance to be conversant with new methodologies in strategic approach and prioritizing S & T projects;

**CONSIDERING** the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment OIC/11<sup>th</sup> Summit/2008/ST/SG-REP on the progress and achievements made to strengthen the science and technology activities of the Muslim World:

1. **WELCOMES** the initiative to explore the relationships between science, innovation, faith, culture and politics; to identify new opportunities for collaboration between scientists, policymakers and companies in the Islamic World and West and creating new networks for the exchange of ideas, policies and good practice both within the Islamic World, and between the Islamic World and West;
2. **WELCOMES** the collaboration between the OIC, DEMOS\* and *Nature*\*\* to prepare An Atlas of Islamic-World Innovation that maps key trends and trajectories in science and technology-based innovation across the 57-country membership of the OIC and **REQUESTS** the IDB and ISESCO to consider providing financial support to the project;
3. **URGES** all member states and the relevant OIC institutions such as IDB, COMSTECH, ISESCO to cooperate and collaborate in the preparation of this Atlas;
4. **WELCOMES** the efforts of ISESCO in launching the “Islamic World Science Net” web portal of science and technology for the Islamic world;

5. **COMMENDS** the efforts of ISESCO “Centre for Promotion of Scientific Research” in promoting scientific research in the Islamic world;
6. **CALLS UPON** all member states to renew their commitments to scientific and technological development and to accord its top priority in their national development plans and to strive to achieve the target of at least 1% of their GDP to the promotion research and development;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

Note:

\***DEMOS** is one of the UK’s most influential think-tanks. Founded in 1993, with research focuses on five main areas: cities, culture, identity, public services and Science. Demos publications are read, analyzed and used at all levels of Government – from the office of the Prime Minister, to local and regional Authorities.

\*\* ***Nature*** is the world's foremost weekly scientific journal and is the flagship Journal for Nature Publishing Group (NPG). Launched in 1869, it’s original Mission statement still leads the Group as Nature develops publications, explores opportunities arising from new technology and serves a growing audience of readers.

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**Resolution No. 3/11-S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**the OIC University Ranking**

*The Eleventh Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (Session of the Islamic Ummah in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century), held in Dakar, Republic of Senegal, from 6 to 7 Rabiul Al Awwal 1429H (13-14 Mach 2008),*

**RECALLING** the OIC Vision 1441 on Science and Technology; and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action;

**RECALLING** the decision made by the Coordination Meeting of the OIC institutions meeting held in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on 5 March 2006 within the Framework of the Implementation of the OIC Ten-year Programme of Action to strengthen selected universities in the field of science/engineering with the objective of selecting at least 20 Universities within the OIC Region to be elevated to the rank of the Top 500 World Universities;

**RECALLING** the adoption of the criteria, procedures and the mechanisms for OIC University Ranking by the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Islamabad, Pakistan in June 2007;

**APPRECIATING** the generous offer made by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Coordination Bureau for the OIC University Ranking in the Institute for Research and Planning in Higher Education (IRPHE);

**SUBSCRIBING** to the notion that quality in higher education is a multilayered process, which should embrace all its functions and activities including: teaching and academic programmes, research and scholarship, staffing, students, building and facilities, equipment, services to the community, and the academic milieu;

**CONSIDERING** the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment OIC/11<sup>th</sup> Summit/2008/ST/SG-REP on the progress and achievements to effectively improve and reform educational institutions and curricula in all levels in the Muslim World:

1. **WELCOMES** the criteria, procedures and mechanisms prepared by the “Core Group” established by the Ministers of Higher Education of the OIC Member States at the Third Session of the Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research held in Kuwait City, State of Kuwait in November 2006 comprising the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, COMSTECH, IDB, ISESCO, SESRTCIC and the OIC General Secretariat;

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2. **REQUESTS** all member states to cooperate with the Core Group by designating a focal person and to complete and submit promptly questionnaires on their respective universities so that Annual Report on OIC University Ranking shall be published timely;
3. **RECOMMENDS** the Core Group to continue discharging their duties to rank OIC universities and **INVITES** it to prepare action plans in corporation with the financial assistance and political support of the concerned member state of selected universities to be elevated to the rank of Top 500 World Universities;
4. **INVITES** the Islamic Development Bank and ISESCO to continue their cooperation in the ranking process and to assist the selected universities, on request through their respective government, to provide financial resources for implementations of the action plans;
5. **URGES** all Member States to prepare a plan of action to effectively improve and reform their educational institutions and curricula at all levels; to strive for quality education that promote creativity, innovation, research and development; and to take the necessary organizational measures, within the framework of their national policies, to implement the action plans needed to elevate their universities to be included in the rank of Top 500 World Universities;
6. **APPRECIATES** the ISESCO in holding regular Islamic Ministerial Conferences on Higher Education and Scientific Research;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take the necessary steps to implement these recommendations and present a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

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**Resolution No. 4/11-S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**the Global Cooperation in the Programme for Combating Diseases and Epidemics**

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**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action that mandated the Islamic Development Bank to coordinate with the OIC General Secretariat in order to make the necessary contacts with the World Health Organization and the other relevant institutions to draw up a programme for combating diseases and epidemics and to be financed through the special fund that will be created within the IDB;

**RECALLING** the provision of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action calling for effective measures in order to eradicate poliomyelitis and to protect the children;

**THANKING** the Government of Malaysia for hosting the First Islamic Meeting of the Ministers of Health held in Kuala Lumpur on 12 – 15 June 2007;

**APPRECIATING** the establishment of contact between the OIC and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and their agreement to formalize their relations through signing a Memorandum of Understanding that will elevate dialogue on health issues;

**THANKING** the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for contributing and committing to provide US \$ 7 Million through an Agreement with the IDB to fight malaria in Sudan and Senegal;

**RECALLING** the IDB Vision 1440 on “A Vision for Human Dignity” on Promotion of Health as stipulated in its Third Strategic Thrust;

**CONSIDERING** the decision of the Board of Governors of the IDB to establish Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development;

**CONSIDERING** the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment OIC/11<sup>th</sup> Summit/2008/ST/SG-REP on the progress and achievements to combating diseases and epidemics in the Muslim World:

1. **WELCOMES** the initiative of the OIC General Secretariat and the IDB for establishing an Inter Organization Technical Working Group (ITWG) to coordinate the actions and activities of the two institutions;
2. **ENCOURAGES** the OIC-IDB-WHO to sign a Memorandum of Understanding in addition to their current bilateral Memorandum of Understanding as basis for regular meetings to discuss, coordinate, collaborate and to formulate a programme in combating pandemic diseases that plague the Ummah;

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3. **WELCOMES** the linkages established between the OIC General Secretariat and the Global Fund to coordinate their efforts to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in the Ummah and **URGES** member states to consider providing financial support to the Global Fund;
4. **URGES** all member states to implement the Resolutions and Declaration adopted by the First Islamic Meeting of the Ministers of Health held in Kuala Lumpur on 12 – 15 June 2007;
5. **WELCOMES** the initiatives to establish an Interim Steering Committee to monitor the implementation of the decisions of the First Meeting of the Ministers of Health;
6. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

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**Resolution No. 5/11-S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**International Cooperation in the area of Environment**

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**RECALLING** the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action that calls upon the OIC Member States to coordinate their environmental policies and positions in international environment fora so as to prevent any adverse effects of such policies on their economic development;

**REFERRING** to Agenda 21, World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the International Convention to Combat Desertification and Drought;

**DEEPLY CONCERNED** at the continuing deterioration of the global environment, including the worsening trends in environmental pollution and the degradation of natural resources;

**STRESSING** the right of all human beings to enjoy a healthy and non-polluted environment, as basic human rights;

**EMPHASIZING** the right of States to protect their environment from harmful activities, and to enhance cooperation between themselves;

**COMMENDING** the Tunisian Government for organizing the Conference on International Solidarity on a Strategy for Combating Climate Change in Africa and the Mediterranean Region under the patronage of His Excellency President Zein El Abidine Ben Ali held in Tunis from 18 to 20 November 2007;

**TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION** the decisions of the World Summit on Sustainable Development as well as principles of the UN Millennium Declaration regarding solutions to environmental problems;

**TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:**

- Developing countries urgent legitimate need to achieve sustainable economic growth and reduce poverty, which impedes their ability to adapt.
- The increasing demand for natural resources and food security in Africa and the Mediterranean Region.
- African countries limited capacity to cope with climate change.

**REFERRING** to the 1992 Agreement on Climatic Change adopted in New York and the 1998 Kyoto Protocol adopted in Japan;

**EXTENDING** appreciation to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the Second Islamic Conference of Ministers of Environment in Jeddah on 13 – 15 December 2006;

**CONSIDERING** the report of the Secretary General on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment OIC/11<sup>th</sup> Summit/2008/ST/SG-REP:

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1. **ENCOURAGES** the OIC Member States to continue to incorporate environmental considerations in their developmental policies and to mobilize available financial and institutional resources needed for implementation of policies and to mobilize available financial and institutional resources needed for implementing national programs of environmental protection;
2. **WELCOMES** the establishment of Islamic Executive Bureau for Environment under the Presidency of His Royal Highness Prince Turki Bin Nasser bin Abdelaziz, with its General Secretariat at the Permanent Headquarters of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), to coordinate policies and strategies and to follow up the actions, initiatives, and resolutions adopted by the Islamic Conferences of Environment Ministers;
3. **FURTHER WELCOMES** the decision of the Second Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers, in Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Zaul Qida 1427 A.H., (13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December, 2006) to establish an Environment Information Centre in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and calls upon the relevant institutions to cooperate with the Centre and to Provide it with the necessary information, data and statistics, in order to exchange expertise and experience in this important area;
4. **WELCOMES** the Tunis Declaration on International Solidarity and Climate Change Effects Mitigation issued by the International Solidarity Conference for the Development of Strategy to Face Climate Change in the African and Mediterranean Regions, held in Tunis from 18 to 20 November 2007;
5. **STRESSES** the need to boost the long-standing cooperation between some developed and developing countries to combat poverty and put an end to humanitarian and economic disasters caused by climate change so that future generations can live in an environment conducive to development;
6. **DEMANDS** that climate change be combated and addressed as a top priority by the international community, national authorities and civil societies;
7. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the OIC and the United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP);
8. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of this recommendation and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

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**Resolution No. 6/11-S&T(IS)**  
**on**  
**the Outcomes of the Forum of Science, Technology**  
**and Innovation in Africa Preparatory to Panel**  
**on**  
**Knowledge Sharing in the Islamic Ummah**

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**REAFFIRMING** our commitment to the faith in and adherence to the Purposes, Objectives and Principles of the OIC, as enshrined in its Charter and in our continuing efforts to promote Islamic unity, solidarity and dignity in the face of the challenges of the new millennium and globalization;

**NOTING** with concern the situation of the Islamic countries especially in the Africa region and our resolve to make every effort to enhance the role of science and technology for sustainable development and to use our influence to promote capacity building and financial resources commensurate with our strength in numbers, vast human and natural resources for the benefit of the science and technology community of the OIC Member States;

**RECOGNIZING** the need of the Islamic world to enhance cooperation, engagement and interaction with the international community to facilitate and promote the development of advanced sciences and technologies in the OIC Member States in particular in the Africa region;

**REAFFIRMING** that only through concerted efforts, good governance, increased unity and solidarity, economic development and social progress we will be able to meet the objectives set by the OIC vision 1441 for Science and Technology and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action;

**RECOGNIZING** the special needs of many OIC Member States for development assistance, including those from Africa, as well as the priority needs of the Least Developed Countries of the OIC;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the crucial role of women in the development of societies and reiterating our commitment to the promotion of their participation in the implementation of the Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology and the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action;

**APPRECIATING** the work of the Task Force of Vision 1441 H in realizing the implementation of the recommendations of the Vision;

**WELCOMING** the initiatives of the Republic of Senegal - in collaboration with the OIC General Secretariat, COMSTECH, ISESCO, IDB - to host scientific and technical events preparatory to the panel on Knowledge Sharing in the Islamic Ummah;

**AVAILING** the occasion of the Summit being held in Africa region to reiterate our commitment for solidarity with the African Member States in particular in the implementation of the Special Programme for Development of Africa;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that Science and Technology has become a vital generator of wealth and contributor to economic growth of societies;

**REITERATING** our conviction to rededicate ourselves to harness knowledge and to mastering Science and Technology to address the challenges of the new millennium and globalization:

1. **Calls upon** the Member States and the relevant OIC institutions to create a critical mass of scientific capability through networking of individual and institutional expertise in the relevant areas of science and technology for development;
2. **Calls upon** the scientific community of the OIC Member States to overcome the communication gap between them and the decision makers, business society and civil society to encourage transparency and information dissemination;
3. **Calls upon** the Member States to further invest in the development of an integrated Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure to facilitate knowledge sharing, flow of information, exchange of experiences, joint collaborative research, cross border programmes and projects as well as helping to close the digital gap among the OIC Member States and with the rest of the world;
4. **Calls upon** the Member States, national and multilateral development financiers, private individuals, Angel Investors to join hand in mobilizing the financial resources required to achieve the objectives of the Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology and the OIC 10-Year Programme of Action;
5. **Calls upon** the Member States to give high priority to participation of women in Science and Technology through creation of specific collaborative programme and dedicate resources for this purpose;
6. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions in collaboration with civil societies, NGOs, industries and academics to host Science and Technology events during ICFMs and Summit Conferences to promote greater science awareness among citizens;
7. **Calls upon** the Member States to form a Pan-OIC Technomarket with a view to take technology innovations to the consumers through establishment of technology trade fairs and strengthening the linkages between Research and Development, Education and Industry in the OIC Member States;

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8. **Calls upon** the Member States to further strengthen their scientific parliamentary committees to analyze development policies, processes and achievements in the light of international standards to enable decision makers and relevant authorities to take appropriate measures to fill the gaps existing in the current legal framework;
9. **Calls upon** the Member States to initiate and to strengthen their national innovation system to support scientific capacity building and partnership among public and private national stakeholders, legislators, media and civil society to enable application of scientific knowledge and results to achieve viable economic development;
10. **Calls upon** the Task Force to continue managing the implementation of the recommendations of the Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology;
11. **Calls upon** the Member States to establish strong and dedicated institutional framework for Science, Technology and Innovation to meet the challenges of global competition;
12. **Calls upon** the Member States for greater interaction between media and scientific community to fully capitalize on the role of media in flow of information to government authorities, decision makers, scientists, researchers, legislators as well as raising awareness of Science and Technology in the general public;
13. **Calls upon** the Member States and relevant OIC institutions to promote good governance in the management practices of Science and Technology institutions through various available mechanisms;
14. **Calls upon** the Member States to facilitate streamlining the contribution of national expatriates and diasporas into the development of their national innovation system and indigenous capacity building;
15. **Calls upon** the Member States to increase and improve capacity building in the fields of advanced technologies including peaceful use of nuclear technology and nanotechnology;
16. **Calls upon** the OIC institutions implementing the recommendations of the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action, namely, a Special Programme for the Development of Africa to cooperate extensively with the relevant African Union institutions implementing the Science and Technology Consolidated Plan of Action and UN institutions implementing the Millennium Development Goals with the view to maximize the benefits emanating from them;
17. **Calls upon** the Member States to review and enhance their standardizations and certifications with the view to facilitating the exchange of industrial products between the Member States and the International Community;

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18. **Calls upon** the Member States to network their technoparks with the view to promote the development of their national innovation systems, culture of intellectual property rights and technology incubation;
19. **Welcomes** the launching of the Early Harvest and the Mega Project concepts and calls upon the Member States and relevant OIC Institutions to support the implementation of these projects;
20. **Welcomes** the launching of the project on the Atlas of Islamic-World Innovation;
21. **Requests** the Secretary General in collaboration with the Task Force to explore the mechanism of partnership with the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) based in Tokyo, Japan for the purpose of transferring their experience in dissemination of technical know how to the OIC Member States; and
22. **Requests** the Secretary General to take appropriate steps for the implementation of the above recommendations and submit a report thereon to the next Session of the Islamic Summit Conference.

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