



***Resolutions Adopted by
The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the
Development of the OIC Member States***

***(Session of "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges
and Prospects")***

***Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
(30 November - 1 December 2018)***

Index

No.	Subject	Page
1.	Resolution No. 1/7-Won Development of Palestinian Women	2
2.	Resolution No. 2/7-W on Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education for Women	5
3.	Resolution No. 3/7-W on OIC Awards on Women Achievement	7
4.	Resolution No. 4/7-W on Joint Action to Support and Empower Refugee and Displaced Women	8
5.	Resolution No. 5/7-W on Initiatives and Activities on Women Advancement and Women Role Promotion under the Republic of Turkey's Chairship of the Sixth Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Development in the Member States	11
6.	Resolution No. 6/7-W on Principles and Procedures to be applied to the OIC Award on Women Achievement	13
7.	Resolution No.7/7-W on Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing OPAAW	16
8.	Resolution No.8/7-W on Women Consultative Council to the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing in the OIC Member States	17
9.	Resolution No.9/7-W on Women's Role in Conflict Resolution and Social Peace Promotion	20
10.	Resolution No.10/7-W on Popularizing the Family Bank within the OIC Member States	22
11.	Resolution No.11/7-W on Establishing a Permanent Market to Support Jordanian Women's Products and Ensure their Economic Empowerment	24
12.	Resolution No. 12/7-W on Changing the Name of the Ministerial Conference to "OIC Ministerial Conference on Women"	25
13.	Resolution No. 13/7-W on Women's Political Empowerment and Women's Leadership Role Promotion	26
14.	Resolution No. 14/7-W on Women's Economic Empowerment	27
15.	Resolution No. 15/7-W on the Social Empowerment of Women	28
16.	Resolution No. 16/7-W on the Protection of Women	30
17.	Resolution No.17/7-W on Establishing a Group of Work to Prepare the Draft Internal Regulations of the Organization for Women Advancement	32
18.	Resolution No.18/7-W on "The Venue and Date of the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women"	33

Resolution No. 1/7-W
On

Development of Palestinian Women

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Republic of Burkina Faso, on 28-29 November 2018 on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Prospects";

- **Recalling** the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) in Member States adopted by the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 1-3 November 2016 and the other resolutions of the same Session;
- **Also recalling** the various OIC resolutions on the protection and supporting the Palestinian people, and **stressing** the need to take all possible measures to ensure the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians throughout the occupied Palestinian territories in line with the provisions and commitments enshrined in the international law, and the international humanitarian law in particular;
- **Expressing** deep concern over the precarious situation of the Palestinian women in the occupied Palestinian territories, include Eastern Al-Quds, due to the dire consequences of the continuing illegitimate Israeli occupation and all its manifestations;
- **Also expressing** deep concern over the escalating difficulties encountered by the Palestinian women and girls under the Israeli occupation. These include continuous demolitions of homes and expulsion of their Palestinian owners, revocation of residence rights, and arbitrary detention and arrest. Add to this high poverty and unemployment rates, food insecurity, lack of safe drinking and sanitation, lack of power and fuel supplies, and the declining levels of health, education, and living standards. All these difficulties have led to an increase in traumas and erosion of psychological well-being among the Palestinian women and girls, especially in the Gaza Strip in light of its prolonged humanitarian tragedy that still adversely affects the situation of women and girls;
- **Deploring** the deteriorating economic and social situation of the Palestinian women and girls in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Eastern Al-Quds, and the systematic violations of their human rights, including forced displacement and deportation of civilians, especially the Bedouin populations, such as Khan Al-Ahmar and the Bedouins of Eastern Al-Quds. These violations also include the confiscation of lands, expansion of illegal gnawing settlements and the apartheid wall, continuous closure of the crossings, and imposing restrictions on the movement of persons and goods. Add to this the permit system imposed on all parts of the occupied Palestinian territories, thus

- undermining the right of the Palestinian women and girls to healthcare, education, labor, mobility, and development;
- **Commending** the efforts of the OIC and its Member States to assist the Palestinian people and defend the occupied Palestinian territories with Al-Quds Ash-Sharif as its capital, and **underscoring** the need to continue these efforts to mitigate the deteriorating social, economic, and humanitarian situation of the Palestinian women and girls and their families;
 - **Hailing** the role of the Palestinian women in resisting the illegal Israeli occupation and withstanding its direct consequences; **denouncing** all attacks and violations of their rights by the forces of the illegal Israeli occupation; and **asserting** the importance of strengthening the role of the Palestinian women in building peace and decision making and the significance of their participation and engagement equally with men in all efforts to achieve peace and security;
 - **Welcoming** the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) on 29 March 2018, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 13 June 2018 on the "Situation of and Assistance to Palestinian Women". These resolutions highlighted the situation of the Palestinian women and girls in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Eastern Al-Quds, and the violations of their rights by the illegal Israeli occupation. **Further welcoming** the other UN resolutions on the protection of the Palestinian women and girls in particular and the entire Palestinian people in general;
 - **Having considered** the UN reports on the situation of the Palestinian women and the need to protect and assist them in various spheres of life to empower and advance them and support their resistance and resilience in the face of the violations of their rights by the unjust Israeli occupation;

Decides as follows:

- 1- **Confirms** that the Israeli occupation remains the main stumbling block that prevents the Palestinian women from advancement, self-reliance, and engagement in the development of their society, and **denounces** the violations of the illegal Israeli occupation of the rights of the Palestinian women and girls;
- 2- **Requests** Member States to work towards forcing Israel, the occupying Power, to abide fully by the provisions and principles of the International Declaration of Human Rights, the Regulations annexed with the Hague Convention IV of 18 October 1907, the Geneva Convention on the Protection of the Civilian Persons in the Time of War of 12 August 1949. Add to these all other related provisions, principles and covenants of the international law, including the two international covenants on human rights, to protect the rights of the Palestinian women and their families.
- 3- **Requests** the international community to shoulder its responsibilities towards the Palestinian people, continue to accord the required attention to promote and protect the rights of the Palestinian women and girls. It also requests the international community to intensify its efforts to pursue and expedite the conclusion of a peace accord based on the international foundations and terms of reference within a specific

timeframe through an international mechanism of multilateral sponsorship to end the Israeli occupation without any further delay. These efforts should also settle all pending issues justly based on the resolutions of the international legitimacy and the recognized two-state solutions, and settle the entire Israeli-Arab conflict and establish peace in the Middle East.

- 4- **Requests** Member States to honor their commitments towards the reconstruction of Gaza and provide the much-needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian women and girls in the Gaza Strip.
- 5- **Demands** the international community to support the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) through its current crisis. This would have a direct effect in providing the basic services to the Palestinian refugees. It **asserts** that the closure of many UNRWA schools in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Al-Quds, would adversely affect the Palestinian girls' access to quality education. It also **demand**s the international community to bring pressure to bear on Israel, the occupying Power, to allow the return of the Palestinian refugees and the displaced, especially women and children, to their homes and properties pursuant to the relevant UN resolutions, and in particular Resolution No. 194.
- 6- **Calls on** the OIC Member States to continue their urgent aids and services to the Palestinian women and girls to alleviate their suffering in line with the Sustainable Development Plan 2030, help reconstruct the Gaza Strip and rebuild the relevant Palestinian institutions while integrating the gender-based perspective in all aid programs.
- 7- **Urges** the OIC Member States to provide the financial and technical support to the State of Palestine to empower and advance the Palestinian women. This would include helping the State of Palestine to implement the recommendations of the human rights conventions bodies on strengthening the rights of the Palestinian women and girls in all fields, especially those of the Committee of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). This would also include the provision of technical support through experts in harmonization of national legislation with the international standards and agreements to advance the Palestinian women and protect their rights.
- 8- **Requests** the OIC Member States to provide the financial and technical support to the State of Palestine to establish a Palestinian national observatory to monitor the violence cases against the Palestinian women and an information platform to document the crimes and violations by the illegal Israeli occupation of the human rights of the Palestinian women and girls.
- 9- **Calls for** strengthening cooperation to build the capacity of Arab women through training courses and supporting them to establish projects in all fields.
- 10- **Requests** the OIC Secretary General to take all required procedures in this regard in coordination with the Mission of the State of Palestine to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the 47th Session of the CFM and the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 2/7-W

On Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education for Women

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Affirming** the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, improvement of health and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process;
- **Recalling** the Resolution No. 3/6-W on the adoption of the amended OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and its annexed implementation mechanisms, adopted at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, which calls for ensuring equal access for women and girls to education and training to equip them with necessary knowledge and skills to participate in decision-making processes and for promoting education of women and girls through adoption of necessary policies and programs;
- **Recalling** the "Resolution No.4/45-CUL, B) Promoting Women's Status and Empowerment and Family Wellbeing in the OIC Member States" adopted at the Forty-Fifth Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM); which invites the Islamic Development Bank to cooperate with SESRIC and General Secretariat to contribute to the implementation of the OPAAW;

Decides as follows:

1. **Urges** Member States to take legislative and executive measures to offer STEM programs for women, with the view to bridge the gap between women's education and the demands of the labor market, and **invites** the Member States to cooperate and coordinate within the OIC, their policies and programs in this field;
2. **Expresses its appreciation** to Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of Turkey, Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference for successful implementation of the Engineer Girls of Turkey (EGT) program and **invites** all Member States to exchange their knowledge and experiences in STEM education;
3. **Calls on** the Islamic Development Bank, ISESCO, COMSTECH and SESRIC to support building of the necessary capacity for STEM programs in Member States, to address need and potential for further cooperation and coordination among the Member States and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences, including through training programmes, in coordination with the Member States' delegations to the OIC.

4. **Requests** the Islamic Development Bank to contribute and support the efforts of Member States in promoting STEM education, in coordination with the member States' permanent delegations to the OIC;
5. **Appreciates** the role of UNRWA in providing educational services to the Palestinian women and girls, and calls upon the international community in general, and the Member States in particular, to financially support the agency to continue its services in terms of the provision of schools and teachers to the Palestinian women and girls.
6. **Calls upon** the Member States to contribute all means of necessary support and assistance to help promote teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics, through their science universities and research centers specializing in various science areas.
7. **Supports and encourages** Member States to celebrate “International Day of Women and Girls in Science” on 11 February and “International Girls in Information and Communications Technologies Day” on 26 April and to organize activities on these occasions;
8. **Emphasizes** the importance of cooperation with private sector particularly to offer education and mentoring programs for young women and encourages Member States to provide conducive environment for private companies to contribute these efforts;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 3/7-W
On
OIC Awards on Women Achievement

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** the proposal by HE the Minister of Family and Social Affairs of Turkey, Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference to establish the OIC Awards on Women Achievement, at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in 1-3 November 2016, in Istanbul;
- **Acknowledging** the Istanbul Declaration adopted by Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States called on Member States and relevant OIC institutions to strengthen and support innovation and creativity among women and girls in various fields such as education, entrepreneurship, arts and technology, social, developmental and volunteering work;
- **Recalling** the Resolutions of the 44th and 45th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers calling for the establishment of an OIC Awards on Women Achievement to appreciate their initiatives and to strengthen their role in the process of comprehensive development in Member States;
- **Guided by** the Resolution No. 4/45-CUL on Social and Family Affairs which decides that the first Award will be granted by the 7th Women Ministerial Conference with the financial support of Turkey and on the basis of nominations from the Governments of the Member States received through the practical steps taken by the Chair of the OIC Women Ministerial Conference and General Secretariat;

Decides as follows:

1. **Welcomes** Turkey's commitment to support the first OIC Awards on Women Achievements both conceptually and financially;
2. **Decides** to grant the First OIC Awards on Women Achievement to the following individuals, on the basis of nominations from the Governments of Member States and advise of the Women Consultative Council as the selecting committee:
 - Ms. Heba Nazmy Al-Hamdi – State of Palestine (Arab Region)
 - RAMA Foundation – Burkina Faso (Africa Region)
 - KADAM Foundation – Republic of Turkey (Asia Region)
3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 4/7-W

On

Joint Action to Support and Empower Refugee and Displaced Women

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen, in 2005;
- **Recalling** the Istanbul Declaration and the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 April 2016 in Istanbul underlining the importance of strengthening the role of women in development of Islamic countries and welcoming the efforts aimed at promoting the advancement and empowerment of women;
- **Recalling** the Resolution No. 3/6-W on the adoption of the amended OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) and its annexed implementation mechanisms, adopted at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016, which calls, among other things, for ensuring gender-based response to women and girl refugees, migrants, displaced, including those under foreign occupation, and facilitating their access to humanitarian safe zones, food, shelter, education, and healthcare in times of crisis;
- **Recalling** the "Resolution No.4/45-CUL, B) Promoting Women's Status and Empowerment and Family Wellbeing in the OIC Member States" adopted at the Forty-Fifth Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM); which invites the Islamic Development Bank to cooperate with SESRIC and General Secretariat to contribute to the implementation of the OIC Plan for the Advancement of Women, especially in the field of economic empowerment of women, the fight against poverty and the empowerment of women in order to ensure a decent living for women and girls in conflict, refugee camps areas;
- **Acknowledging** the importance of cooperation between the OIC and other international organizations and stakeholders and **taking note** of the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by the OIC General Secretariat with the United Nations Women and calls for the implementation of the terms of the agreement in order to boost cooperation and implement the OIC Plan of Action on the Advancement of Women (OPAAW);
- **Expressing deep concern** over the reports indicating that the OIC countries account for 61.5% of all displaced population in the world with more than 25 million displaced people and major host countries Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Bangladesh and Pakistan are OIC countries;

- **Gravely alarmed** by the fact that the majority of Rohingya refugees forcibly expelled to Bangladesh are women and children, who were subjected to various human rights violations and abuses including rape and torture;
- **Reiterating** the OIC's commitment to addressing a range of difficulties facing women and reducing inequalities between women and men;
- **Expressing grave concern** over the vulnerabilities of the women and girl refugees, who are disproportionately affected from the conflicts and natural disasters and facing serious risks including gender-based violence and sexual abuse;
- **Stressing** the importance of the international humanitarian law particularly the provisions pertaining to the prohibition of military attacks against civilians and the necessity for protecting the victims of such wars particularly women and children; **welcoming** the efforts of the host Member States to provide protection, access to shelter, delivery of food and other basic services for the displaced and refugee people;
- **Stressing** the significant role of education in the empowerment of women, eradication of poverty, reduction of vulnerabilities, improvement of health, and enhancement of women's contribution in the development and decision making process;

Decides as follows:

1. **Calls upon** Member States to continue to support the refugee hosting Member States which are disproportionately shouldering a large portion of the burden of providing assistance and protection, **calls on** the international community to increase and coordinate their support to these countries; and **calls upon** humanitarian stakeholders in OIC countries to develop and strengthen comprehensive refugee response policies that benefit both refugees and the communities that host them.
2. **Welcomes** the progress in the implementation of Resolutions and the Istanbul Declaration adopted in the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference that, inter alia, adopted the amended OIC Plan of Action for Advancement of Women and its implementation mechanisms.
3. **Calls on** the Member States to further cooperate and coordinate their policies and programs to support and strengthen the displaced and refugee women in line with the resolutions adopted by the Conference, particularly the OPAAW and through the mechanisms established under the OIC framework, including the Ministerial Conference, the OIC Women Consultative Council and the Organization for Women Development in the OIC Member States.
4. **Requests** the OIC Member States and relevant OIC institutions, Funds in particular the Islamic Development Bank and Islamic Solidarity Fund to support the efforts of the host Member States to provide adequate and accessible services for health, education, childcare, entrepreneurship and to offer vocational training and employment opportunities to refugee and displaced women; **encourages** the Member States to establish vocational training programs and family support services with the support of Islamic Development Bank, OIC Women Development Organization,

chambers and relevant NGOs with a view to strengthen the role of women in family and society.

5. **Reiterates** the urgent need to adopt the “Covenant on the Rights of Women in Islam” taking into account the specific problems and concerns of the refugee and displaced women.
6. **Welcomes** the successful organization of the High Level Meeting and its outcome titled “Women, Migration & Refugee Crises” by Turkey, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and with the participation and contribution of the OIC Women Consultative Council, on the margins of the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 13 March 2018 in New York; and **calls on** the Member states, OIC institutions and the General Secretariat to continue addressing the needs and concerns of the refugee and displaced women.
7. **Acknowledges** the fundamental and inalienable right of Palestinian people in general and the Palestinian women in particular, to return to their homes and homeland and calls on the international community to uphold its responsibilities to settle the conflict by ensuring a just solution in line with the UN General Assembly Resolution 194 (1948).
8. **Highlights** the need to support the efforts of the UN specialized agencies that assist refugees, and urges the international community and the Member States to provide material support to UNRWA to ease the serious humanitarian and development consequences resulting from shortage of financial resources; and urges the Member States to ensure a consistent and sustainable funding for the UNRWA operations.
9. **Requests** the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Women Development Organization ~~and OIC Humanitarian Funds~~ to develop tailor-made projects to support the Rohingya women refugees in Bangladesh, taking into account their special circumstances and requirements.
10. **Appreciates** the efforts of Jordan, Pakistan, Burkina Faso, Turkey, Chad, Sudan, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Mauritania and other Member States hosting the largest number of Syrian refugees in devising social programs towards improving the conditions of refugee women and empowering them and **calls upon** Member States and Islamic Development Bank to enter into partnership with the host countries to provide sustainable funding to these projects.
11. **Stresses** the need to benefit from the Sudanese experience in dealing with Syrian refugees and treating them as citizens, as they are not put in camps and are given full enjoyment of educational, health, labor and other rights.
12. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No. 5/7-W

On

Initiatives and Activities on Women Advancement and Women Role Promotion under the Republic of Turkey's Chairship of the Sixth Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Development in the Member States

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** the Istanbul Declaration and the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 April 2016 in Istanbul underlining the importance of strengthening the role of women in development of Islamic countries and welcoming the efforts aimed at promoting the advancement and empowerment of women;
- **Recalling** the "Resolution No.4/45-CUL, B) Promoting Women's Status and Empowerment and Family Wellbeing in the OIC Member States" adopted at the Forty-Fifth Session of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM);
- **Recalling** the Resolutions adopted at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016,

Decides as follows:

1. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and the General Secretariat for the successful holding of the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, in Istanbul, on 1-3 November 2016;
2. **Welcomes** the progress in the implementation of Resolutions and the Istanbul Declaration adopted in the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference that, inter alia, the amended OIC Plan of Action for Advancement of Women and its implementation mechanisms;
3. **Highly appreciates** the role and contributions of the OIC Women Consultative Council and its Chair Dr. Esra Al-bayrak, **appreciates** Turkey's voluntary contribution of 200.000 USD to the budget of the General Secretariat allocated to support the activities of the Council, calls upon the Member States to financially support the activities of the Council, **and welcomes** successful convening of the three meetings of the Council in cooperation with the General Secretariat;
4. **Expresses its appreciation** to Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of Turkey, Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference for the successful organization of the "ALLY for the Future 2017" annual leadership program for young Muslim women and a platform for institutions and NGOs active in the field of women empowerment in November 2017 with the participation of 55 women leaders from 45 countries, **welcomes** the continuation of the program as a sesquiannual (every one and a half years) event of the Council, to be held in fall and summer, respectively and calls upon the Member States to support the program, and

encourages the Members States to ensure active participation from relevant stakeholders to the program;

5. **Appreciates** the role of Turkey in initiating the establishment of the OIC Award on Women Achievement and providing conceptual and financial support to that end;
6. **Welcomes** the successful organization of the High Level Meeting titled “Women, Migration & Refugee Crises” by Turkey, in cooperation with the General Secretariat and with the participation and contribution of the OIC Women Consultative Council, on the margins of the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 13 March 2018 in New York;
7. **Welcomes** the convening of the Workshop on Developing the Capacities of the National Institutions Working in the Field of Women Empowerment in OIC Member States on 17-18 December 2017, in Jeddah, attended by the Minister of Family and Social Policies of Turkey in her capacity as the Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference as well as the Chair and members of the OIC Women Consultative Council, and **calls on the General Secretariat** to address the need and potential for further cooperation and coordination among the Member States;
8. **Expresses** its appreciation to the Republic of Turkey for its offer to host the 1st Session of the Sectorial Ministerial Conference on Social Development in 2019;
9. **Calls on** the Member States, General Secretariat and all OIC institutions to continue to cooperate and coordinate their policies and programs for the advancement of the status of women in line with the resolutions and mechanisms adopted by the Conference, particularly the OPAAW.
10. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No. 6/7-W
On
Principles and Procedures to be applied to the OIC Award on Women Achievement

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** the proposal by HE the former Minister of Family and Social Policies of the Republic of Turkey, Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference to establish the OIC Award on Women Achievement, at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States held in 1-3 November 2016, in Istanbul;
- **Recalling** the Resolutions of the 44th and 45th Sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers regarding the establishment of the OIC Award on Women Achievement to appreciate their initiatives and to strengthen their role in the process of comprehensive development in Member States;
- **Acknowledging** the Istanbul Declaration adopted by Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of OIC Member States called on Member States and relevant OIC institutions to strengthen and support innovation and creativity among women and girls in various fields such as education, entrepreneurship, arts and technology, social, developmental and volunteering work;
- **Expressing grave concern on** the continued Israeli illegal practices and policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in violation of international human rights law and international humanitarian law, and **paying tribute** to Palestinian women for their central role in the fight against the Israeli occupation;
- **Acknowledging** the Resolution No. 4/45-CUL on Social and Family Affairs which decided that the first Award be granted by the 7th Women Ministerial Conference with the financial support of Turkey and on the basis of nominations from the Governments of the Member States received through the practical steps taken by the Chair of the OIC Women Ministerial Conference and General Secretariat;
- **Taking note of** the Concept Note on the OIC Award on Women Achievement prepared by the General Secretariat in cooperation with the relevant OIC organs and the Women Consultative Council, and also taking note of the meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives on 18 September 2018 in the OIC Headquarters which elaborated on the principles, rules and procedures to be applied for the Award, in light of the Concept Note;

Decides as follows:

1. **Decides** to apply following Principles and Procedures for the nomination, selection and evaluation of nominees presented for the OIC Award on Women Achievement:

Awardees:

- Four women individuals, among Muslim or non-Muslim citizens of Member States and non-Member states including Muslim communities and minorities, or women organizations;
- The Fourth award will be granted exclusively to a Palestinian or non-Palestinian women or organization, who contributes to the empowerment of Palestinian women to participate actively in the economic and social development of the nation as well as the women who makes outstanding contribution to the advancement of the Cause of Palestine and al-Quds in general;

Nomination:

- Nominations shall be communicated to the General Secretariat by the Governments of Member States through diplomatic channels. Nomination file shall include the CV of the nominee and an Explanatory Note justifying the nomination. Each Member State shall present one (1) nominee. All nominations shall be circulated by the General Secretariat to all Member States three months in advance of the Ministerial Conference;
- Any Member States who nominates a citizen of another Member State shall properly coordinate this nomination with the relevant Member State. The Selection Committee shall also ensure the consent of the relevant Member State before the evaluation phase;

Nomination Criteria:

In the evaluation of nominations to the Award, fulfillment of any or all of the following criteria will be considered:

- Outstanding contribution in empowerment and advancement of women in general;
- Outstanding contribution or service towards the empowerment of Palestinian women as well as remarkable political, social or economic activity in defense of Cause of Palestine and al-Quds;
- Introducing innovative practices advancing women and girls' education, particularly in terms of literacy, basic education, gender-responsive learning environment and teaching skills;
- Carrying out an outstanding role in humanitarian action and emergencies, and in formulating better humanitarian responses for women and girls in wars, disasters, conflicts or in confronting occupation or during forced displacement;
- Demonstrating and conveying the true message of Islam regarding the status of women in all segments of society and contributing to better comprehension of this message;

- Demonstration of outstanding individual achievement in various realms of work and society, including politics, entrepreneurship, art, science, sports, law, economy, trade etc. and thus constituting a role model for Muslim women and girls;

Amount of Prize and Expenses:

- Each Award winner will receive a prize of USD 10,000, a plaque and a certificate. The financial amount of the Award, the cost of trophies, accommodation and travel expenses of the winners will be paid out of the regular budget of the OIC General Secretariat, following approval of the Council of Foreign Ministers;
 - Member States may make voluntary conditional contributions to the budget of the General Secretariat to be disbursed exclusively for the Award. Hosting Member States may provide travel expenses and hospitality for the winners;
 - The Award will be granted by the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in OIC Member States' Development, every two years;
 - The OIC Women Consultative Council would act as the selection committee and advise the Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in OIC Member States' Development, on the shortlisted Award nominations and the winners;
2. **Reaffirms** that these Principles and Procedures for the OIC Award on Women Achievement will be applied starting with the second Award, to be granted by the 8th OIC Ministerial Conference on Women.
 3. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.7/7-W
On
Guidelines for Preparing, Drafting and Submitting Progress Reports on Implementing
OPAAW

The Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing the OIC Member States in its seventh session, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November through 1 December 2018, on the theme "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects",

- **Recalling** the commitments the Member States have made under the OIC Charter;
- **Being mindful of** the provisions of the Ten-year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Islamic Summit Conference (Makkah Al-Mukarramah, 2005), the Ten-year Programme of Action 2025, along with the conclusions and resolutions of the Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing the OIC Member States, and the CFM's resolutions, especially Resolution 4/43-C of its 43rd session (Tashkent, 2016) relative to the adoption of the implementation mechanism of OPAAW.

Decides as follows:

1. **Encourages** the OIC Member States to ensure better implementation of OPAAW, the objectives of which are consistent with women's advancement programmes and plans.
2. **Commends** the efforts put in by the General Secretariat and other OIC organs, particularly SESRIC, for the elaboration of guidelines to prepare, draft and submit national progress reports on the implementation of OPAAW.
3. **Calls on** the Member States to incorporate the report drafting methods and criteria outlined in the guidelines, while taking the necessary arrangements to have these reports dully submitted, **and calls on** the Member States to submit their reports at least three months ahead of the ministerial conference on women.
4. **Recommends** that the General Secretariat and SESRIC coordinate with the Member States and institutions of the OIC, to ensure the effective conduct in 2019 of a training session on the guidelines and circulate it to national women's empowerment institutions in the Member States.
5. **Calls on** the Member States to accelerate the process of ratification of the Statutes of the Organization for the Advancement of Women, allowing its entry into force and ensuring follow-up to the implementation of OPAAW.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up implementing this resolution and to report thereon both to the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No. 8/7-W
On
The Women Consultative Council of the Ministerial Conference on
The Role of Women in the Development of the OIC Member States

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** Resolution No 3/32-c (b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society", adopted by the 32nd Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen in 2005;
- **Recalling** the Istanbul Declaration and the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 April 2016 in Istanbul underlining the importance of strengthening the role of women in development of Islamic countries and welcoming the efforts aimed at promoting the advancement and empowerment of women;
- **Commending** the efforts of the Member States and the OIC institutions in implementing "OIC-2025: Programme of Action", adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, in 2016, and the efforts exerted by Member States for the advancement and empowerment of women and the promotion of their participation;
- **Recalling** the "Resolution No.4/45-CUL, B) Promoting Women's Status and Empowerment and Family Wellbeing in the OIC Member States" adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 45th Session, relevant to the Women Consultative Council;
- **Taking note** of the Statute of the Women Consultative Council adopted by it at its first meeting held in Istanbul on 18 May 2017.
- **Recalling** the "Resolution 4/6-W on Adoption of the Concept Paper on the Establishment of the Women Consultative Council of the Women Conference" adopted by the Sixth Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States in Istanbul;

Decides as follows:

1. **Welcomes** the convening of the three meetings of the OIC Women Consultative Council, and **encourages** the Council to continue its work in accordance with its mandate that has been stipulated in the Statute of the Council;
2. **Commends** the efforts of the Republic of Turkey and the General Secretariat for convening the three meetings of the Women Consultative Council of the Ministerial Conference on Women;

3. **Appreciates** the General Secretariat for hosting the 2nd meeting of the Council on 18 December 2017 at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah and providing it with all necessary support;
4. **Recommends** that the ordinary or extraordinary meetings of the Council be held at the chair's Country or at the OIC headquarters in Jeddah or any other Member State, upon the request of the chair;
5. **Appreciates** Turkey's voluntary contribution of 200.000 USD which shall be continued to be allocated to support the activities of the Council under the existing arrangement between Turkey and the General Secretariat;
6. **Applauds** the contribution and participation of the members of the Council to various national and regional activities, including the "ALLY for the Future 2017" annual leadership program for young Muslim women held by the Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Services of Turkey, Chair of the 6th Session of the Women Ministerial Conference, in November 2017 with the participation of 55 women leaders from 45 countries;
7. **Commends** the Statement made by the Council to condemn the unlawful decision of US Administration to recognize the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif as the so-called capital of Israel and transfer of the US Embassy to Al-Quds;
8. **Welcomes** the High Level Meeting titled "Women, Migration & Refugee Crises" held with the participation and contribution of the OIC Women Consultative Council, on the margins of the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 13 March 2018 in New York;
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to provide all possible support to the Women Consultative Council of the Conference in consultation and coordination with the Chair of the Conference;
10. **Welcomes** the renewal of the terms of office of the following members of the Council, that was chaired by Dr. Esra Al-bayrak, for the following two years until the Eighth Women Ministerial Conference.

Asian Group

- Dr. Esra Al-bayrak
- Prof. Dato' Sri Dr. Zaleha Kamarudin, Malaysia
- Fawzia Koofi, Afghanistan

African Group

- Aina Ouedraogo Kone, Burkina Faso
- Binta Jammeh-Sidebe, Gambia
- Syda Bhumba, Uganda

Arab Group

- Amal Al-Moallemi, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Raedat Jiyad Al Qutob, Jordan
- Naila Gabr, Egypt

11. **Decides** that membership period shall be two (2) years renewable for three (2) times with a maximum of 3 terms.
12. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.9/7-W
On
Women's Role in Conflict Resolution and Social Peace Promotion

The Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing in the OIC Member States in its seventh session, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November through 1 December 2018, on the theme "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects",

- **Affirming** the critical role of peace in every process for comprehensive, sustainable development;
- **Recalling** the OIC Member States' resolve to strengthen women's role in preserving and promoting global peace and security, along with dialogue among civilizations, cultures and religions;
- **Taking into account** the reaffirmation by the Member States of their commitment to the full and effective implementation of Resolution 1325 and **subsequent resolutions** on Women, Peace and Security, adopted by the Security Council at its 4213th meeting, on 31 October 2000, and subsequent UNSC relevant resolutions;
- **Recalling** that Resolution 1325 is a legal and political framework recognizing the importance of gender equality and women empowerment in peace negotiations, humanitarian planning, peacekeeping operations, peace-building and post-conflict governance;
- **Recalling** the importance, under Resolution 1325, that all efforts to keep and promote peace and security should take into account the imperatives of gender equality and equity, offering women the opportunity for full and equal participation and increasing women's participation in conflict resolution processes at all levels;
- **Being aware** that women and children are the main victims of war and conflict situations, and are often subjected to indescribable and unimaginable atrocities;

Decides as follows:

1. **Decides** to take all appropriate measures to ensure women's full participation in every peace process, especially in conflict prevention, management and resolution, including in peace-building, in conformity with UN resolution 1325.
2. **Encourages** the Member States to conduct the reforms needed for effective participation of women in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts.
3. **Calls for** providing women with the full opportunity and endow them with the necessary potential to lead reconciliation and conflict resolution processes.
4. **Pays tribute to** Burkina Faso's Ministry of Women, National Solidarity and Family for initiating efforts to develop a national plan to implement UN Security Council's Resolutions 1325 and 1820, as key elements generating potential paths for peace.

5. **Expresses appreciation** for the efforts put in by the Member States in this connection, inviting them to align themselves to the global context of the battle for making women agents of change, promoting the potential of women to act as peace builders.
6. **Calls upon** the Member States, the General Secretariat and OIC institutions to cooperate and coordinate their policies and programmes aimed at promoting women's involvement in peace-building.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up implementing this resolution and to report thereon both to the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.10/7-W
On
Promoting the Concept of Family Bank within the OIC Member States

The Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing in the OIC Member States in its seventh session, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November through 1 December 2018, on the theme "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects",

- **Recalling** the commitments the Member States have made under the OIC Charter;
- **Reaffirming** Resolution 3/32-C(b) on "Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Muslim Society", adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 32nd session, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen, in 2005;
- **Recalling** the implementation mechanisms of the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW), adopted by the third session of the Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, held in the Iranian capital Tehran on 19-21 December 2010;
- **Reaffirming** the commitment the OIC Member States have made at the third Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States (Tehran, 2010) to create an environment allowing women to regain confidence and protect themselves within their vital living space, and to secure access to education for all women, including those living in remote areas;
- **Reaffirming** also the resolutions issued by the Islamic Summit and other Islamic ministerial conferences, most notably the 13th Islamic Summit Conference, the third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference (Makkah Al-Mukarramah, 2005), along with the CFM meetings, more specifically the 36th session (Damascus, 2009), the 37th session (Dushanbe, 2010), the 42nd session (Kuwait, 2015), the 43rd session (Tashkent, 2016), the 44th session (Abidjan, 2017), the 45th session (Dacca, 2018), in addition to meetings of the Islamic Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development of the OIC Member States, particularly the sixth session (Istanbul, 2016);
- **Welcoming** the efforts put in by the OIC to bring into action its Ten-year Programme of Action, adopted by the Islamic Summit in its 13th session (Istanbul, 2016), along with OPAAW;
- **Taking into account** the objectives assigned to relevant OIC organs, most notably the IDB, ISESCO, the Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) in reinforcing the private sector's economical role, particularly in relation to women's empowerment in the OIC Member States;
- **Reaffirming** the necessity to reinforce women's capacities to take an important role in the economic growth of their families, their communities and their nations;
- **Recognizing** the relevance of the concluding outcome of the businesswomen forums held by the ICCIA, it being a common platform to explore business opportunities to foster entrepreneurship among women in particular;

- **Being mindful of** OPAAW implementation requirements for the OIC Women Advancement Organization to exercise its role fully;
- **Having examined** the Secretary General's report on the status of women in the OIC Member States, with particular focus on the conclusions of the capacity-building workshop for national institutions active in advancing women, which took place in Jeddah, on 17-18 December 2017, and the preparatory workshop for the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development in the OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, on 28-29 June 2018;

Decides as follows:

1. **Commends** the efforts put in by the ICCIA to enhance women's capacities, and **reiterates** recognition of the positive outcome of the Family Bank initiative for the Sudan.
2. **Calls upon** the Member States, relevant OIC institutions, especially the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and the Islamic Center for Development of Trade (ICDT) to support the ICCIA's initiative, in association with the General Secretariat, with a view to spreading the Family Bank experience to all the OIC Member States, particularly in the G5 Sahel countries.
3. **Recommends** that the ICCIA to call upon relevant financial entities in the Member State to undertake appropriate reforms aiming to ease procedures and conditions for granting loans and micro financing for income-generating activities for women.
4. **Recommends** that the relevant OIC institutions, especially the IDB, ISESCO, the ISF, SESRIC, IRCICA, the ICDT and the ICCIA continue and intensify training activities for women through conducting fora, workshops and the implementation of OPAAW, in coordination with the General Secretariat, the ultimate aim being to achieve the objectives of the 2025 Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women.
5. **Calls upon** the OIC Member States to enact appropriate reforms for them to effectively institute and promote the concept of Family Bank, as well as to facilitate and support relevant OIC institutions carry out women's empowerment activities.
6. **Welcomes** the Sudan's offer to host, in 2019, a conference on success stories in project funding.
7. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up implementing this resolution and to report thereon both to the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.11/7-W
On
Establishing a Permanent Market to Support Jordanian Women's Products and
Ensure their Economic Empowerment

The Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in Developing in the OIC Member States in its seventh session, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November through 1 December 2018, on the theme "Women Empowerment in Member States: Challenges and Prospects",

- **Despite** the Jordanian Government's role in placing women's promotion and their economic involvement high among its priorities, women's actual average level of economic participation in Jordan has remained low at 15.2%. The challenges facing women, including the regional situation and conflicts along with the labour market competition, particularly against the background of the rising numbers of refugees and job competition, are in the forefront of the difficulties that impede their wider participation in the labour market, in addition to the fact that Jordan is the second largest refugee host.
- **Within the framework** of the project for women's empowerment in the OIC Member States as reflected in the OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (PPAAW) as one of the themes of the plan relevant to women's economic empowerment, namely "Enhancing Women's Access to the Public and Private Sectors":

Decides as follows:

1. **Considers** the establishment of a market for women's products in Jordan with the OIC's support, as a pioneering initiative to be expanded later on to the other Member States.
2. The market shall be within the capitals' province, such as to facilitate its access for women from the other provinces of the Kingdom (Northern, Central, and Southern) in addition to the female refugees community.
3. Requests the OIC Member States to participate in the Seventh Session of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, due to be held in Burkina Faso in September 2018, through the voluntary extension of their support for the envisioned establishment of a market for Jordanian women's products at an estimated cost of US\$500.000.

Resolution 12/7-W
On
Changing the Name of the Ministerial Conference to “OIC Ministerial Conference on Women”

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** the Istanbul Declaration and the Final Communiqué adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held on 14-15 April 2016 in Istanbul underlining the importance of strengthening the role of women in development of Islamic countries and welcoming the efforts aimed at promoting the advancement and empowerment of women;
- **Referring** to OIC Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women (OPAAW) in Member States, which was adopted by the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Women’s Role in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Istanbul on 1-3 November 2016;
- **Considering** the need to advance the status and rights of women to fulfill their indispensable and irreplaceable role, not only in the economic development of their respective countries, but also in the social, political and cultural spheres;
- **Taking into account** the fact that the range of issues that have been addressed by the Conference are not restricted to the role of women in the development of Member States only, but also include all aspects of the status of women towards their advancement in work, life, family and society, as well as their empowerment to enable them to assume their rightful role;
- **Recognizing** that the current name of the Conference does not adequately reflect the purview of the Conference, nor does it reflect how the Organisation views the role and status of women beyond development;
- **Noting** that advancement and empowerment of women are universally accepted precepts in relation to status and role of women;

Decides as follows:

1. **Decides** to change the name of the Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States to “OIC Ministerial Conference on Women”, effective from the upcoming session of the Ministerial Conference.
2. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up implementing this resolution and to report thereon both to the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers and to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 13/7-W

On

Women's Political Empowerment and Women's Leading Role Promotion

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Emphasizing** the need to stimulate the political participation of women in all forms, including parliamentary representation at the national and local levels, preventing discrimination against women in holding leadership positions in executive and judicial institutions, and creating the right atmosphere for them to succeed in those positions;
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/32 (C) (B) on Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society, adopted by the Thirty-Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Sana'a, Yemen, in 2005;
- **Emphasizing** the efforts made by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in implementing its Ten-Year Program of Action and the OIC Program of Action until 2025 adopted by the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in the Republic of Turkey in 2016;
- **Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the situation of women in the OIC Member States;

Decides as follows:

1. **Urges** the Member States to increase women's representation in parliamentary councils and enhance their performance therein to win the confidence of voters through developing mechanisms for gender equality in this regard.
2. **Urges** the Member States to increase women's opportunities to assume leadership positions in the judiciary, while fully respecting the national laws in this regard.
3. **Calls on** the Members States to increase women's opportunities to assume leadership positions in the executive organs of the state and enhance their performance therein, through developing integrated programs for young women leaders, to prepare them for the job and train them to carry out their duties.
4. **Stresses** the need to confront the prevalent social culture and ideas against women taking leadership positions, the aim being to ensure equal opportunities for taking these positions without any discrimination against women, while involving religious leaders in disseminating enlightened religious views and correct legal interpretation of the issue of women's holding public office to confront the misinterpretations that have led to preventing the society from benefiting from the various women's competencies in leadership positions.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 14/7-W
On
Women's Economic Empowerment

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** Resolution 3/32 (C) on Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Islamic Society, adopted by the Thirty-Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) held in Sana'a, Yemen, in 2005;
- **Emphasizing** the efforts made by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in implementing its Ten-Year Program of Action and the OIC Program of Action until 2025 adopted by the Thirteenth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in the Republic of Turkey in 2016;
- **Having considered** the report of the Secretary General on the situation of women in the OIC Member States;

Decides as follows:

1. **Calls on** the Member States to develop economic investment policies, to ensure that the private sector complies with appropriate representation of women on corporate boards, and create direct and indirect opportunities through value chains for women's employment, while activating policies and procedures that encourage women to set up their own businesses, expanding the establishment of economic cooperatives for women, promoting savings initiatives and group lending to women, developing women's banking and non-bank financial services, including SMEs loans.
2. **Urges** the Member States to protect the rights of working women, through providing support services, including childcare and maternity leave, while ensuring protection for women inside and outside the work environment.
3. **Calls on** the Member States to take all the necessary measures to safeguard the rights of women working in the informal sector.
4. **Urges** the Member States to develop training and rehabilitation programs and enhance skills in various sectors, through the expansion in literacy programs for women, including digital and technological literacy, and integrate them with vocational training and capacity-building programs, and provide different types of technical education for entrepreneurship and financial inclusion, while expanding training programs for female heads of households to help them work and earn a continuous living.
5. **Urges** the Member States to promote the work of rural women in the agricultural sector, and to help them to gain access to agricultural production technology, while expanding agricultural production value chain employment projects for women.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 15/7-W

On

Social Empowerment of Women

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **In a bid to ensure** social empowerment by providing opportunities for greater participation of women and expansion of their capacities to choose and prevent practices that consecrate discrimination against women or affect them both in the public sphere and inside the family.
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/32-C(b) on “Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Muslim Society”, adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 32nd session, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen, in 2005;
- **Recalling also** the Resolution 3/37-C adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 37th session held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan in May 2010 “Session of Shared Vision of a more Secure and Prosperous Islamic World”;
- **Reaffirming also** all the resolutions issued by the Islamic Summit, other Islamic conferences, and by the sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, more specifically the 36th session held in Damascus in 2009, the 37th session held in Dushanbe in 2010, and the 43rd session held in Kuwait in 2015;
- **Affirming** the efforts exerted by the OIC to implement the “OIC-2025: Programme of Action” adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference in the Republic of Turkey in 2016;

Decides as follows:

1. **Urges** the Member States to promote access to justice services for women, particularly those women most in need, through raising their awareness of their legal rights and helping them realize those rights by the force of law.
2. **Calls on** the Member States to cater to reproductive health, through provision of reproductive health and family planning services, along with birth spacing to protect the health of mothers and children, while emphasizing the need to conduct pre-marriage testing upgrading the capacities of health workers to provide quality maternity and child care services.
3. **Urges** the Member States to promote services for elderly women, by providing services responsive to their needs and ensuring a proper life environment for them.
4. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen services for women with disabilities **and** develop the public sphere for them to overcome all obstacles they face in their daily lives, while providing qualified medical and psychological personnel to deal with the issues of disabled women.

5. **Calls on** the Member States to strengthen services provided to mothers of children with disabilities and to provide care services to disabled children, along with day care services for disabled children of working women, while establishing on a larger scale rehabilitation centres for disabled children.
6. **Urges** the Member States to give due attention to empowering young women and to utilize their potential in development work, while empowering them to use modern technology, which can provide them with opportunities to develop their skills and increase their ability to participate in politics and economy.
7. **Calls on** the Member States to cater to widowed mothers, by providing them with income-generating projects that help them earn a decent living for themselves and their families.
8. **Urges** the Member States to strengthen services for women prisoners, and to provide the necessary health care to women prisoners, especially the elderly, while conducting awareness-raising campaigns to change the society's perception of women prisoners and to encourage their acceptance and reintegration into society.
9. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and to report thereon to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution 16/7-W

On

Protection of Women from all Forms of Violence and Discrimination

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- In a bid to combat negative phenomena threatening the lives, safety and dignity of women, while preventing them from taking part in all areas, including all forms of violence, and protecting them against environmental risks that might affect them negatively both economically and socially.
- **Recalling** Resolution 3/32-C(b) on “Muslim Women and their Role in the Development of the Muslim Society”, adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 32nd session, held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen, in 2005;
- **Recalling also** the Resolution 3/37-C adopted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its 37th session held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan in May 2010 “Session of Shared Vision of a more Secure and Prosperous Islamic World”;
- **Also recalling** all the resolutions issued by the Islamic Summit, other Islamic conferences, and by sessions of the Council of Foreign Ministers, more specifically the 36th session held in Damascus in 2009, the 37th session held in Dushanbe in 2010, and the 43rd session held in Kuwait in 2015;
- **Affirming** the efforts put in by the OIC to bring into action “OIC-2025: Programme of Action” adopted by the 13th Session of the Islamic Summit Conference in the Republic of Turkey in 2016;

Decides as follows:

1. **Calls on** the Member States to counter all forms of sexual harassment, and to develop and activate deterring laws, while expanding the activation of initiatives to raise awareness against all forms of sexual harassment and countering this phenomenon in the media and social networks.
2. **Urges** the Member States to promote the rights of women and the family to personal status laws, as per the needs of each of the Member States and to ensure the safeguard of women’s rights and secure the best interest of the family.
3. **Urges** the Member States to combat female genital mutilation (FGM), through activating criminalization legislation and launching community awareness programs on the damaging effects of female genital mutilation, while emphasizing the necessity to tighten control and sanctions on those who perform FGM practices.
4. **Calls on** the Member States to protect women’s right to take hold of their inheritance, by organizing awareness-raising campaigns to change the community culture, customs and traditions that encourage withholding inheritance from women, and providing legal support to women to help them obtain their rights with the force of law.

5. Urges the Member States to provide support services for marginalized women and single mothers, by raising the efficiency of municipalities in providing social services for marginalized women and single mothers.
6. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.17/7-W

Establishing a Group of Work to Prepare the Draft Internal Regulations of the Organization for Women Advancement

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Recalling** Resolution No. 32/3-ORG (B) on Muslim women and their role in the development of Muslim Societies, as issued by the Thirty Second Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which was held in Sanaa, Republic of Yemen in 2005.
- **Recalling** Resolution No. 3/37-CULT issued by the Council of Foreign Ministers in its Thirty Seventh Session held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, under the theme of "A Common Vision for Increased Security and Prosperity in the Islamic World", concerning the adoption of the statute of the "Organization for Women's Development" and the invitation addressed to the Member States to join the said organization and engage in the joint cooperation endeavor.
- **In coordination** with the General Secretariat towards the implementation of the resolutions issued by the OIC summit and foreign ministers' conferences on women's development.
- **Having taken cognizance** of the Secretary General's report on Women's situation in the OIC Member States in general, with due consideration to the efforts deployed by the General Secretariat to attain the required quorum for the adoption of the Statute of the Organization for Women's Development which would allow the establishment of the said organization.

Decides as follows:

1. **Calls** for establishing a temporary open-ended working group tasked with preparing the relevant regulatory and administrative measures relative to the entry into force of the Organization for the Advancement of Women, for these measures to be submitted to the relevant organs of the Organization for the Advancement of Women, and requests the General Secretariat to convene such group in the shortest possible time in coordination with the Arab Republic of Egypt.
2. **Calls** upon the Member States to expeditiously sign and promulgate the Statute of the Organization for the Advancement of Women.
3. **Invites** the General Secretariat to continue mobilizing efforts have the Statute of the Organization for the Advancement of Women signed and promulgated.
4. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of this resolution and report thereon to the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.

Resolution No.18/7-W
On
The Venue and Date of the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women

The Seventh Ministerial Conference on the Role of Women in the Development of OIC Member States, held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 30 November-1 December 2018 (22-23 Rabi al-awwal 1440 A.H.) on the theme "Women Empowerment in the OIC Member States: Challenges and Perspectives";

- **Having considered** the proposition by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women,
- **Taking note of** the offer by Mali and also the offer by Pakistan to host the Ninth Session of the Women's Conference,

Decides as follows:

1. **Extends** its thanks and appreciation to Burkina Faso for the good organization of the Seventh Session of the Conference and for providing the necessary facilities.
2. **Holds** the Eighth Session of the Ministerial Conference on Women in the Arab Republic of Egypt in 2020.
3. **Entrusts** the General Secretariat to set the date of the Conference in coordination with the host country and to inform the Member States together with the relevant OIC bodies and institutions thereof.
4. **Entrusts** the General Secretariat to prepare for holding the Conference in coordination with the Arab Republic of Egypt, the host country, Burkina Faso, President of the Seventh Session of the Conference, and the relevant OIC bodies and institutions.
5. **Requests** the Secretary General to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the 47th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and the Eighth Ministerial Conference on Women.
